



The Katherine McParland Memorial Bursary

The *Katherine McParland Memorial Bursary* has been created to support youth who have experienced homelessness and/or foster care. Katherine was a tireless advocate for youth at risk, she was a passionate visionary who imagined that one day, if we all work together, we could end youth homelessness. This fund has been created in Katherine's memory to continue her vision of helping youth to reach their full potential. This bursary will be awarded to youth who are improving their lives through post secondary education.

The intent of the fund is to give \$1,000 to a youth entering or continuing post secondary school in January 2023. Preference will be given to youth who have experienced homelessness* and/or spent time in government care (Foster Care). **Homelessness does not necessarily mean "street" homelessness, and can include couch surfing and precariously housed.*

Applications will be considered for a wide variety of students but, generally speaking, applicants:

- a) must have been living in the South Cariboo, Nicola and Thompson area for a minimum of 3 months prior to applying
- b) must submit a reference letter from a professional contact such as a teacher, doctor, employer or counsellor (or anyone else who has worked closely with them, who does not work for AWHK)
- c) must write a letter (approx. 500 words) summarizing their life experience, why they feel they qualify for this bursary, and what their education goals are.
- d) should submit 1 prior year's transcripts of grades, if available (high school or other)
- e) provide details of the program they are entering and show they have the required prerequisites
- f) demonstrate financial need by providing the prior year's tax assessment
- g) The award must be claimed in the calendar year it is awarded
- h) A recipient of the award can only receive it once

Application Process

1. Complete the attached application form including documents as listed above.
2. The application and accompanying documents can be sent to the A Way Home Kamloops Society at 653 Victoria St Kamloops BC V2C 2B3 emailed to dayna@awayhomekamloops.com by December 1st 2022.
3. The applications will be reviewed by A Way Home Kamloops Society's Education & Employment Committee .

Please Note: A Way Home Kamloops will contact the successful award recipient.

Applications must be submitted by 4:00pm **December 1st 2022**



The Katherine McParland Memorial Bursary – Application Form

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Address (Street, City, Postal Code)

Program & School

Please check all the boxes that apply below and include the related information with your application

- I have been living in the South Cariboo, Nicola and Thompson area for a minimum of 3 months prior to applying
- I have submitted a reference letter from a professional contact such as a teacher, doctor, employer or counsellor (or anyone else who has worked closely with me)
- I have included a letter that I have written (approx. 500 words) summarizing my life experience, why I feel they qualify for this bursary, and what my education goals are.
- I have submitted 1 prior year's transcripts of grades, if available (either high school/other, or post secondary)
- I have included details of the program I am entering (link to online description or pdf) and shown that I have the required prerequisites (in my transcripts)
- I have demonstrated financial need by providing my tax assessment from last year

I agree to have my name submitted as an applicant to the Katherine McParland memorial Bursary

Signature

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)