

*Nella Nelson
Legacy
Scholarship
Application
2026*

Please return completed application form to:

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Greater Victoria School District
556 Boleskine Road
Victoria, B.C. V8Z 1E8

OR SCHOOL-BASED COUNSELOR

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION:

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Nella Nelson Legacy Scholarship

MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Completed Application
- Student of Indigenous Ancestry living within Greater Victoria
- Graduating Grade 12 student
- Proof of enrollment in a full-time program at a post-secondary institution or training center.(Proof is required to receive funds also)
- Good scholastic standing - include a copy of transcript for last two years' marks and the most recent semester completed.
- Community involvement.
- Demonstrated leadership abilities.
- One letter of reference from a school counselor, administrator, or teacher
- One personal letter of reference.
- Provide a brief cover letter describing future plans, accomplishments, and explaining why you feel you are a potential candidate for this award.

Scholarship must be claimed within two years of date of award.

Selection by Sponsor:

Representative from Hulitan Family & Community Services Society

Nella Nelson Legacy Scholarship

SPONSOR: Hulitan Family and Community Services

This scholarship is in recognition Nella Nelson, Klaapalasukwela/Maxwagila. Nella is a Kwakwaka'wakw teacher, leader, mentor, advocate, mother, and grandmother. Born within the 'Namgis Nation of Alert Bay, BC, Nella is a member of the Tsawataineuk Nation at Kingcome Inlet. In 1972, Nella moved to Victoria to study at Camosun College and soon transferred to UVic to pursue studies in Anthropology and then Education (BA '77 and BEd '79). Upon graduation, Nella began a lifelong career as a teacher with the Greater Victoria School District working as a high school history teacher and counselor for ten years at S. J. Willis Junior High, Central Junior High, and Victoria High School then becoming the District Coordinator for the Aboriginal Nations Education Division in 1988. In June 2018, Nella retired after over forty years of ground-breaking and thriving educational leadership within Victoria and throughout the province.

- NUMBER:** One Scholarship
- VALUE:** \$1,000.00
- TENURE:** Any full-time program at UVic, UBC, SFU, BCIT, VIU, Camosun College or any other recognized post-secondary education or training centre.
- CRITERIA:**
1. Student with Indigenous Ancestry from the Greater Victoria School District.
 2. Graduating Grade 12 student.
 3. Good scholastic standing (minimum C+ average)
 4. Plans to pursue full-time post-secondary education.
 5. Demonstrated leadership abilities and commitment to community.
- PROCEDURE:**
1. Obtain an application form online at:
<https://ied.sd61.bc.ca/graduation/greater-victoria-sd61-scholarships/> or from your school Indigenous Counselor
Include:
 - a) Completed Application Form.
 - b) Transcript of marks for the current school year.
 - c) Two letters of reference; one from a school administrator or counselor, and one other personal reference.
 - d) A typed personal letter addressed to Hulitan Family & Community Services explaining why you qualify as a candidate and what your specific academic goals are.
 3. Forward application and supporting documents to the Indigenous Education Department or school-based Counselor.

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ADDRESS: Indigenous Education Department
Greater Victoria School District
556 Boleskine Road
Victoria, B.C. V8Z 1E8 **Tel:** 250-475-4124 **Email:** mhofer@sd61.bc.ca

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1. Personal Information

Name _____
Last Name First Name Initial

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ Message _____

E-mail _____

Grade _____ Graduation year/month _____

Birthdate _____

School _____

School Address _____ Postal Code: _____

School Contact Person _____
Full name and Title

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email: _____

Nation Band _____

2. Educational Information

List the last three schools that you attended

Name	City	Dates

List ALL courses you are taking this year:

List any awards or certificates you have received during the last three years (sports, fine arts, citizenship, academic, service)

3. Community Information

List any organizations, clubs, teams, social events you have participated in during the last three years; also include work experience, volunteer work, or jobs that you have had.

4. Leadership Information

List any Leadership positions that you held either at school or in the community during the last three years.

5. Post Graduation Career Plan

What is your personal career goal? Please include where you plan attend school and what program?

6. Additional Information

If you could do something to improve the way of living for Aboriginal people, what would it be?

Give an example of one Indigenous person who has had a positive influence on your life, and tell why.

It is the responsibility of each candidate to ensure that the application is complete, and that all required information, documents and letters are enclosed with the application. Recipients receive funds upon formal registration at a post-secondary institution.

I understand that if I am the recipient of this award, my name and photograph may be used on the Hulitan Family and Community Services Society and Greater Victoria School District website for one year and in publications that may include, but are not limited to, newsletters, bulletins, advertisements and reports.

Signature of Applicant

Date of Application