

South Cowichan Junior Tennis Bursary



Philosophy

The South Cowichan Junior Tennis Bursary is an inaugural grant which aims to help junior tennis players.

The funds distributed will help juniors gain resources to improve their rankings, access provincial team opportunities, and any other directly related goals associated with developing one's tennis.

The monies will be awarded to individuals who are from Vancouver Island and/or the Gulf Islands in any sort of high-performance program, which can be located either on or off Vancouver Island and/or the Gulf Islands.

Description

The grant will be in the form of a bursary to the chosen athlete(s).

Each award will be a minimum of \$250 up to a maximum of \$4,000.

Bursaries may be awarded to any number of athletes in any given year – there is no limit to the number of athletes benefitting from this grant.

Purpose of the Award

To provide financial assistance to competitive junior tennis players on Vancouver Island/Gulf Island in order to enhance access to resources to help their long-term goals, development, and progress in connection to rankings, provincial/national team spots, and competition in provincial, national or international tournaments.

Applicant Criteria

Each applicant must:

1. Be a member in good standing with Tennis BC
2. Show strong sportsmanship characteristics
3. Be between the ages of 12 and 18 at some point during the calendar year in which the athlete receives the bursary
4. Be eligible to compete in junior tennis events in Canada throughout the calendar year in which the athlete receives the bursary
5. Be a resident of Vancouver Island and/or the Gulf Islands
6. Show proven dedication to improvement both on and off the court

Timelines

Applications will be open from June 17th until August 1st – the recipient(s) will be chosen on or before September 15th.

Only award winner(s) will be notified.

Award winners will be announced at the Club's end-of-the-season meeting in the fall (date TBD) and on various other websites (TBD).

Committee

The six-member committee is made up of three independent members and three board members of the South Cowichan Lawn Tennis Club.

The funds awarded in connection to this bursary will be distributed at the sole discretion of the committee under the guidelines and purpose of the award.

Applications should be sent by August 1st by 5:00 PM to Alden Eakins (Committee Chair) via email:

Email: aldeneakins@gmail.com

Subject Line: South Cowichan Junior Tennis Bursary

APPLICATION FORM

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Please make sure to follow the directions below **carefully and thoroughly**. Missing items or errors in your application may affect the Committee's ability to process and consider your application.

All applications must be thought out and written within reason by the applicants themselves. Please enclose a letter in PDF format that is no longer than 750 words outlining details of the above 12 items.

Last Name
First Name
Gender
Address
City
Postal Code
Date of Birth
Phone
Email

Please ensure to include all information, documents, references and attachments below in **PDF format ONLY**. No photographs will be accepted.

1. A description of why you chose to apply for this award
2. A personal statement as to why you are an ideal and deserving candidate of this bursary
3. A list of the specific programs or events for which the funds will be used – max. 3 events
4. A description of a time on court when you displayed good sportsmanship
5. A description of a time on court when you overcame adversity, and how you dealt with it
6. A list of your past/current regional/provincial/national/international tournament results – previous 16 months max.
7. A list of your past/current TBC provincial team participation
8. A list of your past/current TBC regional training groups
9. A list of your goals with respect to your tennis including but not limited to: (1) NCAA scholarship; (2) Canadian University Scholarship; (3) ITF junior ranking; (4) Selection on a provincial team
10. A list of all your off-court commitments which helps support your tennis goals – fitness training, other sports, tutoring, etc.
11. A list of details of the program/event you wish to use the funds for and associated costs of attendance
12. A list of any and all coaches you have worked with – as well as your weekly training schedule on/off court

References and Attachments

Please provide letters of reference supporting all of the below with **specific, tangible situations**

1. Scholastic reference – focusing on long-term academic potential and ability to adapt in the classroom (e.g. teacher, counsellor, and/or administrator)
2. Coachability – focusing on long-term skills which are applicable from on the court to off the court (coach/teacher)
3. Sportsmanship – focusing on situations where the applicant went above and beyond themselves, and focused on putting others first (coach, TBC official)
4. Character – focusing on core principles of the applicant and how they demonstrate leadership/character either on or off the court (cannot be a family member)

References must use the ‘STAR’ – *Situation, Task, Action, Result* – format in explaining how the candidate demonstrates these qualities.

If you are unclear on any of the above, please reach out to either South Cowichan Lawn Tennis (SCLTC) President, David Bellis or SCLTC Board Member Alden Eakins at the below emails:

[Bellis-18@shaw.ca](mailto:bellis-18@shaw.ca)

aldeneakins@gmail.com

Reference letters may be up to 350 words in length per each section.