



THE IRVING K. BARBER

British Columbia Scholarship Society

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85 BC students awarded \$5,000 Ike Barber Transfer Scholarships

VICTORIA – Eighty-five BC college students will each receive a \$5,000 Ike Barber Transfer Scholarship 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 scholarship 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 is the founder of Slocan Forest Products Ltd. and 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 post-secondary institution in B.C. and are transferring to another degree-granting institution in B.C. to complete their degrees.

“The Irving K. Barber BC scholarships provide an excellent opportunity for our students to benefit from British Columbia’s outstanding transfer system – one of the best in Canada,” said Murray Coell, Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development. “Our record-breaking post-secondary expansion, with more access and more choice, is making it easier than ever before for students to get the education they want – closer to home.”

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. Scholarships of \$5,000 each are awarded annually to undergraduate students across BC.

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

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 \$1.8 million in scholarships.

To find out more about this fund call the Victoria Foundation at 250-381-5532 or visit www.bcscholarship.ca.

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List of recipients attached