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**GRANT ANDERSON COMMEMORATIVE
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FOR 2026**



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The purpose of the Grant Anderson Commemorative Scholarship is to encourage those students with an interest in local government administration, local government law and governance, and in planning and land-use law to pursue post-secondary education in one of those fields. The Scholarship will be available to assist students who have shown an interest in local government during their undergraduate career, and who are registered, in any of the following post-secondary programs leading to a degree at British Columbia post-secondary institutions:

- Master's degree in public administration, or public sector management or leadership
- Master's degree in community and regional planning
- Bachelor's degree in law

Preference will be given to the degree programs listed above, however applicants for other post-secondary education degree programs related to local government, planning or law will be considered. Preference will also be given to applicants from smaller communities.

Candidates should be intending to treat their degree as a terminal (i.e. final degree before seeking employment) degree, and as a pre-requisite to professional employment. Our goal is to assist in training local government professionals for the future of British Columbia.

The Association will identify opportunities to engage successful applicants in opportunities that build capacity within the local government sector by extending an invitation, where possible, to LGMA events where appropriate.

The Scholarship shall be for one year and in the amount of up to \$1,500 paid upon proof of registration at a post-secondary institution in one of the approved subject areas. The first installment will be paid upon approval of the scholarship and verification of incurred expenses and the second upon receipt of the candidate's completed paper by the Local Government Management Association, which must be received within one year from the date of original approval of the scholarship by the Association.

A. Eligibility

1. Persons registered at a post-secondary educational institution in a program leading to successful completion of one of the following programs:
 - Master's degree in public administration, or public sector management or public sector leadership
 - Master's degree in community or regional planning
 - Bachelor's degree in law

Preference will be given to the degree programs listed above, however applicants for other post-secondary education directly related to local government, planning or law will be considered. Preference will also be given to applicants from smaller communities.

B. Applications

1. Any application for a Scholarship must be submitted by completing the [online submission form](#). For any inquiry, please contact office@lgma.ca.
2. To be considered, each application **MUST** be accompanied by confirmation from an accredited post-secondary institution that the applicant is a registered student in one of the programs noted in A1
3. Applications must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 15, 2026, with notification to the successful candidate being given by the Local Government Management Association by December 15, 2026, at the latest.

C. Use of Award

1. The scholarship will be provided to the successful applicant as a voucher in the name of the designated post-secondary institution indicated on the application. The scholarship may be redeemed to pay costs of tuition at the designated post-secondary educational institution.

**Unfortunately, LGMA Scholarships cannot be used towards Municipal Administration Training Institute® (aka MATI®) programs as LGMA delivers these programs in partnership with Capilano University and therefore cannot receive scholarship dollars as the administering organization. Please review the LGMA Travel Grant for more information about financial supports for the MATI® programs. This does not impact on the eligibility of other Capilano University PADM courses, only referencing the LGMA-Capilano University delivered MATI® programs.*

2. Preference will be given to British Columbia courses where available.
3. Scholarship awards may be reported on a T4A slip in accordance with Canada Customs and Revenue Agency requirements.

D. Value of Award

1. Full eligible costs may be awarded to a lifetime maximum of \$1,500 per individual.

E. Approval

1. The Local Government Management Association will be responsible for determining or adjusting the amount of each award. Within the maximum amounts permissible, the Association may, at its discretion, adjust the amount of any award to reflect the circumstances of the recipient. The Vancouver Foundation administers the Fund on behalf of the Local Government Management Association and will issue the voucher to the scholarship recipient's post-secondary institution.

**Please note, due to scholarship fund restrictions, scholarships can only be administered to an accredited post-secondary institution. Scholarships cannot be administered to applicants, their employer, or any other recipient.*

2. The Local Government Management Association reserves the right to either not award a scholarship of a given year, or to award a scholarship to more than one person if circumstances warrant.