

VICTORIA LAPIDARY & MINERAL SOCIETY

The Pam Dyer Memorial Bursary

(Post-secondary education):

The VLMS is a non-profit society with the objectives of promoting interest in the lapidary arts and in geology and its various branches especially in reference to Vancouver Island. Use of VLMS resources to support students studying in the earth sciences makes an ongoing contribution to the hobby and knowledge of earth sciences.

The VLMS may grant up to two bursaries in the amount of \$1,000 each per academic year. The students eligible to apply must be residents of Vancouver Island at the time of their application and must intend to be, or be, registered in an earth sciences program at a public post secondary educational institution located in BC.

Applications must be received by May 15 of the year in which the course or program starts (usually this will be in September). The applications will be reviewed by the VLMS board of directors or a committee of the board. The decision on successful applicants will be made by the board of directors by June 15.

Any person resident on Vancouver Island at the time of application who has been accepted into, or intends to register for, an earth sciences program or course for the next starting academic year may be nominated by a member of any of the BCLS Island Zone lapidary and mineral clubs for the bursary. The bursary may be applied to the cost of tuition and books for earth sciences courses or other expenses reasonably related to such courses at any publicly funded post secondary institution in BC.* The person can be nominated for a bursary each year they are registered in the program. One of the bursaries will be awarded to an applicant resident in the Capital Regional District and the other to an applicant resident elsewhere on Vancouver Island. If no applicant from either the CRD or elsewhere on Vancouver Island is deemed suitable, the bursary which would have been awarded in that geographical area may be awarded to an applicant from the other area. No award will be made if no applicant is deemed suitable for the bursary. If the person to whom a bursary is awarded does not register in an earth sciences program or course as was expected and was the basis for making the award, the bursary must be returned to the VLMS.

The bursary will be advertised on the VLMS website and Facebook, in the Laphound News, in the BCLS Rockhounder and by notice to the Island Zone executive.

The selection criteria include:

- nomination by a current member of an Island Zone club;
- demonstrated interest in relevant subject areas such as the lapidary arts, earth sciences, ecology or natural history;
- proof of acceptance to a BC public post secondary education institution in the year of the application;
- experience in extra-curricula school and community education, sport or social services activities;
- course or program and year in program in which person is registered or intends to register.

* There are 25 publicly funded post-secondary institutions in BC: 11 universities, 11 colleges and 3 institutes (www.aved.gov.bc.ca/publicpsed/welcome.htm).

The VLMS Pam Dyer Memorial Bursary Application (Post-secondary education bursary)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date application submitted to VLMS: _____

Institution to be attended: _____

City of the institution: _____

Program or course(s) which you plan to take: _____

Program or course(s) start date: _____

Degree, diploma or certificate sought: _____

Attach pages with not more than 600 words to describe your previous and current interest in the earth sciences, lapidary arts or other subject related to the purposes of the VLMS bursary.

Attach pages with not more than 600 words to describe your involvement in extra-curricular school, sport or community service activities.

Attach:

- A resumé or CV (include extra-curricular activities, sports, community activities, work experience and any hobbies)
- Signed and dated nomination form (scanned and emailed is sufficient)
- Post-secondary education institution letter of acceptance (scanned and emailed is sufficient)

Applications must be submitted to VLMS by email or post by May 15th of the year in which the program starts. Email: vlms@vlms.ca Website: www.vlms.ca

The VLMS Pam Dyer Memorial Bursary nomination form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone and email: _____

Member of which Island Zone Club: _____

How many years have you been a member: _____

Email of club secretary to confirm current membership: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Name of and your relationship to the applicant? _____

Attach page(s) with not more than 300 words describing your knowledge of how the applicant has demonstrated an interest in the lapidary arts, earth sciences or other subject related to the purposes of the VLMS bursary.

Attach page(s) with not more than 300 words explaining why are you nominating the applicant. (Include things like applicant's interests in the subject area, school, sport and community activities, applicant's activities in your club, etc.)

Signature

Date