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First Credit Union Awards \$18,000 in Scholarships

August 25, 2020: To support the organization's purpose to 'empower through knowledge', First Credit Union offers multiple scholarships annually in each of the communities they serve; Bowen Island, Powell River, Texada Island, Courtenay, and Cumberland. These scholarships support First Credit Union members who are pursuing accredited post-secondary education, including recent high school graduates and adults returning to studies. First Credit Union values the impact these individuals make in their unique communities and local economies.

In 2020 First Credit Union is proud to support the following members in their educational pursuits:

- Anna Bryan (BA Major in Life Sciences/Biology, Queens University)
- Benjamin Howland (Computer Science, University of Victoria)
- Caitlin Nikolaisen (Post Bachelor Teaching Program, Vancouver Island University)
- Catherine Forsythe (Animal Health and Technology, Thompson Rivers University)
- Dawson Taylor (BA Commerce, University of Victoria)
- Jason Schreurs (MFA Creative Non-Fiction, University of King's College)
- Jessica Leavens (MA Social Work, University of Northern British Columbia)
- Joya Muma (BA, Art History, Concordia University)
- Kori Addams (GS Diploma focus on Social Work, Thompson Rivers University)
- Laura Kissick (Recreation Therapy, University of Lethbridge)
- Saverio Colasanto (BA English Major, University of Victoria)
- Tai Uhlmann (MA Environment and Management, Royal Roads University)

"We're proud of our members – empowerment and capacity building is at the heart of our community work at First Credit Union. Our annual scholarships are an opportunity for us to show our values at work and further align with our vision to help build thriving, vibrant communities," said Caitlin Bryant, Community Relations Specialist at First Credit Union.

Deadlines for scholarships are typically in late June to early July, more information can be found at: <https://www.firstcu.ca/Community/GivingBack/Scholarships/>

First Credit Union proudly serves five vibrant coastal communities (including a new full service location in Courtenay at 17th & Cliffe Ave.) and is BC's FIRST credit union, incorporated as Powell River Credit Union in 1939.

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