

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Financial awards for Grade 12 graduates to pursue post-secondary education**

**Nanaimo, 19 January 2015** - Grade 12 graduates are encouraged to apply for financial awards offered by the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation.

“The Foundation, through the generous support from our many donors, is able to assist local students with the expense of higher education,” said Crystal Dennison, executive director of Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation (NLSF).

“There are many scholarships, bursaries and awards available to high school graduates who are active in the community, excel in sports, are interested in pursuing specific areas of study, or who have a financial need. We encourage students to apply for as many as are appropriate for them,” she said.

Funds for the scholarships, bursaries and awards are provided by local service clubs, community organizations, and private donors to encourage Grade 12 students from Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools to continue their education at a college, institute, or university.

Last June, NLSF distributed a total of \$462,000 in financial awards to 372 high school students to help them pursue their dream of post-secondary education. Awards ranged from \$100 to \$5,000 each.

Anyone interested in supporting the awards fund is encouraged to contact Dennison at 250-753-4074.

The 2015 awards booklet and application form are available online at [www.NLSF.ca](http://www.NLSF.ca). Application deadline is Friday, February 27, 2015.

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