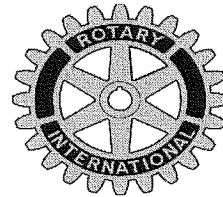


**MICHAEL POTTER/HARBOURSIDE ROTARY CLUB
BURSARY**



DESCRIPTION

INTRODUCTION

The bursary was established in 1996 with three schools participating. The initial three schools (Group 1) that were invited to join in this program were chosen because it was felt that they had a greater proportion of disadvantaged students. A second group of three schools (Group 2) was added for the year 2000 graduates.

1. CAPITAL

Mr. Michael Potter and the Victoria Harbourside Rotary Club provided the initial capital and the participating schools each deposited \$2,000. The Provincial Government matched the contributions of Mr. Potter, the 6 schools and the Harbourside Rotary Club for a grand total of \$240,000. The endowment interest provides the bursaries. The investing of this money is the sole responsibility of the Camosun College Foundation.

2. BURSARY

The bursary will be for 4 years. The years need not be consecutive but a student must request permission from Harbourside Rotary to postpone the bursary.

The value of the bursary will be a function of the annual profitability of the fund less 10% to be retained in the investment fund and the remainder divided equally into eight parts for distribution to the recipients. In 2015 each new and continuing student received \$1,264. In 2016 the amount will be \$1,639.

Each of the high schools involved will select one candidate each year who will be a grade 12 student who has overcome significant hurdles or hardships in order to attend university or college. Such hurdles or hardships may include financial difficulties, lack of family support, lack of appropriate role models or emotional troubles.

It is desirable that the students are the first in their immediate family to attend university or college and that they might themselves, become role models for younger members of their family and community.

3. HIGH SCHOOLS

Each of the participating schools has contributed \$2,000 towards the capital of this bursary. Mr. Michael Potter and the Harbourside Rotary Club felt that this financial commitment from the schools will ensure a stronger commitment of staff, students, and community so that an active search for a suitable candidate will occur. Younger students might be made aware of the availability of this financial support. School staff might even prepare students in grades 10/11/12 to set professional and educational goals. Of course, staff would prepare the students for the interviews in cooperation with the Harbourside Rotary Club.

Group 1 schools are Victoria High School, Esquimalt High School and Spectrum Community School. Group 2 schools are Belmont Secondary School, Reynolds Secondary School and Edward Milne Community School. Each student who applies has a 1 in 3 chance of being selected.