Cowichan Valley
Division of Family Practice
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November 3, 2026

RE: Healthcare focused awards for 2027 graduating class

The Cowichan Division of Family Practice (CVDFP) is pleased to offer again this year academic awards for Cowichan high school graduates with plans to enter the healthcare field.

Dr. Bryan Bass Memorial Scholarship: There will be a single region-wide scholarship available in the amount of **$2,500** for those graduates with plans to obtain a medical degree. All grade 12 students attending schools within the Cowichan Valley Regional District, who are also year-round residents in the CVRD, will be eligible, including those attending private schools. More detailed eligibility criteria can be found on the following pages.

Scholarship selection process: The CVDFP scholarship committee will review all applications and select the successful scholarship recipient.

Bursaries: Individual bursaries in the amount of **$500** will be allocated to each of the public high schools within the CVRD boundaries. More detailed eligibility criteria can be found on the following pages.

Bursary selection process: The CVDFP scholarship committee will review all bursary applications and create a short list of candidates for each school; generally, high school committees will be requested to make the final selection from these narrowed fields.

Detailed eligibility criteria for both awards are included on the attached pages. Any further information you may require can be obtained through our Division executive team, as follows:

Tiffiny Littmann, Executive Director – Operations
tlittmann@cvdfp.ca | Ph. 250-246-8392

Bursary and scholarship applications should be submitted to CVDFP no later than **Friday, April 9, 2027**. Electronic copies are preferred and can be emailed to tlittmann@cvdfp.ca.

We look forward to working with you again this year to support future healthcare providers in our community.

Yours sincerely,

CVDFP SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Per:

Drs. Pramod Swamy and Carole Williams
Co-chairs, CVDFP Board of Directors

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Dr. Bryan Bass Memorial Scholarship

Amount: $2,500.00

The purpose of the Dr. Bryan Bass Memorial Scholarship is to assist students in the attainment of higher education, where the student's intent is to obtain a medical degree. This award is given in the name and cherished memory of long standing family physician, CVDFP leader, scholarship chair, colleague, mentor, friend, and exemplary human, Dr. Bryan Bass.

The scholarship is open to Grade 12 graduates in the Cowichan Valley Regional District, who are year-round residents in the CVRD. There is one $2,500.00 scholarship available for the region.

Criteria:

- Students proceeding to a training facility or enrolling in a program that would lead to a medical degree.
- Students involved in extracurricular activities, school/community participation.
- Students of high academic standing with average academic scores of at least 85%.

Conditions:

- The scholarship must be claimed within two years of graduation and only upon proof of enrollment as set out above.
- Award recipients should submit their proof of enrollment directly to the CVDFP executive team (see contact information at the bottom of the page).
- Disbursement of funds will be coordinated by the Cowichan Division of Family Practice.
- The selection committee will be physician members of the Cowichan Division of Family Practice plus a member of Dr. Bass' family.

Scholarship applications should include:

- Date of graduation.
- Transcript of the student's grades.
- An autobiographical essay outlining the student's academic plan, their goals, their school/community activities and any leadership roles or official positions held within said activities.
- Two letters of reference.

Completed applications should be submitted by **Friday, April 9, 2027**, to the CVDFP executive team, care of Tiffiny Littmann, at tlittmann@cvdfp.ca. Electronic submissions are preferred.

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2027 CVDFP Bursary

Amount: $500.00

The purpose of the CVDFP bursary is to assist students in the attainment of higher education within the healthcare field. The CVDFP bursary is open to Grade 12 graduates in the Cowichan Valley Regional District, who are within the public school system and are year-round residents in the CVRD. There will be six individual bursaries of $500 each; one for each of the public high schools in the catchment area.

Criteria:

- Students proceeding to a training facility or enrolling in a program that would lead to certification or a degree in the healthcare field.
- Students involved in extracurricular activities, school/community participation.
- Students with financial need.

Conditions:

- The scholarship must be claimed within two years of graduation and only upon proof of enrollment as set out above.
- Award recipients should submit their proof of enrollment directly to the CVDFP executive team (see contact information at the bottom of the page).
- Disbursement of funds will be coordinated by the Cowichan Division of Family Practice.
- The CVDFP scholarship committee will review all applications and create a short list of candidates; the high school selection committee will be requested to make the final selection from this narrowed field.
- The name of the chosen bursary recipient should be forwarded to the CVDFP team as soon as possible after the final selection is made. An award letter will then be provided to the school in advance of their awards ceremony.

Bursary applications should include:

- Date of graduation.
- Transcript of the student's grades.
- A cover page outlining the student's academic plan, goals, and school/community activities.
- Two letters of reference.

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