



## **Annual Bursary Guidelines for 2011/2012**

There are two \$500 bursaries available for youth if they meet the criteria below.

1. This Bursary is available to all graduating youth who have been involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters as “Littles”, as Mentors or who can demonstrate familial involvement. Preference will also be given to youth who demonstrate financial or social need.
2. Established in 2007, the Bursary may be applied to any field of study deemed adequate to extend the applicant’s training. This can include attendance at a university, vocational, or technical training school. This post-secondary education must be an accredited institution.
3. Applicants will be graduates of grade 12 from School District 33 or School District 78 Sardis, Chilliwack, Agassiz, or Hope.
4. Upon proof of registration, all or part of the award will be paid directly to the educational institution of the student’s choice, and must be used within twelve months of presentation.
5. Applicants must have a “C+” average or better for the final two years of secondary school.
6. Closing date for applicants will be March 5<sup>th</sup> of each year. Any applications received after this date will not be considered. Applications must be completed fully in order to qualify.
7. A personal interview will be required.
8. Applications are available at all public secondary schools within the Upper Fraser Valley region and can be obtained by writing to Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley.
9. Please enclose the following documentation with each application:
  - A short essay of no less than 300 words to describe the importance of mentoring and what the applicant learned as a mentor with BBBS or as a Little Brother or Little Sister.
  - A report from the School Principal or a Teacher outlining the ability, attitude, character and diligence of the applicant.
  - The applicant’s transcript of grades for the last two years of secondary school.
10. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley is not committed to granting a Bursary annually. If no candidate meets the criteria, no Bursary will be given.



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### Bursary Application Form

Applicant's Name (in full): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Post Secondary Education Plans:

Career Goal (s): \_\_\_\_\_

To which institutions have you applied?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Which one do you prefer?    1                      2                      3

Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

Date your preferred program begins: \_\_\_\_\_

How long will it take to complete your program? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Big Buddy Mentor Information:

What program are/were you volunteering in with BBBS?

- After School Program     In-School Program     Big Bunch Program

How long were you matched?

From (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_ To (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Include these documents:

- Essay to describe the importance of mentoring and what you learned.
- Report from your school principal or a teacher describing your ability, attitude, character and diligence.
- Transcript of grades for the last two years of secondary school.