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Awards available for Grade 12 graduates to pursue post-secondary education

Nanaimo, 23 January 2014 - Grade 12 graduates are encouraged to apply for financial awards offered by the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation to pursue post-secondary education.

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

“There is a wide variety of 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 year, NLSF distributed \$450,000 worth of scholarships, bursaries and awards and helped 306 high school students pursue their dream of post-secondary education. Anyone interested in supporting the awards fund is encouraged to contact van Steen at 250-753-4074.

The 2014 awards booklet - listing more than 275 scholarships, bursaries and awards - is available online at www.NLSF.ca > Awards 2014. Application deadline is Friday, February 21, 2014.

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