C.M.A.W. Local 2300 Suite 2 - 2320 Columbia Avenue, Castlegar, BC V1N 2X1
Ph: (250) 365-2813 Fax: (250) 365-2164 email: local2300@cmaw.ca

October 27, 2026

To whom it may concern,

Re: Bursaries for Students within the East & West Kootenay School Districts

We, CMAW Local 2300 (The Construction, Maintenance & Allied Workers Union of the Kootenay Region), are pleased to inform you that we are offering a bursary through our Local for graduating high school students pursuing an apprenticeship and career in the trades of carpentry or millwright.

There will be at least one, in some cases two, bursaries available for each School District within the East and West Kootenays, in the amount of $500 each to the deserving students. We would like the applicants to write a short essay 300–500 words long, explaining why they are pursuing a career in their chosen trade. We will accept applications from graduates who are starting an apprenticeship from the very start (1st year apprentice), or graduates who have completed their first year in high school through the YTT – Youth Train in Trades (enrolling in 2nd year). The successful applicants will receive their bursary money only after proof of registration in their trade.

We are hoping you (School District Representatives), will forward this letter to all your respective high school career councillors, and/or anyone else pertinent to the conversation within your District.

The essays will then be reviewed shortly there after, and the awarding high schools will be contacted, with a presentation at their individual award ceremonies. I'm sure there are questions to answer and details to iron out, so please feel free to contact us regarding any more information. We look forward to working with you and are excited to help our young and aspiring tradespeople for years to come.

Sincerely,

Dan Turner
Chair, Bursary Committee
CMAW Local 2300

encl.

DT/csi

C.M.A.W. Local 2300 Suite 2 - 2320 Columbia Avenue, Castlegar, BC V1N 2X1
Ph: (250) 365-2813 Fax: (250) 365-2164 email: local2300@cmaw.ca

Construction, Maintenance & Allied Workers
CMAW Local 2300
BURSARY APPLICATION

Construction, Maintenance & Allied Workers Local 2300 Annual Bursary Program. Bursaries of $500.00 each will be awarded to students within the School Districts of the East & West Kootenay areas who are pursuing an Apprenticeship in the trade of Carpentry/Joinery or Millwright (consideration of other trade applications will be made). The Education Committee will choose deserving applicants based on an essay submitted along with this completed application form.

Eligibility

Applicants are required to write a short essay between 300 – 500 words explaining why they are pursuing a career in their chosen trade of either Carpentry/Joinery or Millwright (consideration of other trade applications will be made). Applications will be accepted from graduating students who are starting their Apprenticeship as a 1st year Apprentice or from graduating students who have completed their first year in high school through the YTT (Youth Train in Trades) and are enrolling in Level 2. The graduate must be completing high school within this calendar school year (September 2026 – June 2027). **Successful applicants will receive their bursary money only after proof of registration in their trade is received.**

Deadline

Applications and essays are to be forwarded by **April 25, 2027** to:
CMAW Local 2300 Education Committee, 2 – 2320 Columbia Avenue, Castlegar, BC V1N 2X1 or by fax: (250) 365-2164 (*please do not email the applications*)

Applicant Name: _____ _____
Last name First Name

High School: _____ School District: _____

Applicant Mailing Address (*please include Postal Code*): _____

---

email:_____ phone:_____

By signing this application students agree to have their essay and photo published on the CMAW web-site or other CMAW publications and documentation.

_____ _____
Signature of Student Date