



THE IRVING K. BARBER

British Columbia Scholarship Society

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85 BC students awarded \$5,000 Irving K. Barber BC Scholarships

Eighty-five deserving second-year BC college students will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship from the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Fund this year.

“These scholarships are an investment in the skills and talents of students in BC,” said Dr. Irving K. Barber, the philanthropist for whom the fund is named. “They help students obtain their post-secondary degrees while rewarding their outstanding accomplishments, both in the classroom and in the community.” Dr. Barber, founder of Slocan Forest Products Ltd., is well known for his commitment to education and research in British Columbia.

The scholarships are awarded annually to undergraduate students who have completed two years at a public community college, university college or institute in B.C. and are transferring to another degree-granting institution in B.C. to complete their degrees.

“By helping students meet their financial needs for post-secondary education, we all win,” said Mike Apsey, chair of the board of the BC Scholarship Society. “These scholarships help students obtain degrees while studying closer to home longer and at less cost.”

Students must have a grade point average of at least 3.5 or 87.5 per cent for 54 credits completed and have demonstrated service to their school and/or community. Up to 150 scholarships of \$5,000 each are awarded annually to undergraduate students across BC.

Working in partnership with the Victoria Foundation, the Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society provides scholarships to students attending public post-secondary institutions both throughout the province and internationally. To date, the Society has awarded over \$1.2 million in scholarships.

Tom Burley, chair of the Victoria Foundation said, “helping students succeed by providing access to funds for continued learning is an investment in all our futures.”

To find out more about this fund call the Victoria Foundation at 250-381-5532.

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List of recipients attached