



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 and our community in the fall of 2006. Since that time hundreds of students have benefitted from this program.

The Gary Bennett family, through their fund at the Central Okanagan Foundation, for many years have offered GBFF Strive Scholarship funding to students who have overcome significant challenges to graduate and qualify for higher education at an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution. Several scholarships are available and any student that fits the criteria below may apply.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

The maximum amount of scholarship will be \$1,000 for the first-year tuition fees of a local Canadian student attending any accredited Canadian post-secondary institution for a full program. Accredited Canadian post-secondary institutions are those institutions that have a CHARITY BUSINESS NUMBER. They will have to provide to us when applying for the payment of scholarship funds.

STUDENT CRITERIA FOR RECEIVING ASSISTANCE

1. The student must be registered at one of the following schools: Kelowna Secondary School, Rutland Senior Secondary School, Okanagan Mission Secondary School, or Central Programs and Services.
2. To receive funding, the student must have graduated from one of the above high schools.
3. The student must have overcome some significant challenge to achieve graduation and to qualify for an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution.
4. Evidence of the student doing voluntary work at school or in the community may be a criterion for selection.

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, including your full address, (in ink) **APPLICATION FORM** that follows below.
2. A letter of reference from your school principal or counselor on school letterhead.
3. Material must be submitted to your counsellor no later than May 7th of the year of application.
4. Documentation must be delivered to your counsellor.

2024 APPLICATION FORM

Please fill out the following information completely and accurately.

Student's Information:

Full name: _____

Full Mailing 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.

School Information:

Full Name of School: _____

School Address: _____

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: _____

STUDENT EDUCATIONAL PLAN AND INFORMATION:

EDUCATIONAL PLAN:

Outline your post-secondary educational plans:

STUDENT PERSONAL STATEMENTS:

This is an opportunity for applicants to express their personality and information not covered on previous pages. Please complete in the limited space provided.

1. Describe your passions and motivations. Describe how they relate to your educational plans and goals.

2. Describe your family circumstances and any obstacles you have encountered. Describe how they relate to your educational plans and goals.

3. How have you overcome the obstacles mentioned in (2) above.

4. Are you involved in any extra-curricular activities at school? If so, please describe.

5. Are you involved in any volunteer work in the community? If so, please describe.

6. Do you have a part-time job? If so, please describe.

STATEMENT OF REFERENCE

This report should be completed by a **teacher or counselor** that you have had during your current year.

Once completed, give this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope to ensure confidentiality. Please write "Reference for (student's name)" in bold letters on the envelope.

Student's name: _____
First Last

Name of person (Referee) completing this form: _____

Referee's Telephone Number: _____

In my capacity as _____, I have known the applicant for ____ years.

Please check (✓) the most appropriate box to indicate your best judgment of the applicant's qualities compared to other students you have encountered. If you do not have personal knowledge of the applicant's capabilities in a particular category, please check the "no basis" box. **Please consider the student's current in your assessment.**

No basis	Category	Below average	Average	Good (above average)	Very Good (well above average)	Excellent (top10%)
	Improvement in Scholastic Achievement.					
	Improvement in Attitude Toward Learning.					
	Improvement in Attendance/Lates.					
	Improvement in Work Habits.					
	Improvement in Personal Initiative and Motivation.					
	Level of Emotional Maturity					
	Respect Accorded by Adults					
	Respect Accorded by Peers					

Optional: Additional comments not addressed in the above chart: _____

Signature of Teacher/Counselor: _____ Date: _____

SELECTION PROCESS:

1. Only fully completed application packages will be considered.
2. The applications will be reviewed by school personnel.
3. Once the application has been approved the student will be notified.
4. The student must have overcome some significant challenge to achieve graduation.
5. Evidence of the student doing voluntary work at school or in the community can be a criterion for selection.
6. Scholarship winners will have until August 31st. of the year following his graduation year to exercise the scholarship.
7. The winners' name will be mentioned on our website. www.gmbfund.ca.
8. The winners' schools will then be notified so that that scholarship winner can be announced at their commencement, graduation or awards ceremonies if applicable.
9. The winner will be required to write and email a letter of appreciation to the Fund.
10. The scholarship winners will be presented with:
 - 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 accredited Canadian post-secondary institution that they have chosen to attend. 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.
- c. a scholarship certificate that they can frame.

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The student will have until August 31 of the year following the awarding of the scholarship to claim the scholarship funds.

11. It is the student's responsibility to:
 - a. get their particular post-secondary institution to complete the form and,
 - b. to get the completed form to the Central Okanagan Foundation for payment to the post-secondary institution;

QUESTIONS: For questions, contact **The Gary Bennett Family Fund** by email at: info@gmbfund.ca