

## **Guidelines for West Vancouver Legion Branch #60 Bursary Program**

West Vancouver Royal Canadian legion has two streams for applying for Bursaries for West Vancouver students and West Vancouver Cadets seeking post-secondary education: the Poppy Fund and the Gaming Fund.

Applicants for a Bursary from the Poppy Fund must be Veterans, children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren of any of the eligible personnel as identified in Section 101.d. of the General By-Laws, who are in need of financial assistance. Bursaries from the Poppy Fund are to be paid to the identified institution in the name of the recipient.

Applicants for a Bursary from the Gaming Fund who are in need of financial assistance do not need to have an affiliation to a veteran and the Bursaries is to be paid directly to the recipient rather than the educational institution upon confirmation that the student is registered.

In either instance – whether utilizing gaming funds or poppy funds – Legion membership is not a factor.

Normally, bursaries paid from the Poppy Fund shall be awarded to students registered in a BC educational institution. The exception is if a program is not available in BC or Yukon, a bursary can be given to students taking programs outside of province. If a student's residence remains in BC, they are eligible for a bursary to use at an out-of-province institution. Bursaries from the Gaming Fund have no such limitations.

It is recommended that the West Vancouver Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #60 establish three Bursaries of \$1500 from the Poppy Fund and three Bursaries of \$1000 from the Gaming Fund.

The closing date for receipt of an application for either Bursary shall be March 31<sup>st</sup>. Determination of the recipients shall be based on financial need, community service; and in the case of a bursary from the Poppy Fund, an affiliation with a veteran. Determination of the recipients will be made by the Legions Poppy and Benevolent Committee. (The President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Service Officer). Names of successful recipients will remain anonymous unless the recipient permits their name to be made known.

Post-Secondary education is the education that students enter into after completing high school. This could be at a college for vocational training or at a university for further academic training. It is generally not for the pursuit of higher levels of dance or sports education.