



## Big Brothers Big Sisters Harry deSwager Busary Fund

### **GOALS OF THE BURSARY FUND:**

1. To encourage Teen Mentors to complete high school and continue on with post-secondary education or vocational training.
2. To assist Teen Mentors with the financing of post-secondary education or vocational training.
3. In special circumstances, to assist Teen Mentors with the financing of senior secondary school education.
4. Indirectly, to provide financial assistance and support for single parent families.

### **PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Completed application form.
2. Current school transcripts.
3. Support letter from a teacher/instructor/faculty member or a personal reference (excluding family members).

All information must be submitted to your mentoring coordinator by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact 250-475-1117 or email [main.victoria@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca](mailto:main.victoria@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca)

Submit your completed package:      by email to [main.victoria@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca](mailto:main.victoria@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca)

by fax to 250-475-1197

or by post to  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Victoria and Area  
ATTN: In-School Mentoring Coordinators  
230 Bay Street  
Victoria BC V9A 3K5



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### **GUIDELINES FOR ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION**

1. Eligible recipient(s) must have been a Teen Mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Victoria in the current or past school year.
2. Applicants must be embarking on a full-time educational program, which can include Senior Secondary School, College or University, Technical School or Vocational Training.
3. Criteria to be considered by the Bursary Committee includes: need, effort, attitude, extra-curricular activities, goals, volunteer service with the agency, and academic performance.
4. Applications shall be received by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
5. Successful applicants will be notified on or before June 21<sup>st</sup> of each year. Applicants may be recognized at their school's end-of-year awards event and invited to attend the Big Brothers Big Sisters Annual General Meeting to receive their award and give an acceptance speech.
6. Preference will be given to applicants who are enrolled in Grade 12 and have applied to attend a post-secondary institution in the upcoming fall.
7. The award may be deferred for one year if the bursary committee is notified of the circumstances which warrant delay. The deferral decision is made at the sole discretion of the committee who may also extend the deferral if the situation continues past 12 months.
8. The decision of the bursary committee is final in all cases.
9. Applicants may apply for assistance in more than one school year, and may receive assistance for more than one year, depending on eligibility criteria and other eligible applicants.
10. The value of the bursary will vary from year to year depending on interest income earned by the Fund. The amount(s) awarded will be determined by the Bursary Committee each year and may be ascertained by contacting your mentoring coordinator at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Victoria and Area. Bursary amounts typically range between \$250 and \$500.



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**APPLICATION FORM**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Name:	
Address:	
Telephone/Text:	
Email:	
Birth Date:	
Year(s) you were a “Teen Mentor”:	
Name of your “Mentee(s)”:	

**EDUCATION:**

Please list the secondary schools you have attended:

Name of School	Program	Time Attended	
		From:	To:
	Grade 10		
	Grade 11		
	Grade 12		

Please list the post-secondary or vocational training institutions that you have applied to:

Name of School	Program	Have you been officially accepted into the school?
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Please list the post-secondary or vocational training institutions that you have attended:

Name of School	Program	Time Attended*	
		From:	To:



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**Please answer all questions. Attach an additional page if needed.**

1. What are your academic goals?

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2. Why do you need the bursary and how will you use the money?

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3. Please describe any work and/or volunteer experience you have had:

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4. Please describe any other awards or honours you have received:

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5. Why do you believe mentoring is important?

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6. How has your experience as a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters affected you?

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7. Why should you be selected by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Victoria for this bursary?

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I recognize that this application plays a significant role in determining bursary winners. The information on this application form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian (if applicant is under 19)

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Date