



CONSERVATION AND OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP BURSARY

ABOUT THE BURSARY: The Northwest Guide Outfitters Association (NWGOA) awards five \$500 bursaries annually to graduating students from five schools within the Skeena/North area – one bursary per participating school.

ABOUT NWGOA: NWGOA is a group of small, family-run guide outfitting operations that provide high-quality adventure tourism experiences, primarily through guided hunting and fishing. NWGOA is one of several regional associations operating under the Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia (GOABC). Together, GOABC and its local associations support wildlife conservation and stewardship through funding, partnerships, local knowledge, and on-the-ground efforts throughout British Columbia.

PURPOSE: The bursary was established to support young people pursuing education and careers connected to conservation, stewardship, outdoor recreation, natural resources, and sustainable tourism, while strengthening connections between Northwest guide outfitters, local schools, and the communities in which we live and work.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must be graduating Grade 12 students from one of the participating schools and intend to pursue post-secondary education, trades training supporting rural, resource, tourism or outdoor industries, or other recognized training related to conservation, outdoor recreation, environmental stewardship, natural resources, tourism, or a related field. Applicants should also demonstrate strong character, work ethic, and respect for others. Recipients must provide confirmation of enrolment in an eligible post-secondary education or training program prior to receiving funds. The bursary may be claimed at any time within two years of the recipient's high school graduation date.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. In 250–400 words, tell us about your future education and career goals, the values that guide you, and how your chosen path could contribute to conservation, stewardship, outdoor recreation, natural resources, sustainable tourism, or the future of rural communities.
2. A completed NWGOA Conservation and Outdoor Leadership Bursary Application Form
3. One letter of reference from a teacher, principal, instructor, or counselor in your secondary school.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Applications will be considered based on demonstrated work ethic, character, community involvement and/or leadership, interest in conservation or outdoor industries, and the applicant's educational and career goals.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 15th

AWARD & NOTIFICATION: One recipient will be selected from each participating school. Successful applicants will be notified by their school. Bursaries will be awarded in accordance with the participating school's graduation or awards process. An application to apply for the awarded bursary funds will be available for you upon recipient of bursary.

CONTACT: Please submit full application (See Application Requirements) to email below.

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