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Regional Board Policy

Post-Secondary Bursary Program

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PURPOSE:

To establish policy authority for the provision of bursaries to students from the Cariboo Regional District who are pursuing post-secondary studies.

POLICY:

1. Every year, a total of three bursaries in the amount of **\$1,000** each will be awarded to one graduating Grade 12 student from each secondary school in the regional district.
2. Preference will be given to students pursuing post-secondary studies which can provide a pathway to a career in local government, as assessed by the secondary institution. Examples of eligible studies include:
 - a. Commerce (Accounting, Communications, Finance, Marketing, etc.);
 - b. Emergency Management;
 - c. Engineering (Civil or Environmental);
 - d. Library & Information Studies / Sciences;
 - e. Planning;
 - f. Public Relations / Journalism; or
 - g. Public Administration / Political Science.

3. To be eligible, students applying for the bursary must:
 - a. Maintain a “B” grade average throughout their Grade 12 year of study; and
 - b. Complete a 500-word essay about how their future studies can be incorporated into a career in local government.
4. Recipients are subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Must be accepted into a program with at least 60% course load for their first year of post-secondary education.
 - b. Must begin post-secondary studies within two years after graduation.
5. Students will apply for the bursaries through their secondary institution, which will make any decision to award or withhold the bursary.
6. If for any reason the original recipient(s) become ineligible, the allocated funds may be reassigned to other students meeting the eligibility criteria.
7. Awards may be withheld by the secondary institution for the following reasons:
 - a. Lack of suitable candidates;
 - b. Failure to meet terms and conditions of award;
 - c. Withdrawal from the University.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Regional District will provide three \$1,000 bursaries each year to one student from each of the North, South, and Central Cariboo sub-regions pursuing post-secondary education for a career in local government.

***** END OF POLICY *****

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