

Press Release

Students Encouraged to Apply for Local Donor Supported Awards, Scholarships and Bursaries

\$296,000 in Post-Secondary Funds Available from Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation

Nanaimo, BC – January 23, 2013 The Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation Awards booklet and application for Nanaimo and Ladysmith secondary students is now available online. This year there are **410 awards, bursaries and scholarships**, totaling over \$296,000 for students of all interests, abilities and academic levels.

“The Foundation, with the support of our amazing donors, has been helping local students succeed with scholarships, bursaries and awards for over 30 years,” said Erin van Steen, Executive Director, Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation “Every year there are wide variety of awards to apply for. There are opportunities for students who are active in the community, excel in sports, have a specific study area they are pursuing or who have a financial need. We encourage students to apply for as many opportunities that are appropriate for them.”

Applications and further information can be found at www.nlsf.ca under the “Programs” tab under “Awards”. **The deadline to apply is Friday, February 15th, 2013.**

The funds for all of the awards are completely supported by the service clubs, community organizations and private donors within the Nanaimo-Ladysmith community. Without the generosity of donors many graduating students would not have the opportunity to continue on with their post-secondary education.

Last year the NLSF Scholarship and Bursary program distributed 360 scholarships, bursaries and awards totaling over \$372,125, which included over \$80,000 in Dogwood District/Authority Awards distributed by the province. All the other funds are completely community donor driven.

van Steen remarks, “The need for scholarships, awards and bursaries continues to rise. The Foundation is actively seeking new donors for a variety of areas and for general financial support to help grow our support for local students.”

NLSF encourages community groups and individuals to contact the Foundation if they are interested in supporting the scholarship program. To reach Erin van Steen at the Foundation please call 250-753-4074.

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