J.R. (Tim) Armstrong Memorial Bursary

Application cover page and checklist for Journalism and Agriculture students

Each year, the J.R. (Tim) Armstrong Memorial Fund awards a minimum of one $1,000 bursary through the B.C. Farm Writers' Association (BCFWA) to a student(s) in an agriculture or journalism program. The fund was created through contributions from the BCFWA and like-minded individuals to honour Tim's outstanding contributions to BC journalism and the agriculture industry as a long-time publisher and editor of Country Life in BC (the province's oldest agricultural publication).

Eligibility for applicants:

Applicants must be enrolled in their second year, or higher, of a full-time agriculture or journalism program in a university, institute or college in BC or another Canadian province or territory. Eligible applicants will have proven ties to BC and will be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada. The award is given to those who illustrate both strong academic performance and financial need. Individuals who have received the award once are ineligible to apply and possibly receive the award a second time.

Complete this cover page and include it with your application.

Applicant information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

School enrolled in: _____

Phone & Email: _____

Applicant checklist:

❒Copy of most recent academic record
❒ Letter outlining background, goals and financial need (explain expenses)
❒ Summary of summer employment
❒ Name and contact information of an instructor who may be contacted as a reference
❒ Proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent residency

Deadline for submission is December 31, 2026

The bursary winner(s) will be announced by January 31, 2027, with funds being awarded shortly thereafter. Selection of successful recipients is made by the Tim Armstrong Memorial Bursary Scholarship Committee.
Applications must be received by December 31 at:
ronda.eyben@shaw.ca
For more information, or to send an application by Canada Post or other physical delivery method, contact committee chair, Ronda Payne at the above email.