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## STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** Chief Administrative Officer  
**FROM:** Ronnie Gill, Director of Finance  
**SUBJECT:** 2026 Grant-In-Aid - Scholarships  
**MEETING DATE:** November 25, 2025

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### PURPOSE

The annual request from Lake Cowichan School has been received requesting confirmation of the scholarship amount for 2026. For planning purposes, the school would like confirmation of the award by January 7, 2026.

The school would like to thank Council for their time and commitment to the young people of our community and their future education.

### BACKGROUND

The Town provided two \$1,000 scholarships, in 2025, to students graduating from Lake Cowichan School. The Mayor selected the recipients from the application received.

Last year one award was granted to a student pursuing post secondary education towards a career in the local government sector and the second award was to a student pursuing trades studies.

In 2025, nineteen (19) student applications were received.

### IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Financial:** \$2,000 from the grant-in-aid budget for 2026
- b. **Policy/Legislation:** Grants-in-Aid Policy and forms part of the Five-Year Financial Plan

**c. Strategic Priority:**

This initiative makes a meaningful difference and contribution to the future of youths within the community and falls within the community aspect of Council's strategic priority.

**d. Sustainability:**

N/A

**e. Communication:**

N/A

**f. Staffing Implication:**

N/A

**Option 1** Provide two \$1,000 scholarships to 2026 Lake Cowichan Secondary School graduating students.

**Option 2** Increase or decrease number of scholarships available or change the dollar amount awarded per scholarship.

**Recommendation**

No recommendation is provided. Allocation of the discretionary grant-in-aid funds, if any, remains at Council's discretion.

Signed:

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Chief Administrative Officer