

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Bursary Committee

Many branches support youth through local bursaries within their community. Branches can use their gaming money to support local bursaries or scholarships. Poppy Fund money can also be used to grant bursaries to financially needy children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Veterans. Branches are required to exercise diligence in authorizing bursaries from the Poppy Fund. They can be granted at any level of a college or university program. A member of the Executive must interview each applicant. Legion membership within the family is NOT a requirement. Poppy Fund money can be used only to assist students in your geographical area

Information on how to use poppy fund money is found under the Terms of Reference for "Poppy Fund Chair." To use poppy funds for a bursary the branch must sign the Poppy/Bursary Agreement with BC/Yukon Command. Obtain a copy from the Command Office. If a bursary applicant attends the branch and is over the age of 19, it is suggested that the applicant be given an application for membership.

Sample bursary applications are available through the Command office. With reference to the use of Poppy Funds for bursaries, branches must submit the signed agreement to the Command office, indicating they understand the requirements of issuing Poppy funds for bursaries. If a branch has any doubts about whether they submitted the signed agreement, encourage them to contact the Command office to confirm receipt.

Undergraduate Nursing

The Executive Council established a bursary for undergraduate nursing. A bursary is made available to a Geriatric Nursing undergraduate each year. Simon Fraser University helps with the selection of the eligible candidate. This bursary is funded from the interest on the Command Care Trust Fund.

Benevolent Funds for Educational Assistance

The benevolent funds for educational assistance also provides educational assistance. Enquiries should be directed to BC/Yukon Command Service Officers or District VAC offices, as should enquiries on the educational bursary program sponsored by the Canadian Army Welfare Fund. This latter program is open to applications from dependents of former members of the Canadian Army with service between 1 October 1946 and 31 January 1968.

Education Assistance Loan Program - Canadian Forces Personnel

This program helps dependants of personnel who served or are serving as members of the Regular Force to obtain post-secondary education. Loans are made to and repaid by the service member or widow/widower. Interested parties should contact CFP AF Education Assistance Loan Program, 245 Cooper Street, Ottawa, Ontario K2P 0G2 - 1 (888) 753-9828. Deadline date is June 30.

Scholarships

As part of the Legion's commitment to youth, many Branches award scholarships through their General Funds to recognize scholastic achievement and support youth in their community. Criteria for these funds are established by the Branch or Provincial Command.

References:

Bursary Guidelines – available from BC/Yukon Command Poppy Manual POPPY workshop