

BCHS AWARDS

Submission Deadline: **Monday August 31, 2026**

BARRHEAD COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

Bursaries and Awards

General Information:

This brochure includes descriptions of the main awards and bursaries available to the students of BCHS through the BCHS Scholarship Trust Fund which provides financial aid to deserving graduates. The fund exists primarily through the generosity of the merchants and citizens of our community. Contributions are welcomed at any time.

Awards are determined by the Awards Committee and are given in the fall each year. This enables selection to be made on the basis of achievement on final examinations in both semesters. Qualification for the majority of these awards is based upon future educational plans, financial need and academic achievement. Application forms and further details may be obtained from the Barrhead Composite Website and or the Grade 12 Post Secondary Google Classroom.

Who qualifies for BCHS Bursaries & Awards

Unless otherwise specified,

1. applicants must be enrolled in grade 12 in BCHS and
2. must not have received any bursaries or awards earlier from BCHS and are attending a post secondary institution.

What happens when the recipients are chosen?

Recipients are

1. notified of their awards in the Fall on the BCHS website and through email
2. required to submit written confirmation of registration status issued by the office of the registrar of the post secondary institution and write a Thank You letter to the organization who gave the bursary or award.

What happens if the student delays entering further education after applying for an award?

Grade 12 students planning to return to BCHS and those planning to delay entrance into post secondary institutions may have their applications **held for one year** at which time they will be considered. They should indicate their plans on the application.

Bursaries and Awards

Category A: Scholarships - selected by BCHS Awards Committee

Eileen Tymkow Memorial Award (\$300)

Established in 2000 in memory of Eileen Tymkow, one of the parents involved in bringing French Immersion to Barrhead. This award will be given to a student who has participated in the French Immersion Program and who illustrates good citizenship and involvement in school and community activities. The recipient must provide proof of enrolment into a post secondary institution.

Bio - Science Bursary (\$300)

A bursary of \$300 is provided by Dr. Grant Balen, Optometrist, for a graduate intending to enroll in a post secondary science program, preferably, but not necessarily, in biological sciences. Proficiency in high school science courses is expected. The recipient must provide proof of enrollment into a post secondary institution to collect the award.

Mandy Close Memorial Award (\$500)

Formed by the Lions Club to honor Mandy Close who succumbed to leukemia in her grade twelve year, 1985. This award is awarded annually to a graduate who has tried to maximize his/her potential in both school and community activities. Preference will be given to someone actively involved in sports and music. Proof of enrolment into a post secondary educational institution within Canada must be provided.

Barrhead Composite High School Bursaries (variable amount & number awarded)

Barrhead Composite High School Bursaries are awarded preferably to honor students who intend to further their education. Each recipient must provide proof of enrollment into a post secondary educational institution to collect the award.

Bursaries and Awards

Category A - continued

Pembina Hills Local 22, Alberta Teachers' Association Bursary (2 @ \$1000)

Donated by Pembina Hills Local 22 of the Alberta Teachers' Association to Barrhead Composite High School. The bursaries will be granted to students planning to attend a post secondary institution. Proposed enrollment in teacher training is not a requirement but may warrant consideration. The recipient must provide proof of enrollment into a post secondary educational institution to collect the award.

Country Crossroads Seniors' Society Bursary (\$500)

The Country Crossroads Seniors' Society provides a bursary of \$500 to a graduate who has achieved good marks through consistent effort. The successful applicant will NOT be eligible for Rutherford Scholarship funds. Proof of enrollment into a post secondary educational institution is required to collect the award.

Performing Arts Bursary (\$500)

The Barrhead Arts Council provides a bursary of \$500 to a graduate who has successfully completed Music 30 or Drama 30. Preference will be given to a student pursuing studies in these areas. The recipient must provide proof of enrollment into a post secondary educational institution to collect the award.

The Good Samaritan Award (\$500)

The Good Samaritan Award has been established by the Gonam Raju family to recognize selfless behavior and community involvement by one of Barrhead Composite High School's graduated students. The intention of the award is to show how a student has made a difference in our community so that others are empowered and inspired to do the same. Everyone has an important part to play in our community and everyone can make a difference. **There is no application required for this award.**

Category A - continued

Tracy Meunier Memorial Scholarship (\$1000)

This award is established to honor the memory of Tracy Meunier. Born in 1962, Tracy Jean Lindquist spent most of her life in public education, first as a student and then as a career. Tracy attended school from grades 1 through 12 in the town of Barrhead. Tracy graduated from Barrhead in 1980 and enrolled in the Business program at NAIT. Tracy was married to Neil Meunier in 1983 and they settled on a farm south of Barrhead in the Mosside area. Tracy began her career with the County of Barrhead in 1984 and continued until 1995 when the school boards across the province of Alberta were separated from their respective municipalities and amalgamated together. The schools from the County of Barrhead, Town of Swan Hills, and MD of Westlock were formed to make Pembina Hills School Division.

Tracy was the first treasurer for Pembina Hills School Division when it was established in 1995. During her employ at Pembina Hills School Division, Tracy earned her CGA designation which was later changed to CMA designation. Tracy worked as treasurer and then secretary treasurer for 25 years at Pembina Hills until her retirement in 2020. Tracy was valued and respected not just for her leadership and financial acumen but also for her kind and respectful treatment of all employees of the division. Tracy left a lasting impression at Pembina Hills. The Boardroom at Pembina Hills School Division has been renamed the *Tracy J Meunier Board Room* to honor her contributions to the school division and to establish her legacy. Tracy was a strong believer in education, community involvement, volunteerism and family.

Preference will be given to a student pursuing a degree in business and displays qualities that were important to Tracy.

Lorna Stutchbury Memorial Scholarship (\$500)

This scholarship was established in 2019 in memory of Lorna Stutchbury, a long time resident of Barrhead. Education was always very important to Lorna. She attended school in Edmonton at Ross Shepard High School and was the valedictorian her Grade 12 year. She then attended University to become a school teacher. In 1963 after her marriage to Bill, Lorna moved to Barrhead where she taught school and raised a family. Lorna was very active in the community volunteering in many capacities over the years with organizations such as Kinettes. This scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled in either the Education or Science faculty. Proof of enrolment into a post secondary institution must be provided.

Dorine St. Pierre Memorial Scholarship (\$500)

Established in 2017 in memory of Dorine St. Pierre, the French Monitor and French Immersion Program Assistant at Barrhead Elementary School. Dorine was a long time advocate for the French Immersion Program and was very committed to the success of the program. The students she worked with appreciated her positive influence and cheerful attitude. Preference will be given to a graduate who is pursuing studies at the Faculte Saint-Jean or studying for a career in Education. Proof of enrolment into a post-secondary institution must be provided.

Pay-it-Forward 2026 Scholarship (3X \$650)

The Graduation class of 1990-1992 is offering 3 scholarships to students of the 2026 graduating class to help further their post secondary education. This pay-it-forward opportunity is a one time opportunity, with the hopes that your graduation class will do the same for a future group of students graduating from Barrhead Composite High School.

- \$650 from the class of 1990 - for a grade 12 student in the industrial sector, (mechanics, carpentry, welding)
- \$650 from the class of 1991- for a grade 12 student in arts (photography, drama, art, graphic arts, design)
- \$650 from the class of 1992 - for a grade 12 student in the health services, food studies (culinary arts), cosmetology

The student that applies should be able to give the reason why they deserve the scholarship and what they intend to put the fund towards.

Category B: Scholarships (selected by Community Groups)

Nolan Preugschas BarrWest Pork Award (\$1500)

Established in memory of Nolan Preugschas, a grade twelve student in 1996 – 97. This memorial award is given by BarrWest Pork Limited and the Preugschas Family to a student who is pursuing post secondary studies in an agricultural or business related field. Preference will be given to an applicant who has been involved with 4-H The recipient must provide proof of enrollment into a post secondary educational institution to collect the award.

Barrhead Elks Foundation Award (2 @ \$1500)

This award will be given to two students who have demonstrated an interest in volunteering and good citizenship. The award began in 2003 and the focus is the common good of people as a whole. Volunteering in the community is a significant factor in selecting the successful applicant. Examples of volunteerism would be participation in the Cool Camp program as a teen leader, SADD, graduation council, leadership council, 4-H groups, girl guides, scouts, coaching extracurricular teams, and school and community events. A reference letter from one of the groups that accepted the volunteering student is required.

Math/Science Excellence Award (2 X \$500)

This award will be given to a graduate who has excelled in their high school math (1 award) and science courses (1 award). Active involvement within community and/or school activities must be demonstrated. Eligible students must also qualify for the Rutherford Scholarship. Preference will be given to students enrolling in a math and/or science post-secondary program. Proof of enrollment in a post-secondary institution is required.

Category B: Scholarships (selected by Community Groups)

Shantell Storseth & Vicky Luciuk Memorial Scholarship (\$1500)

Established in 2001 in memory of Shantell Storseth and Vicky Luciuk, grade 11 students who tragically lost their lives in a vehicle accident. Scholarships of \$1500 will be awarded as selected by the BCHS Scholarship Selection Committee. Preference will be given to graduates who meet the requirements to be eligible for Rutherford Scholarship Funds, participate in at least three competitive sport activities such as a school sports team, Barrhead Minor Ball, Barrhead Minor Hockey or achieving a high level in any other sport.

Graduates are required to submit written applications to "The Vicky Luciuk & Shantell Storseth Scholarship Selection Committee" , c/o BCHS, including their goals and objectives in pursuing further education. Include which post secondary school and intended program of study and applications must include confirmation of their high school marks by a school official.

Preference may be given to applicants pursuing medical related fields of study. Recipients must provide proof of registration at a recognized post-secondary institution prior to collecting this award.

Lowell Cramer Memorial Award (\$500)

The Lowell Cramer Memorial Award was established by the MTM Agricultural Society. It is available to any graduate in financial need who will be furthering his/her education in agriculture or a related field such as animal health or veterinary medicine. Selection will be made by the MTM Agricultural Society from applications received by BCHS. The recipient must provide proof of enrollment at a post secondary educational institution.

Category B (selected by Community Groups)

Barr-North Veterinary Clinic Scholarship (\$500)

The Barr-North Veterinary Clinic would like to offer a \$500 scholarship to a student enrolled in post secondary education. Preference will be given to students who have shown an interest in large or small animal husbandry .

Barrhead Agricultural Society Scholarship (3 X \$1,500)

The Barrhead Agricultural Society provides three awards of \$1,500 each to students who are pursuing a career in one of the following: Agricultural Related Studies, Community Programs or Trade Schools. The successful applicant must reside in the Barrhead area and have attended High School in Barrhead. Opportunity to attend the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies Convention will be provided/encouraged. Priority will be given to students entering their first year of post secondary studies but second year students will also be considered.

UNA Registered Nurse Bursary (2 X \$1000)

UNA Local 136 Barrhead will be awarding a scholarship of \$1000 to a BCHS student enrolled in the first year of an approved Bachelor of Nursing (BN), Bachelor of Science of Nursing, (BScN), Registered Psychiatric Nursing post secondary program in Alberta. The recipient must provide proof of enrollment into a registered nursing program at a post secondary institution to collect the award. UNA promotes Respect, Retention and Recruitment for nursing in Alberta. Our hope is that having a student from Alberta and especially rural Alberta will result in that person staying in Alberta and potentially working in a rural site.

Category B (selected by Community Groups)

Mike Miller Memorial Scholarship (\$1000)

This scholarship has been established in memory of Mike Miller a long time resident of Barrhead. Mike grew up in Barrhead and raised his two daughters here. Mike was actively involved in hockey, school sports and thoroughly enjoyed fishing, quadding, snowmobiling and camping. When Mike was only 39 years old he passed away from cancer. Scholarships of \$1000 will be selected and awarded by the Miller Family. Preference will be given to graduates who participated in Barrhead Minor Hockey for a minimum of 5 years and have plans to pursue a career in any of the trade schools.

ATA Building Futures Scholarship (\$1000)

Donated by Pembina Hills Local 22 of the Alberta Teachers' Association. Each year one bursary will be awarded to a high school student from Pembina Hills School Division who was in an inclusive education or alternate education program and is enrolled in a post-secondary program. A letter of application must be made directly to the Local Executive Committee who will choose the recipient from the applications received. Applications can be submitted to (secretary@local22.ca)