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Financial awards for graduating high school students to continue education

Nanaimo, 2 February 2017 – Graduating high school students wishing to continue their education at a college or university are encouraged to apply for financial awards provided by local service clubs, community organizations and private donors.

Administered by local charity Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation, scholarships and bursaries – ranging from \$100 to \$5,000 each – are available to graduates with good marks who are also active in the community, excel in sports, are interested in pursuing specific areas of study, or may have a financial need.

“We encourage all graduating students who intend to pursue post-secondary education to access our online student award system at <https://sas.nlsf.ca> and apply by the March 3 deadline,” said Crystal Dennison, executive director of Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation. “With the high cost of post-secondary education, we’re thankful for the many local donors who are willing to help make post-secondary education a reality for many high achieving students.”

Last June, 339 students received a total of 447 financial awards. Community members gave \$337,000, while the Ministry of Education provided 131 Dogwood scholarships of \$1,250 each.

Anyone interested in providing financial support to help local graduating students to continue their education should contact Dennison at 250-753-4074.

The 2017 awards information and secure online application form are available at www.NLSF.ca.

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