



## ***THE GARY BENNETT FAMILY FUND STRIVE SCHOLARSHIP***

### ***THE RATIONALE***

As then President of the Rotary Club of Kelowna and Chairman of the RCK Scholarship and Bursary Committee, Gary Bennett introduced the concept of the Strive Scholarship Program to the Rotary Club in the fall of 2006. Since that time hundreds of students have benefitted from this program.

The Bennett family, through their fund at the Central Okanagan Foundation, for the last several years have augmented that program by offering additional financial assistance in the form of additional scholarship funding to the most financially challenged students. Several scholarships are available, and it is not required that students have applied for other scholarships.

### ***ASSISTANCE GIVEN***

The maximum amount of scholarship will be up to \$1,000 for the first year tuition fees of a local student attending the University of British Columbia – Okanagan Campus, Okanagan College or British Columbia Institute of Technology Kelowna Campus for a full year program.

### ***STUDENT CRITERIA FOR AWARDING ASSISTANCE***

1. The student must be in regular attendance at one of the following schools; Kelowna Secondary School, Rutland Senior Secondary School, Okanagan Mission Secondary School, or Central School.
2. The student's family must be currently receiving benefits from the National Child Supplemental Benefit Program or the student must have a Youth Agreement with the Government of British Columbia Ministry of Children and Family Development.
3. The student and their parent(s) must provide the Foundation with a copy of the notification letter that they received from the Canada Revenue Agency that the family is currently receiving assistance from the National Child Supplemental Benefit Program or have their counsellor state that they are on a Youth Agreement with the Government of British Columbia Ministry of Children and Family Development.

For more information on the National Child Supplemental Benefit Program, please go to:

**<http://www.nationalchildbenefit.ca/eng/06/how.shtml>**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Not all applicants who fit the criteria may get financial assistance as the Fund's financial ability to provide the assistance is limited.

***DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED:***

- 1. The fully completed (in ink) following APPLICATION FORM;**
- 2. The most recent July Canada Child Tax Benefit Notice which contains verification of National Child Supplemental Benefit Program status and payments or a statement from the Government of British Columbia Ministry of Children and Family Development that the student is on a Youth Agreement.**
- 3. The letter of reference from your school principal or counselor on school letterhead.**
- 4. Material must be submitted to your counsellor no later than May 7<sup>th</sup> of the year of application.**
- 5. Documentation must be delivered to your counsellor.**

***APPLICATION FORM***

*Please fill out the following information completely and accurately.*

**Student's Information:**

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's/Guardian's Information:**

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's/Guardian's Information:**

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:**

If one of the parents cannot supply the above information, please explain why.

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**School Information:**

Full Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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School Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVALS**

**Student Approval:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (please print) attest that the information given is complete and accurate, and I agree to receive further information and news about the Fund.

\_\_\_\_\_ (student signature)

**Parent/Guardian Approval:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (please print) attest that the information given is complete and accurate, and I agree to receive further information and news about the Fund.

\_\_\_\_\_ (parent signature)

**School Approval:**

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

1. Only fully completed application packages will be considered.
2. The applications will be review by school personnel.

3. Once the application has been approved the student will be notified.
4. Scholarship funds may only be used for first year tuition fees at either the University of British Columbia – Okanagan Campus, Okanagan College, or the British Columbia Institute of Technology Kelowna Campus for a full year program.
5. Scholarship winners will have until August 31st. of the year following his graduation year to exercise the scholarship.
6. The winners' name will be mentioned on our website.
7. The winners' schools will then be notified so that that scholarship winner can be announced at their commencement, graduation or awards ceremonies if applicable.
8. The winner will be required to write and submit a letter of appreciation to the Fund.
9. The scholarship winners will be mailed:
  - a. a congratulatory letter,
  - b. a Certificate of Award from the Central Okanagan Foundation – The student will give this certificate to the registrar at the University of British Columbia – Okanagan Campus, Okanagan College, or the British Columbia Institute of Technology Kelowna Campus. Scholarship funds can be applied only to first year registration fees. The Registrar or Designate must complete and return the enclosed Certificate of Award to The Central Okanagan Foundation at the address indicated below for payment. It is the student's obligation to give this certificate to the Registrar or Designate for completion. The institution will then invoice the Central Okanagan Foundation, and the Foundation will pay them directly.

**The Central Okanagan Foundation,  
Landmark 1, 306-1726 Dolphin Avenue  
Kelowna, BC, V1Y 9R9**
  - c. a scholarship certificate that they can frame.
10. The student will have until August 31 of the year following the awarding of the scholarship to claim the scholarship funds.

**QUESTIONS:** If you have any questions please contact **The Gary Bennett Family Fund** by email at:

[info@gmbfund.ca](mailto:info@gmbfund.ca)