

APPLICATIONS DUE

JUNE
30

OUT OF THE ASHES BURSARY



The **Out of the Ashes (OOTA)** bursary was initiated in 2007 as a prevention initiative by Leann Kopytko, a youth counsellor working in the Raven Program with Day One Society; and was the brainchild of Ron Kopytko, Leann's late husband, who shared her passion for helping youth who are impacted by substance use, affecting lifestyle, relationships, work, or school performance.

The bursary is intended to help people in their recovery journey to reach academic and/or vocational goals.

The vision of the OOTA bursary is to provide educational support to a young person in Kamloops with a minimum of one year recovery time.

It began with a donation from six independent businesspeople in Kamloops. The Society's Board of Directors matched the donation and the first bursary of \$2500 was awarded in 2008. Chosen recipients are supported to continue to strive towards their personal and professional goals.

As of 2022, \$100,000.00 of OOTA Bursaries have been awarded to 45 recipients.

“The support of the community ... is overwhelming; to know I am supported by my community and to see the compassion of my fellow members of society is truly heartwarming. Thanks to the ongoing support, emotional and financial, I am able to work towards my goal of becoming an RN.”

(Andrea H. – Out of the Ashes Bursary recipient)

Bursary Guidelines

Applicant Eligibility Criteria Requirements:

- Applicant must be able to provide a Kamloops home address or have recently moved to Kamloops to attend a local (Kamloops) school facility/program of choice.
- Applicant must have a minimum of one year of recovery time.
- Applicant must be between 17–29 years of age or 30 years and older.
- Applicant must not be currently facing incarceration or outstanding charges.
- Applicant must complete the “Out of the Ashes” Application form (the form can be downloaded from Day One Society website) or may be picked up at the Phoenix Centre: 922–3rd Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

Application must be completed in its entirety and include the following upon submission:

- Written letter/testimonial story of addiction and journey to recovery. The letter should demonstrate applicant’s desire to change, upgrade, begin or continue to advance in a training/educational or vocational program.
- Provide 3 letters of support and contact information from support persons who can attest to applicant’s sobriety. At least two letters must be provided by professionals from your recovery journey.
- Please include application/acceptance letter or proof of course/program enrollment.

The Day One Society Bursary Selection Committee will review all the applications and will notify the successful applicant. Should there be more than one applicant worthy of consideration, a short list and interview will occur. ***Thank you for your interest!***



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