

Notice to all WVMEA Members

2026 WVMEA SCHOLARSHIPS

April 20, 2026



On behalf of your Executive Board, we are pleased to announce that scholarship applications are now available! The WVMEA is offering three **\$2000** scholarships: the **WVMEA Academic Scholarship**, the **WVMEA Trades Scholarship**, and the **WVMEA Visual Arts Scholarship**. The general eligibility requirements for these scholarships remain the same as in past years, the deadlines have been moved up.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. To be eligible for a WVMEA Scholarship the applicant must be:
 - a) a WVMEA member and a secondary school student in grade 12, or the previous year graduate who elected to take a 'gap year,' who is planning to attend a post secondary institution by the year immediately following the scholarship win. The WVMEA member must be an active, dues-paying member on July 31st in the year of application and has been an active, dues-paying member for a minimum of six months during the preceding twelve-month period.
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- b) a secondary school student in grade 12, or the previous year graduate who elected to take a 'gap year,' who is planning to attend a post secondary institution by the year immediately following the scholarship win, and who is the dependent child of WVMEA member. The WVMEA member must be an active, dues-paying member on July 31st in the year of application and has been an active, dues-paying member for a minimum of six months during the preceding twelve-month period.
2. The applicant/member must be in good standing with the Association at the time of the scholarship application and at the time the award is granted.
3. The applicant must be a graduating from a British Columbia high school and enrolled in a program at a recognized post secondary institution.

DESCRIPTIONS OF THE 2026 WVMEA SCHOLARSHIPS

The **WVMEA 2026 Academic Scholarship** award is to aid a student pursuing post-secondary education who has attained exceptional academic achievement in their grade 11 and 12 years. Selection will not be solely based on academic standings, consideration will also be given to community involvement, participation in school activities, volunteer work and paid employment.

The **WVMEA 2026 Visual Arts Scholarship** award is to aid a student who has demonstrated excellence in the Visual Arts and is planning to continue their education and career development in the Visual Arts at a post-secondary institution. The following art forms will be considered for this special scholarship: painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, photography, videography, and comic illustration. Selection will not solely be based on the original art portfolio, consideration will also be given to community involvement, participation in school activities and volunteer work.

The **WVMEA 2026 Trades Scholarship** award is to aid a student pursuing post-secondary training in a recognized Red Seal Trade. This award may be used towards the purchase of tools, equipment, materials, or tuition necessary to continue in their trade. Additional consideration will be given to applicants that were part of the Youth Train in Trades or the Youth Work in Trades programs.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Request a scholarship package by sending an email to info@wvmea.com. Include the full name of the WVMEA member, as well as the full name of the dependent child (if applicable), and indicate which scholarship(s) package(s) you would like to receive.
2. Ensure that eligibility requirements are met.
3. Use the application checklist to confirm that the application package is complete.
4. Submit the completed scholarship application package by no later than **1:00 pm** on **June 15, 2026**.

DETERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Three separate Scholarship Committees will convene in October of this year to recommend the recipients of the scholarships for consideration to the Executive. The WVMEA Executive will then select the successful recipient from those recommended by the Committee. The winners will be announced by no later than August 31, 2026.