**D.6 (Formerly 3620) DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD**

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**POLICY**

School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii) supports the Province of British Columbia Grade Twelve Scholarship Awards program. For the purpose of acknowledging excellence in learning fields other than academic, the Board shall establish annually a District Scholarship and Award Committee as follows:

* Principals from schools enrolling Grade Twelve students.
* Superintendent of Schools or designate (Chairperson).

The District Scholarship and Award Committee shall establish procedures reflecting Provincial criteria and District criteria for the selection of a District Scholarship and Award recipient.

**PROCEDURE**

The following procedures shall establish a District Scholarship and Award, the purpose of which is to acknowledge excellence in learning fields other than academic.

 1. A District Scholarship and Award in the amount of ONE THOUSAND ($1,000.00) DOLLARS may be awarded to a qualified graduating Grade 12 student in School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte).

 2. Two District Scholarships of FIVE HUNDRED ($500.00) DOLLARS may be awarded to two other qualified graduating students in School District No. 50 who proceed to a post-secondary institution to pursue career oriented studies.

To obtain the District Scholarship, qualifying candidates must enrol in and attend a full program in a bona fide post-secondary institution, or a training program which requires secondary school graduation and is approved by the Ministry, normally no later than two years following their graduation. Application for funds must be made to the Ministry or District within this period.

 3. Basic Eligibility Requirements

(a) Candidates must be student attending secondary school in School District No. 50 and registered as a Grade 12 student in BC for a period of not less than four consecutive months;

(b) To be considered, a student must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;

(c) The applicant must complete an application form designed by the District Scholarship Committee;

(d) All applications must be submitted through the Principal to the District Scholarship Committee by June 15;

 4. Criteria for Selection

(a) Candidates must have achieved an average letter grade over the graduation program of at least C+, and completed graduation requirements by June of their graduation year;

(b) Candidates must present to the Scholarship Committee a program of courses which are broadly career oriented. These courses will be selected from other than the Arts and Science concentration. For example, they should be courses involving a technology, those of a vocational nature, or those in the visual and performing arts;

(c) A preference will be given to students who have indicated a strong vocational interest through their Grade XI and Grade XII course selections, as the District Scholarship and Award is intended to encourage students in the pursuit of a vocational/technical diploma or certificate.

(d) Consideration may be given to student involvement in school and community activities.

 5. A social insurance number will be required in order to claim a scholarship and/or award.