

**Harrop-Procter Community Forest
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Attention: Scholarship Committee**

Applications can also be submitted by clicking <mailto:office@hpcommunityforest.org> and attaching the necessary documentation. The deadline date above is final; applications received after June 30 will not be considered unless there are valid extenuating circumstances.

THE HARROP PROCTER COMMUNITY CO-OPERATIVE (HPCC) SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND REGULATIONS

Overview

In 2017, HPCC was chosen as the second recipient of the Robin Hood Memorial Award for excellence in Community Forestry by the BC Community Forest Association. The award recognizes the late Mr. Hood, a pioneer of community forestry in the province. It is accompanied by a monetary award of \$10,000 from the provincial government.

At the direction of the Board, a committee was struck to discuss the feasibility of establishing an Educational Scholarship for local students with the funds. The committee is comprised of five Board Directors and two public members. The regulations were approved in April 2018 and revised in May 2020.

Specifics

HPCC will establish a scholarship that will offer a financial award for youth in the community who will be or are pursuing post-secondary education.

Applicable post-secondary institutions can include studies at Technical/Trade Schools, Colleges and Universities.

Only high school graduates and post-secondary students from the Harrop, Sunshine Bay and Procter communities will be given consideration for the award.

Preference will be given to a graduating Grade XII student entering post-secondary studies as this was the initial criteria and intent of the scholarship.

Preference will be given to students taking post-secondary studies in Forestry, Environmental Studies or Sciences.

The scholarship amount will be \$2,000 per year; more than one (1) award can be granted in a given year.

If there are no eligible applications, the award will not be given that year.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the successful candidate upon proof of enrolment in the post-secondary school prior to the commencement of post-secondary studies or a return to ongoing studies.

The scholarship amount will be reviewed after 3 years by the Committee to determine whether the amount should be increased or if the approval criteria needs to be revised.

The initial \$10,000 will be the foundation for an ongoing HPCC Scholarship.

The Committee will invite donations of additional funds from community businesses, individuals and legacy endowments to the scholarship fund. The Committee will approach the Board regarding an annual contribution from the cooperative to ensure its continuity.

The initial funding amount (identified above) - and any donations to the Scholarship Fund, including additional contributions from the cooperative, if any - will be administered and accounted for as a separate entity, not part of or accessible for the purpose of general expenses of the cooperative.

The applications will be reviewed by the standing Scholarship Committee prior to the commencement of the upcoming school year and all candidates will be notified in writing if they are successful or not.

All determinations by the Committee will be made fairly and without prejudice. Committee members with children applying for the scholarship will recuse themselves from the selection process.

The application form and information/regulations document will be posted on the HPCC website (<http://www.hpcommunityforest.org>) and publicized in the quarterly Harrop-Procter Community Forest newsletter in advance of the application deadline.

The successful candidate will agree to be profiled in a future edition of the HPCC quarterly newsletter.