

THANK YOU!

Your generosity and thoughtfulness make a difference to a young person's future.

A Message from the President



Anne Pistawka COBSS President

"I would like to thank all of the community donors that have given so generously to support Central Okanagan graduating students in their post secondary dreams at this pivotal point in their lives. Your gifts have honoured students' accomplishments, the values of your organization, and in some cases the memory of a loved one in such a meaningful way. Congratulations on your contribution to building a strong community by supporting young people in their pursuit of further education."

1/3

of COBSS Awards are SCHOLARSHIPS:

Students receive scholarships based on ACADEMICS however they can be determined by student PARTICIPATION in Extra Curricular Involvement or a combination of Academics, Participation and Need.

2/3

of COBSS Awards are BURSARIES:

Students receive bursaries based on NEED first; ACADEMICS and PARTICIPATION are then taken into consideration.

2013 COBSS AWARDS

652
Student Applicants

503 Awards

Total Value of Awards

\$391,985

AMAZING!

That's because of you DONORS!

In Loving Memory...

This year COBSS was honoured to distribute 120 MEMORIAL AWARDS contributed by you in memory of your loved ones.

The legacy of your loved one lives on by your contribution to our future generation.

INTERESTING FACTS

- COBSS is now 42 years old!
 We continue to give thanks to our
 three remaining COBSS Founders:
 Ken Harding, Harry Dewar and
 Lou Dedinsky.
- COBSS is a very unique organization made up of generous donors, approximately 30 volunteers, representatives from eleven schools in the Central Okanagan, and one paid part-time administrative financial assistant.
- Our understanding is that we are the only organization of this kind in Canada.
- COBSS volunteers collectively spend more than 600 hours over a 7 day period allocating bursaries and scholarships each year.



A Message from our Founder

Reminiscing about the spirit that sparked the creation of COBSS in 1971-72, cofounder Ken Harding offers this challenge to the community:

"Look at the past and look at what COBSS has done for the community, and look at what it's done for the young people in the community and what it can do in the future. It's fantastic what can happen. Not all families can afford to send their child to post secondary education, and this just gives them a leg up and starts them on the road that they wanted to be on. I am really quite proud of COBSS and the way it's been handled and the way the volunteers get in and pitch in... and it's quite remarkable as far as I'm concerned."

Ken Harding
COBSS Cofounder

Messages from Student Recipients:

"In my opinion, there could be no better graduation present"

"The COBSS Founder's Award has helped alleviate the financial burden of college... The Financial support that I have received from COBSS has helped make college a reality for me."

"Your generosity has put me one step closer to my goal and I am very appreciative. I hope that one day I can help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me achieve mine."

"Thank you for helping me into my future in carpentry."

"I would like to thank you sincerely for your contribution to my academic journey. The gift you have given me will aid me in reaching my ultimate goal of becoming a doctor."

A Special Thanks to COBSS Donors

I consider it a great privilege to write on behalf of the Central Okanagan School District's 3,000 staff members and offer a sincere thank you to all the donors who generously support the Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society. With 22,000 students in our care, close to 2,000 of whom are in the current grade 12 class, the needs of our graduates are many.

According to the State of the Child Report published by the CATCH organization (Community Action Toward Children's Health), 23% of children aged 0-17 are living in poverty in the Central Okanagan. Tragically, this number rose by almost 12% between 2006 and 2010, clearly indicating that many of our current graduates do not have the financial wherewithal to be able to engage in post-secondary programs. Many of these young people are coming from families who are struggling to make ends meet. To illustrate this point, according to Statistics Canada, between 2007 and 2011 the monthly food bill for a family of four went up by 30%. Providing for the basic necessities of life is all that many of our parents can do for their children.

Having said this, I can assure you that the vast majority of our students are cognitively very capable, and they can be successful in a wide array of post-secondary programs, if only given the chance. We're fortunate in the Central Okanagan to have a variety of program options available to our students following their grade 12 year. What so many of them need is the financial incentive that an award through COBSS provides to get them started. Once entered in a program, these same students will recognize that they can be successful and that there are other financial supports available that can help them achieve their dreams.

Thank you for being a donor to COBSS. I realize that your reasons for donating are many, however, I can assure you that the results are the same. In each case you are improving the life chances for a young person in our community, who in turn will have the opportunity to 'pay it forward' in the future.

Hugh Gloster Superintendent of Schools Central Okanagan School District

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A Message from our Treasurer

As the Treasurer for COBSS, one question I am frequently asked is why does the organization charge a \$25.00 administration fee? It is a question I welcome as it gives us an opportunity to inform people about the process each and every award goes through and how COBSS works hard to maintain transparency within our organization.

On average there are 600 applications for approximately 500 awards. To grant each award the following steps must be taken:

- **1.** Donor contracts must be drafted and signed. This usually involves multiple meetings and/or correspondence until the process is complete.
- **2.** The award must be set up in the systems the financial accounting system, the database of awards and the student application system.
- **3.** Donor money must be received and receipted correctly following the Canada Revenue Agency's guidelines for registered charities and entered correctly in the financial accounting system.
- **4.** Once allocation of awards is complete, a certificate must be drafted for every award and distributed to each school.
- **5.** COBSS receives the certificate of award from the Post Secondary Institute where the student has registered, COBSS verifies that the post secondary institution is an acceptable school under the Canada Revenue Agency rules, records the award in their financial accounting system and sends a cheque directly to the post secondary institution for payment.
- **6.** COBSS monitors the current year awards while starting the process for next year's awards.
- **7.** COBSS prepares annual financial statements for the annual general meeting and prepares and files an annual charity tax return with the Canada Revenue Agency.

This list is by no means exhaustive but is meant to give a general overview of the process each and every award goes through. I find that once people understand the process, the \$25 administration fee attached to each award represents good value for services received.

We are very grateful for the generosity of our donors who help to make post secondary school a reality for our Okanagan graduating students.

Deb daSilva Chartered Accountant, KPMG COBSS Volunteer

The "Return for Deposit" Epiphany

Like so many things in life, this started as a simple need to get rid of the "Return For Deposit" excess in our home. It was a necessary evil that was often a chore. There were times when I'd drive to the bottle exchange and just hand my bag to whomever was standing in front of me in the line and let them take home the coins. Then, one day I thought I should start throwing this change into a Ziplock bag and see how much would collect in a few months. It really didn't take long before I had a surprising amount of cash. That was when I experienced an epiphany!! I knew I had to take that cash and give it away.



I had only just learned about COBSS and this was my opportunity. I spread the word amongst our friends and told them my plan. I promised I would relieve them of all their "Return for Deposits" any time they called. I have been so fortunate to have such great support for this small, but significant, project.

I've taken it to a whole new level of "harassment" and have been known to tear just-emptied water bottles out of people's hands. There is no one and no event that is immune to my relentless pursuit of returnables. Even our dog was trained to grab the cans and water bottles from the ditch on our walks. There is always a downside to every endeavour and the sorting is just that. It's not that it's a dirty job, it's just that our neighbours are starting to think that there is wa-a-a-y too much partying going on at our house.

My sorting happens about every three weeks and I'm always a little embarrassed by the excessive crashing of bottles and cans that can be heard from our garage. The new neighbours next door have been taking quite a wide berth around our house! But, they're next on my list! I am so thrilled to be able to make a small contribution to the education of one young student from this community. It takes us so little time and effort and we know that it can make all the difference in their lives.

COBSS is a truly remarkable organization; I still can't believe how fortunate the students and the contributors are to have this amazing society. So, armed with my bags and boxes I'm working toward next year's contribution to our "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" bursary. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could turn one into two?

Eleanor Rusk
The Three R's Bursary

A New Donor's Experience

Our whole experience with COBSS has been nothing short of great. A year ago we hosted a celebration of our store's 10th Anniversary because we wanted to give back and thank the community for all the support we have received.

My wife's involvement with COBSS led us to our decision of donating the funds raised from the Anniversary event to this organization. By attending two of the donor days myself, reading through applications to pick our two candidates and seeing the hard work by organized volunteers, I now have a new perspective. It truly has been a wonderful experience for us.

Our only wish is to help spread the word about COBSS and the wonderful job this organization does for the students of our school district.

Greg & Beate Evtushevski Chevy's Source For Sports



Thank you School District #23 for covering the cost of printing this newsletter

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This is our first newsletter. We are interested in your feedback, questions or concerns. Also, if you know anyone who may be interested in starting a bursary, please contact the COBSS office at:

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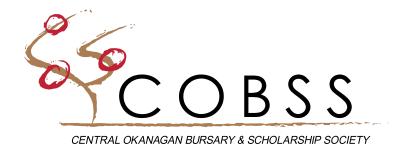


empowering generations to give.



The Central Okanagan Foundation, working through COBSS, provides scholarships or bursaries from their donors for students in the Central Okanagan. Through the generosity of COF donors, the COF is able to distribute 66 awards this year totalling \$62,250.

A huge "thank you" to SD#23 for all you do for COBSS. We couldn't survive without you!



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THE COST OF EDUCATION – A COMPARISON						
	Okanagan College Heavy Duty Mechanic	Okanagan College University Transfer (Arts)	University of BC Okanagan (Arts)	University of Victoria (Arts)	University of Calgary (Arts)	
Tuition	\$4,860	\$3,887	\$4,700	\$4,959	\$5,365	
School Based Extended Health/Dental			\$937	\$739	\$1,022	
Student Fees						
BC Medical	Studen \$432	ts may have independent medical cover \$432	age through a parent's employer & co \$432	\$432	\$432	
Books & Supplies	\$800+	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	
Residence (Double Room)	live at home	live at home	live at home	room & food package deal \$6,508	\$3,271	
Food (Small Plan)	eat at home	eat at home	eat at home		\$3,025	
TOTAL	\$6,014	\$6,319	\$8,069	\$14,638	\$15,115	

In 2012, Central Okanagan students cashed their COBSS awards at the following government accredited institutions

Algonquin College
Apprenticeship Programs (Tools)
Capilano University
Carleton University
Centre for Arts & Technology
College of the Rockies
Columbia Bible School
Emily Carr Univ. Art/Design
Eston College
Gallaudet Univ. - Washington, DC
Justice Inst of BC
Lethbridge College
Marvel College

MBS Hairdressing

McGill University
Mount Royal College
Nova Scotia Community College
Okanagan College
OK Valley-College of Massage Therapy
Queen's University
Quest University
SAIT Polytechnic
Selkirk College (Nelson)
Simon Fraser University
Sprott Shaw Community College
Trinity Western University
University of Alberta
University of Calgary

University of Fraser Valley
University of Lethbridge
University of Toronto - Music
U of Toronto - Trinity College
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
University of BC - Vancouver
University of BC - Okanagan
Univ. of California Santa Barbara
Univ. Of Sydney Australia
University of Victoria
Vancouver Academy of Music
Vancouver Career College
Vancouver Island University

In 2013, Central Okanagan students from the following schools applied for and received COBSS awards

Central Programs School Ecole de l'Anse-au-sable George Elliot Secondary School Heritage Christian School Immaculata Regional High Kelowna Christian School Kelowna Secondary School Mount Boucherie Secondary Okanagan Adventist Okanagan Mission Secondary Rutland Senior Secondary

Central Okanagan Bursary & Scholarship Society: Donors & Bursaries 2013

Aces/Jonathan Neitsch Memorial Award ACT/UCT Kelowna Council #1002 Bursary ACT/UCT Kelowna West Council #1003 Bursary

Al Jones Memorial - Oyama Firefighters Bursary

Alex Monty Memorial Bursary Alumni & Friends of KSS Awards Am Corrado Memorial Scholarship

Anne McClymont Elementary PAC Bursary

Army, Navy & Air Force Kelowna Unit 376 Bursary

Arthur/Wanda Koss Memorial Award

ARTSCO/CATO

Ashlee Hyatt Memorial Bursary Bankhead Elem PAC Bursary

Barbara Kathleen - St. Paul Butler Textbook Bursary

Barbara Primrose Aaron Memorial Benvoulin Christian Education Bursary

Beta Sigma Phi/Joyce Adam Memorial Bursary

Beth Patterson Memorial Bursary

Big Brothers & Sisters / Norm Williams Mem.

Black Mountain Elem PAC Bursary

Bostock Family Bursary

Bruce Stewart Memorial Award Bryce Essler Memorial Bursary

Buckland Family Bursary

Camp Hatikvah Leadership Bursary

Canada Loyal Financial Award

Canadian Tire/Bert Gostlin Memorial Bursary

Capri Insurance Bursary

Captain Michael J. Black Memorial Award Catherine & Roy Pollard Scholarship Cecil/Vera Moore Engineering Award

Centenary Bursary

Central OK Autoettes of Vintage Car Club Central OK Crime Stoppers Bursary Central OK Naturalists Club Bursary Central OK Retired Teachers Association

CFUW - Kelowna Scholarship Chad Chretien Memorial Bursary Chief Tomat Elem PAC Bursary

Christina Elizabeth Dennett Mem. Bursary

Cliff & Lois Serwa Bursary

COBSS Awards

COBSS Members/Mae Ito Memorial Award

Connor Cochrane Memorial Award Connor Fennessy Memorial Award Constable Neil Bruce PAC Bursary CORE Rugby Development Award Cottonwoods Auxiliary Bursary CUPE Local 3523 Bursary

CUPE Local 3523/Ken Sieben Mem. Bursary CUPE Local 3523/Pat Mullan Mem. Bursary David Kleineberg Memorial Award

Davidson Road Elem PAC Bursary

Dick/Jean Hall Fund

District of West Kelowna Bursary Donald Roome Memorial Bursary

Donna Elliot Award

Doug Evans - Dorothea Walker Elem PAC Bursary

Dr. Alf McLean Bursary
Dr. David Clarke Bursary
Dr. Harold R. Henderson Bursary
Dr. Knox Middle School PAC Bursary
Dr. Lance Richard Memorial Bursary
Dr. Ron Rubadeau Bursary Fund

Ecole Casorso Elem PAC - English Bursary Ecole Casorso Elem PAC - French Bursary

Eileen Morrissey Memorial Award

Elaine Cameron Memorial Music Bursary

Eleanor Morrison Bursary

Ella Alice Lindsay Memorial Bursary Ellison Parks & Rec. Society Bursary Eloise Moore Allan Memorial Bursary Elsie Burnell Pursuit of Education Award

Emil Gundrum Memorial Bursary Encompass Benefits Scholarship Eugene Yablonski Memorial Award Evelyn Mushta Memorial Bursary Evtushevski Family Scholarship

Flett Family Bursary Frank Webster Award

Frank Wostradowski Award of Excellence

Garth Nelson Carpentry Bursary

Genoveffa Russo & Daughter Cynthia Bursary

George Elliot Memorial Bursary George Pringle Elem PAC Bursary Gerry Brumpton Memorial Bursary Gerry Robertson Memorial Bursary Gertrude Adams Memorial Bursary

Girl Guides Of Canada/Central Okanagan Division

Glen Mervyn Memorial Scholarship
Glenmore Elementary PAC Award
Glenrosa Elementary PAC Bursary
Glenrosa Middle School PAC Bursary
Gordon Finlay Memorial Award
Gordon MacLean Memorial Bursary
Gorman Bros. Lumber Bursary
Grace Lutheran Education Award
Gyro Club Of Kelowna Bursary
Hank Grenda Memorial Award
Hans Peter Schaeffer Memorial Bursary

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Harbans & Narinder Kaloti Memorial Bursary

Harold Murray Memorial Bursary Harold/Marina Pettman Bursary

Harris & Company LLP Law 12 Scholarship

Hayley Pipher Swimming Award Helen Gorman Elementary PAC Bursary

Holland-Rusk Scholarship Hudson Road Elem PAC Bursarv lan Snow Memorial Bursary

Ida & Al Vecchio Bursary (Languages)
Ida & Al Vecchio Bursary (Medicine)
Interior Savinos Credit Union Bursary

IODE - Dr. W. J. Knox Bursary

IODE - Jack McMillan Scholarship IODE - Lee Taylor Memorial Bursary IODE - Mary I. Kerr Memorial Bursary

IOOF - Orchard City Lodge #59 Bursary Jacqui Rickard Memorial Bursary

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Jane C. Alton Scholarship

Jeff Bajer Mem. /OKM Volunteer Fire Dept.

Jean Wilson - Dique Bursary
Jesse Mirko Casorso PAC Bursary
Jessica Jack Memorial Bursary
Jim/Peggy Battershill Memorial Award

Joan E. Chamberlain Memorial Scholarship

Joe Rich Fire Department Award Joe Zwaagstra Memorial Award John/Nancy Woodworth Awards

Josie Evans Award

Kay & Russ Hawley Family Bursary

Kelowna & District Assoc.of Japanese Canadians Kelowna & District Dental Society Award Kelowna & District Fish & Game Club Award Kelowna Branch OK Historical Society Bursary

Kelowna Calligraphy Guild Bursary Kelowna Canadian Italian Club Bursary

Kelowna Capital News Bursary Kelowna Central Lions Club Bursary

Kelowna Chapter Adoptive Families Association

Kelowna Christian School Awards Kelowna Curling Club Bursary Kelowna Daily Courier Bursary

Kelowna Golf & Country Club Junior Development Kelowna Hospital Auxiliary Educational Award

Kelowna Medical Imaging Bursary Kelowna Minor Football Award Kelowna Minor Hockev Bursary

Kelowna Minor Lacrosse/Andy Woods Memorial Kelowna Professional Firefighters Bursary

Kelowna Skating Club Bursary

Kelowna Ultimate Players Society Young Athlete

Kelowna United FC Soccer Award

Kelowna Youth Soccer/Ron Hatch Memorial

Kenneth B. Day Memorial Bursary Kerri Lynne Chilton Memorial Bursary KGCC Bryce Essler Memorial Bursary Kiwanis Club Of Kelowna - Summit Bursary

KLO Middle School PAC Bursary

Knights Of Columbus - Our Lady of Lourdes

Council 8520 Bursary Koss Family Award Krueger Electrical Bursary KSS Rugby Scholarship

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Lake Country Chamber Of Commerce Business

Lake Country Family Practice Associates

Lake Country Garden Club

Lake Country Museum Arnold Award

Lake Country Youth Soccer Association

Lance & Michelle Marshall Scholarship

Larry Nicholas Memorial Bursary

Laura & George Macdonnell Memorial Bursary

Lake Country ArtWalk Fine Arts Award

Leonora & Dwight Moody Bursary

Lillian Ayres Citizenship Award

Lillian Nesbitt Moore Memorial Bursary

Linden Jared Allen Memorial Award

Lioness Club - Westbank Bursary

Lions Club - Kelowna Central Bursary

Lions Club - Kelowna/Orchard City Bursary

Lions Club - Kelowna/Rutland Bursary

Lions Club - Kelowna/Rutland - Alan Patterson

Memorial

Lions Club - Lake Country/Winfield

Lions Club - Okanagan Mission Bursary

Lions Club - Peachland Scholarship/Bursary

Lions Club - Westbank

Lions Westbank - Stu Tunningley Memorial

Lonny Tanner Memorial Bursary

Lori Whyte Memorial Bursary

Louise Booth Memorial

Margaret Carney Memorial Bursary

Margaret-Anne Smith Memorial Bursary

Market Place IGA - Lake Country

Mary Catherine Neave Memorial Bursary

May Bennett Memorial Bursary

McMillan/McKenzie Brothers Bursary

Mildred Lyness Moore Bursary

Mindy Tran Memorial Bursary

Mt. Boucherie Secondary School Awards

Mt. Boucherie Secondary PAC Bursary

National Bank Financial Leadership Award

Nor-Val Rentals Bursary

Oceola Fish & Game Club Bursary

Okanagan Business Excellence Award

Okanagan Gymnastics Centre Scholarship

Okanagan Japanese United Church Bursary

OK Mainline Real Estate Board Central Div.

Okanagan Mission Secondary Grad Parents Award

Okanagan Mission Resident's Assn. Award

Okanagan Mission Secondary Awards

Okanagan Mission Secondary PAC Award

OK Mission Youth Soccer Association Award

Okanagan Young Authors' Conference Award

Order Of Eastern Star - Grand Representative Oyama Traditional School Bursary

Paddy Malcolm English Award

Pat Underhill Bursary

Paul Leinemann Construction Bursary

Peachland Beach Run Memorial Bursary

Peachland Elementary PAC Bursary

Peachland-Corp. of the District of Peachland

PEO Sisterhood Bursary

Peter & Mary Wiens Bursary

Peter Greer Elem PAC

Piano Performance Scholarship

Quality Greens Farm Market Award

Rachael Geisthardt/Townsend Memorial Award

Ray Bostock Memorial Bursary

Raymer Elementary PAC Bursary

Regency Retirement Resorts Bursary

Rev Albert Baldeo Memorial Award

Robert Blaskovits Memorial Bursary

Roger Tait Memorial Award

Rose Valley PAC Award

Rotary Club - Kelowna/Capri Bursary

Rotary Club - Kelowna /Downtown Bursary

Rotary Club - Ogopogo/Pat & Bill Fennel

Rotary Club - Okanagan Mission - Continuing

Education

Rotary Club - Sunrise Bursary/Leo Duhammel

Memorial Bursary

Rotary Club - Sunrise Bursary/Wes Gregory

Memorial Bursary

Royal Purple #56 Kelowna

Rutland Elementary PAC Bursary

Rutland Hospital Auxiliary Bursary

Rutland Middle School PAC Bursary

Rutland Minor Baseball

Rutland Senior PAC Bursary

Rutland Volunteer Fire Department Bursary

Rutland Youth Soccer Club Bursary

Sandy Fugger Memorial Scholarship

Sandy Schafer Memorial Art Bursary

 ${\it Schwartz\,\&\,Company\,-'Rob\,MacLeod'\,Memorial}$

Scouts Canada - Central Okanagan Area Award

Sean Proulx Memorial Bursary

Shane Block Memorial Scholarship

Shannon Kuhner Memorial Music Award

Shannon Lake Elementary PAC Bursary

Sharon Porter Memorial Bursary

Shaun Crosby Memorial Hockey Award

Sigh Kobayashi Memorial Bursary

Sonia LaFontaine Memorial Award

Sons Of Norway/Tostenson Memorial Bursary

South Kelowna Elementary PAC Bursary South Rutland Elementary PAC Bursary

Springvalley Middle School Bursary

St. Charles Garnier Catholic Women's' League

St. George's Masonic Lodge #41 Bursary

St. Theresa's Catholic Women's League Of Canada

Stewart-Jensen Award

Tara Lynn MacKinlay Memorial Bursary

Temie Ann Harding Memorial Bursary

The Three R's Bursary

Tiffany Andrews Memorial Award

Tom Carney Memorial Bursary

Tony Pilato Memorial Bursary

Travis Lefebvre Dosch Memorial Bursary

Tri Lake Animal Hospital

Truswell Memorial Bursary

Tyler O'Farrell Memorial Bursary

Tyler Weston Citizenship Bursary

Vocals Unlimited Music Bursary

W.A.C. Bennett Memorial Bursary

Wally Engbrecht/Rotary Club Okanagan Mission

Watson Road PAC Award

West Kelowna Warriors Jr. Hockey Club

Westbank Elem. PAC Bursary

Westside Elks #592 Bursary

Westside Firefighters Assoc/Jack Maddock

Memorial Bursary

Westside Minor Hockey Association Award

Westside Youth Soccer Bursary

William Czarneske Memorial Bursary

William Schneider Memorial Bursary

Winfield Auxiliary to KGH Foundation Bursary

Winfield Oldtimers' Sports Assoc/Les Schaffer

Memorial Bursary

Winfield United Church Bursary

Wood Lake Publishing Bursary

