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SCHOLARSHIP**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION
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The purpose of the Ken Dobell Public Service Education Fund Scholarship is to encourage students with an interest in federal, provincial, local government and First Nations administration, policy studies, or Indigenous Studies, Dispute Resolution, Indigenous Histories, Indigenous Relations, Indigenous Land and Resource Management, Geophysical scanning¹ or other studies that would enhance reconciliation amongst local government and Indigenous Peoples to pursue post-secondary opportunities. The Fund has been established to recognize the career and public service contributions of former Vancouver City Manager, British Columbia Deputy Minister to the Premier, Secretary to Cabinet and Head of BC Public Service Ken Dobell. Scholarships are available to assist students whose permanent address is in British Columbia and who have a demonstrated interest in public service or who have a demonstrated interest in contributing to enhancing local government efforts towards reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and are enrolled in studies that would further such efforts and, who are accepted or are registered in a course of studies at an accredited post-secondary institution.

Candidates should be intending to treat their diploma or degree as the final diploma/degree supporting professional employment in the public sector or First Nations government or furthering their career in the public sector or First Nations government through further post-secondary education.

The Fund's Scholarship Advisory Committee consists of representatives from the Federal, Provincial and Local Government sectors as well as from First Nations organizations operating in British Columbia.

Each year, on the advice of the Scholarship Advisory Committee, the Local Government Management Association may specify an area of focus and/or special criteria for the scholarship award. The Scholarship shall be for one year and in the amount specified by the Local Government Management Association.

¹ Or for any field of study related to utilizing ground penetrating radar used at residential school sites.

A. Eligibility

1. The following persons are eligible to apply for a scholarship:
 - a. Persons registered at a post-secondary educational institution, and undertaking either full time or part time course of studies directly related to federal, provincial, local government or First Nations administration and policy studies **AND** who are:
 - b. i.) Persons working in the following public sector, public sector related or First Nations organizations:
 - o employed by a local government (defined to include municipality, regional district, resort municipality, or Islands Trust);
 - o employed by the British Columbia provincial government, a provincial agency or crown corporation;
 - o employed by the federal government, a federal agency, or a crown corporation located in British Columbia;
 - o employed in an administrative capacity in a British Columbia First Nation organization and who are non-elected; or
 - ii.) Individual who has shown a demonstrated interest in public administration or public policy studies; **AND** who are
 - c. Persons who are permanent residents of British Columbia. Preference will 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.
3. To be considered, applicants must submit as part of their application a resume or curriculum vitae **and** a statement in 500 words or less that demonstrates their desire to pursue a career or enhance their career in the federal, provincial, local government sectors or First Nations government and/or enhance local government efforts towards reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and how their course of studies will help support that goal.
4. All elements of this application must be complete for it to be considered.
5. Applications must be submitted not later than 4:30 pm **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. Awards for courses of study will be considered only when the program is five days or longer in duration and offered at an accredited post-secondary institution.
3. Preference will be given to British Columbia courses where available.
4. Scholarship awards are usually valid from one year from the time of award however timelines may be extended under special circumstances as determined by the Scholarship Advisory Committee.

D. Value of Award

1. The value of the award and criteria to be used for evaluation of applications in any particular year may be specified in advance of the application deadline. Applicants are eligible for a one-time award of the Ken Dobell Public Service Education Fund Scholarship.

E. Approval

1. On the advice of the Scholarship Advisory Committee, 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 post-secondary tuition or expense costs. 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 in a given year or to award a scholarship to more than one person subject to availability of funds and if circumstances warrant.