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Here are the details of the Support and Resources from BCCWITT - BC Center for Women in the Trades as well as other resources that they had listed;

## FUNDING, GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES, & TAX CREDITS

**BCCWITT Trades Training & Employment Program** – We provide supports, training, funding, and employment matching in the skilled trades industry for eligible women.

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### WHAT WE SUPPORT

Eligible participants may receive funding and supports for:

- Career exploration
- Essential skills assessment
- Resume preparation and interview skills development
- Networking and mentorship with other tradespeople
- Short-term occupational certificates including Occupational First Aid, Fall Arrest, Elevated Work Platforms, Confined Spaces, SiteReadyBC
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required for training or employment
- Tools required for training or employment
- Childcare and transportation supports

**Apprenticeship Incentive Grant (AIG) and Apprenticeship Completion Grant (ACG)** – The Apprenticeship Incentive Grant (AIG) helps you pay for expenses while you train as an apprentice in a Designated Red Seal Trade: It is a taxable cash grant of \$1,000 per year or level, for a lifetime maximum amount of \$2,000 per person, awarded to registered apprentices. The ACG is a one-time taxable cash grant lifetime amount of \$2,000 per person for registered apprentices who complete their apprenticeship training and obtain their journey person certification.

**WorkBC Apprentice Services** – Apprentice financial supports are available to eligible apprentices while they're completing their classroom apprenticeship training. See if you're eligible, learn how to apply and access online supports.

**StudentAid BC's list of grants, scholarships, and other financial supports** – There are many available grants, scholarships and other non-repayable financial supports available that can help with the cost of post-secondary education when you are taking out a student loan, including apprenticeship training.

**StudentAid BC** – You can get a loan to help pay for your foundation or pre-apprentice programs. StudentAid BC provides loans for post-secondary education.

**Training tax credit for apprentices** – The training tax credit provides refundable income tax credits for apprentices enrolled in programs administered through the Industry Training Authority (ITA).

**Canada Student Grant for Full-Time Students with Dependants** – This grant is available to full-time students with dependants in financial need. You are automatically assessed when you apply for student aid with your province or territory.

**Canada Apprenticeship Loan** – The Canada Apprenticeship Loan is an initiative of the Government of Canada to help you complete your apprenticeship in a designated Red Seal trade. With the Canada Apprenticeship Loan, you can get up to \$4,000 in interest-free loans per period of technical training.

**Tuition Tax Credit for Examination Fees** – You can claim a tax credit for examination fees you pay to write certification exams as long as the license or certification allows you to practice a trade in Canada. Be sure to save the official receipt to support your claim.

**Tradesperson Tools Tax Deduction** – Tradespeople can deduct the cost of eligible tools purchased each year from their taxes.

**Irving K Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society Indigenous Award** – The Society offers Indigenous Award programs for students pursuing post-secondary education in BC, including trades training. They are available to students who identify as Indigenous – First Nations (Status or Non-Status), Métis or Inuit. All are renewable in order to provide sustained funding over multiple years (\$1000-\$5000).

**ACTIMS Women In Trades Awards/Bursaries Program** – The Women In Trades Awards/Bursaries Program was created to recognize women who are members of the Canadian Building Trades, and to bring awareness of employment opportunities for women in the skilled trades. This annual award/bursaries program provides 3 recipients each with \$1,500, for a total of \$4,500 in awards.

**Betty Spalton Scholarship** – The Betty Spalton Trust Fund was established in 1999 to provide financial support to individuals obtaining an education in fields associated with the road building and heavy construction industry. Promoting diversity within the industries is a goal of the scholarship, applicants of all backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. The fund honours Betty Spalton, an industry and Association leader who made important contributions to our sector. The Betty Spalton Scholarship is merit-based, and awards the successful candidate(s) \$1,500 to be used for study and living expenses.

**TransAlta Women in Trades Scholarship** – On an annual basis, TransAlta offers scholarship awards of up to \$3,000 for eligible students who are enrolled in trades programs across our operating jurisdictions and who are working towards meeting their education career goals in a range of technical trades.

**Soroptimist's Live Your Dream Awards** – Soroptimist's Live Your Dream Awards program is a unique education award for women who provide the primary financial support for their families. The Live Your Dream Awards give women the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects.

**Minerva BC's Education Awards** – Minerva BC's Education Awards program helps women pursue post-secondary education and create a better future for themselves, their families and communities. The awards are made possible by the generosity of donors and educational institutions in BC who believe in the importance of education for future success. The benefits to these women are immediate and long-lasting.

**The Mott Electric GP Women in Trades Training Fund** – The Mott Electric GP Women in Trades Training Fund is designed to support women entering into or continuing education in the electrical trades. Bursaries may be used for tuition fees or textbooks.

**EFC Scholarships for Western Canada** – Electro-Federation Canada (EFC) is a national, not-for-profit industry association that represents over 220 member companies that manufacture, distribute, market, and sell a wide range of electrical and automation products. Apply for up to 3 scholarships for assistance pursuing post-secondary education in a discipline which targets a career in the Electrical industry, including electrician trades training.

**New Relationship Trust Foundation** – The New Relationship Trust Foundation is pleased to offer Bursaries to Certificate, Diploma, Associates Degrees, and/or Trades to interested and eligible

Indigenous students. Eligible students who are enrolled in a post-secondary institution and remain in good academic standing are encouraged to apply for an NRT Foundation Bursary. Successful applicants are eligible for a maximum of two years of funding in the same field.

**Indspire's Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships and Awards (BBF) Program** –

Indspire's Building Brighter Futures program opens doors through education. Since 2004, Indspire has provided over \$153 million in financial support through more than 49,000 bursaries, scholarships and awards to First Nations, Inuit and Métis students. All Building Brighter Futures donations are matched by the Government of Canada, allowing us to be double the impact for students.

**CCW Women in Construction Bursary** – The CCW Women in Construction Bursary is an award established to provide offers four bursaries in the amount of \$2,500.00 each to women who are a current resident in B.C., and either currently enrolled in any full-time construction-related credential program in B.C., or currently enrolled in a trades training program in B.C.; or have graduated from a trades training program within the last year and are seeking financial assistance with provisioning of tools and equipment related to her chosen trade.

**WHVACR Scholarship Program** – Women in HVACR is delighted to be able to increase our scholarship award amount to offer multiple \$2000.00 scholarships, open to females, high school seniors or older preparing to enter into the HVACR industry either through a technical college or trade school.

**CAWIC Bursaries** – One of CAWIC's mandates is to promote education and encourage women to pursue careers in the construction industry. To this end, each year we organize several fundraising events, and a portion of the proceeds are allocated to our bursary fund. Each year our Bursary Committee selects the successful recipients of several \$1,500.00 bursaries from a list of applicants. These recipients are chosen based on meeting the required criteria.

**Credit Unions of BC Bursary Program** – Provides education awards to British Columbia resident post-secondary students in need of financial assistance for academic, technological, or vocational training at accredited schools within the province. Awards are also given to mature students upgrading their basic education and skills to allow them to enter the workforce.

**LNG Canada Trades Training Fund** – Designed specifically to support industry and apprenticeship training for the construction and related trades in BC, the LNG Canada Trades Training Fund will be of particular interest to small employers in BC who would like help covering costs of Foundation or Apprenticeship training for an employee interested in developing their skills in high demand trades.

**NTP-Stag Canada RV Industry Personnel Bursary Programs** – For the RV service technician, seven bursaries valued at \$1,000 and one bursary valued at \$1,500 are available. For the RV fixed operations personnel, eight bursaries valued at \$500 are available.

**Trans Mountain Adult Education Bursaries** – Starting 2021 and for a period of 10 years, the Lower North Thompson Community Forest Society will be making available and disbursing a total of \$6,650 per year in adult education bursaries to successful adult (19+) applicants residing within the District of Barriere or Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) Area 'O' and who are enrolled or entering into a trades, technology or environmental program within 18 months of the application deadline.

**Paige Family Foundation Bursary** – The Paige Family Foundation Bursary program is designed to provide financial resources to assist student's pursuing Post-Secondary Education in one of the following:

- Apprenticeship or Trades certification or diploma programs.
- University/ College / Institute certificate, diploma or degree program.

We believe knowledge is power and that everyone should have access to pursue the education they desire. The Paige Family is proud to fund a number of bursaries that play an essential role in enabling students to achieve their education goals. The purpose of the bursaries is to increase the opportunity for those who face obstacles and barriers to post-secondary education. Bursaries will be awarded based

upon need, personal circumstance, academic qualification, and perseverance. If you have the desire, ambition, and dedication to pursue education, but find yourself facing an obstacle based on a gap in financial resources, our bursaries are designed for you.

**P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education (PCE)** – The Program for Continuing Education was established in 1973 to provide need-based grants to women in the U.S. or Canada whose education has been interrupted and who find it necessary to return to school to support themselves and/or their families. It is intended to provide one-time need based grants to women who are citizens or legal permanent residents of the United States or Canada for use in completing a degree or certification necessary for improving or gaining skills leading to employment.

**Automotive Retailers Foundation Inc. (ARFI)** – The Automotive Retailers Foundation Inc. (ARFI) is a registered charitable foundation in Canada. The mission of the Automotive Retailers Foundation Inc. is to “engage in the receipt of donations and to conduct charitable activities in Canada for the purpose of advancing education and relieving poverty in Canada, specifically with respect to the automotive trades sector”. Among its other activities, the ARFI provides for bursaries and scholarships to aid students and prospective students in automotive trades training.

**TrustedPros Scholarships** – As the demand for construction and home improvement specialists in Canada and the US continues to grow, the need for skilled tradespeople is increasing by leaps and bounds. This will depend largely on the ability of training programs to turn out highly-qualified individuals who will provide the backbone of the industry. To help ensure that these fields will be able to meet the need for specialized skills in years to come, Toronto-based home improvement platform TrustedPros has instituted a scholarship program. To help qualified applicant meets the demand of rising tuition, TrustedPros will award two yearly scholarships (one to a Canadian resident and the other to a US resident). Each scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000CAD, and will be awarded to qualified applicants enrolled in a residential renovation or construction trade-related course of study. Scholarships winners may apply the funds to the cost of tuition or textbooks.

**CWB Welding Foundation Awards** – The CWB Welding Foundation provides a range of awards and bursaries to help students continue their welding education, including:

- [Forged by Youth Award](#)
- [Hugh A. Krentz Student Award](#)
- [Joseph G. Doria Exemplary Student Award](#)
- [CWB Association Chapter Awards](#)
- [Indspire Indigenous Bursary](#)
- [Nicole LeClair Welding Bursary](#)
- [CWB John Marinucci Bursary](#)

**BC First Nations Forestry Council’s Indigenous Forestry Scholarship Program** – The BC First Nations Forestry Council’s Indigenous Forestry Scholarship Program (IFSP) is designed to provide support for First Nations, Inuit, or Métis Descent students interested in attending full-time studies at a designated post-secondary institution in the following applicable areas:

- Forestry Technician
- Natural Resources
- Environmental Technology
- Business Management
- Business Administration
- Geographic Information Systems

- Forestry Trades:
  - Construction Millwrights and Industrial Mechanics
  - Logging Machine Operator
  - Skidder Operator
  - Heavy-duty Mechanics

**Tools & Tiaras Scholarships** – Tools & Tiaras Inc is committed to advancing the interest of young girls and women who want to pursue non-traditional careers. T&T motivates young girls and women who dream of having a career in the male-dominated construction industry, encouraging young girls and women already in the field to expand their horizon and set them on a path to the peak of their careers. Throughout the year, T&T offers several scholarships to women in both the US and Canada, who are establishing themselves in trades careers. When applications for these scholarships are open, T&T posts the details to social media:

[Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#)

**Camosun College Empowering Women in Trades** – The Camosun Empowering Women in Trades initiative was generously established by The Gwyn Morgan & Patricia Trottier Foundation, Concert Properties, the Washington Foundation and the RBC Foundation in 2017 to support trades training opportunities for women seeking to complete Red Seal apprenticeships in trades such as welding, sheet metal, mechanical, and construction. Support may be available to assist with:

- Educational costs (tuition, student fees, books and supplies)
- Living cost supports (including housing costs)
- Transportation costs
- Child care costs
- Assistance with tools and protective equipment as needed for work
- Mentorship

**VIU Scholarships Awards and Bursaries** – Over \$3.5 million available for Vancouver Island University Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries! The Scholarship, Award and Bursary Program, coordinated through the Financial Aid & Awards office, provides financial assistance, incentives and rewards to eligible students to assist in their pursuit of post-secondary education. Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries are funded by a combination of VIU University funds, government grants and private donations managed by the Vancouver Island University Community Partnerships office. The application process, final approval of student recipients and policies governing the Scholarship, Award and Bursary Program are handled by the VIU Awards Committee made up of representatives from across the institution. Students enrolled in a full time Trades Program must be full-time and continuing to completion.

**North Island College Find A Fund** – Explore our scholarships and bursaries, campaigns, and memorial funds established to enrich opportunities for students and education at North Island College.