**Process for the Charleston Lake Environmental Association (CLEA) Youth Bursaries for Students Graduating from High School (2024)**

On an annual basis, the CLEA will provide bursaries for three students graduating from high school. There will be one bursary for the Athens District High School (ADHS); one for the Gananoque Intermediate & Secondary School (GISS) and one for a student who is a family member of a current Charleston Lake Association (CLA) member in good standing.

The purpose of these bursaries is to encourage youth who are connected to our area to develop their environmental interests, and to promote environmental activities in their community.

**Criteria for Eligibility**

* The graduating high school student will be enrolling in a post-secondary program in the upcoming school year
* Preferably, the student will be enrolling in a post-secondary program in the field of environmental studies, natural resource management, land use planning, or a similar program.
* If for some reason, ADHS or GISS does not have a student who will be enrolling in such a program, the alternative criteria could include a student who has demonstrated an interest in the environment by attending seminars, camps, programs, or youth summits that promote knowledge in this area.  This could be demonstrated by leading or actively participating in environmental awareness activities within the school of the broader community
* For the third bursary, the graduating student would be a family member (child, grandchild) of a current CLA member in good standing. This student would be graduating from a high school other than ADHS or GISS.

**Selection Process**

* For the two local high schools, assigned school staff will make a determination as to who the successful student will be. The bursary will be awarded at each school’s commencement.
* For the third bursary, the students would forward correspondence to the CLA/CLEA outlining their environmental interests, activities, and intended field of study at a post-secondary institution.The correspondence should also include proof of enrollment at their high school (e.g., a letter of support from the school, on school letterhead, etc.)
* The correspondence can be forwarded via email to: **Info@charlestonlakeassociation.ca****.**
* For this particular bursary, the submission deadline is April 30th.  Once this deadline for applications has passed, a CLA/CLEA sub-committee will meet to select the student who best meets the criteria.
* The successful candidate will then be informed and proof of enrollment would be forwarded to CLA/CLEA by the student or school
* A cheque for the bursary will then be forwarded.

**Amount of Bursary**

For 2024, each bursary will be for the amount of Five-Hundred dollars.

**Feedback to CLA/CLEA board members**

While not required, it would be appreciated if the successful students would forward a note to the board outlining their intended field of studies and planned environmental contributions in their future.