



*“To Know Nature
and Keep it Worth Knowing”*

BERT BRINK SCHOLARSHIP

BC Nature will award one \$2,500 scholarship in July 2025 to a direct or federated member of BC Nature, or to the spouse, daughter, son or grandchild of a member. Applicants should be registered in full time studies towards a post graduate degree at an accredited institution of higher learning in a program which will lead to a Master’s or Doctoral Degree in a discipline which contributes to an awareness, appreciation, improved management of flora and fauna, conservation, restoration and understanding of our natural environment.

Applications will be judged on the relevance of the academic program in which the applicant is enrolled as it pertains to the legacy of Dr. Vernon Cuthbert (Bert) Brink and in particular grasslands, estuaries and Fraser River lowlands. Criteria also includes undergraduate transcript of marks showing sustained academic excellence in relevant subject areas; reference’s evaluation of applicant; connection with BC Nature and its goals through participation with BC Nature or a member club and length of time of membership; background in natural history, conservation and environmental issues; relevant volunteer work for BC Nature or a member club or another non-profit with focus on conservation, to promote keeping nature worth knowing by increasing awareness, appreciation and understanding of nature activities related to habitat conservation. The scholarship will be awarded only once to a student; a previous award recipient will not be considered.

APPLICATION FORM

This template can be used to complete your application by inserting the requested information at the start of the dotted lines.

Completed applications and all attachments for the 2025 scholarships should be emailed to manager@bcnature.ca and should reach the BC Nature office by Monday, June 30th,2025.

BC Nature Member Information

Name of BC Nature Member

Relationship to Applicant (either “same” or describe)

Name of BC Nature Club (if applicable)..... Year joined

or if a Direct BC Nature Member (check)..... Year joined

Applicant information

Last Name of Applicant..... Given Names

Address: Apt. - Street.....

City..... Province Postal Code.....

Phone Email:

List the post-secondary institution(s) which you have attended:

Post-secondary Location Year

Post secondary Location Year

Please list the university, faculty and year in which you expect to be registered as a student in the fall of 2025. Please provide details of major subjects or areas of specialization, etc.

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List the faculty (or faculties) attended to date with relevant courses already completed.

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Describe the relevant course(s) of study you intend to pursue

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Describe your career aspirations

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Describe how your course of study relates to the objectives of BC Nature and the Bert Brink legacy

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Please provide the name, position and contact details of two persons who would be prepared to act as references for you with respect to this application

1. Faculty member

Name Position

Address.....

Phone..... Email:

2. Person who is familiar with your background in natural history/conservation and environmental issues and/or can speak to your relevant volunteer work:

Name.....Position.....

Address.....

Phone..... Email

Please submit the following documents with this application or under a separate email:

- **A 2-3 page letter (maximum) describing your volunteer activities, particularly those that relate to the environment, any special personal achievements and your interests and hobbies.**
- **A copy of your current and recent transcripts showing undergraduate and/or graduate program years relevant to your environmental field.**

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The successful scholarship recipient should submit Proof of Fall 2025 registration to manager@bcnature.ca as soon as available.

Please contact us with an update at the end of your academic year as members will be very interested in your accomplishments. Thank you!