



Press Release

Students Encouraged to Apply for Awards, Scholarships and Bursaries from the Schools Foundation

\$265,000 in Post-Secondary Funds Available

For Immediate Release - **Nanaimo, BC – February 2, 2011** The Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation Awards booklet and application for Nanaimo and Ladysmith secondary students is now online. This year \$265,000 in awards, bursaries and scholarships for students of all interests, ability and academic levels are available. Applications and further information can be found at www.nlsf.ca. The deadline to apply is Friday, February 18th, 2011.

"It is a common misconception that the NLSF scholarships, awards and bursaries are only for students with 4.0 grade averages," said Erin van Steen, Executive Director, Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation "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."

The funds for all of the awards are completely supported by the service clubs, community organizations and private donors within the Nanaimo-Ladysmith community. This program is completely reliant on community donors. Without these opportunities many of our graduating students would not be able to continue on with their post-secondary education.

Last year the NLSF Scholarship and Bursary program distributed 433 scholarships, bursaries and awards totaling \$290,000. Unfortunately a great need still exists and the foundation aims to distribute more this year. NLSF has helped provide post-secondary scholarships since 1982.

NLSF recognizes that there is even a greater need than before for more scholarship programs so more students have the opportunity to achieve their dreams. NLSF encourages community groups and individuals to contact the foundation if they are interested in supporting the scholarship program.

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