

2026 Richmond Chamber of Commerce Carol Young Scholarship Program



*This **\$2,500 scholarship** is intended to recognize students who exemplify the traits which Carol Young lives by and to assist them in beginning their post-secondary journey, be it academic studies or the trades.*

Carol diligently worked at the Richmond Chamber of Commerce for 25 years, from 1991 – 2016. She began her career at the Chamber running the front desk and ended her tenure at the top, as the Acting Executive Director of the organization. In between these two roles, Carol liked to joke that she did every job possible... with the exception of bookkeeping.

Carol Young is a testament to success through hard work and perseverance. During her time at the Chamber she overcame adversity, but nonetheless grew as a leader in the Richmond community and was an inspiration to all staff who had the pleasure of working with her, and all Members who crossed her path over her quarter century at the Chamber. In 2014, Carol Young was honoured with the Ethel Tibbits Community Professional Award, a testament to her commitment to making Richmond a better place to live and work.

The Carol Young Scholarship will be awarded to students who have overcome significant adversity in their lives. Despite the challenges they have faced, they will have demonstrated improvement through their work ethic and have inspired fellow students.

NOMINATIONS

Nomination must be in the form of a **1.5-2.5 minute** video. All videos are to be done in a 'selfie' style, and we ask that it is not edited or re-mastered in any form. ***Applicants will not be judged on the production quality of their videos but solely the content.***

We also ask that the student provides one letter of reference. The video must:

- Be submitted in mp4, avi, mpeg or wmv format
- Not exceed 2.5 minutes in length, nor exceed 20mb in size
- Avoid music or editing extras
- Be accompanied with the Information/ Media Release Form, included in this package

This video should answer the questions: What adversity have you encountered? How has it impacted you and how have you worked to overcome it? How do you inspire others now or hope to inspire them in the future?

This video can also touch on their academic improvement that has occurred throughout high school. This student may not have the highest grades but through their hard work and perseverance, has made large strides in advancing their academic learning.

The video can also include mention of:

- Work experience
- Community involvement
- Recreational activities
- Future aspirations

CONDITIONS

- Must be a Richmond resident
- Will be graduating from a Richmond public secondary school in 2026
- Registration to an accredited post-secondary institution within 2027 (including trade programs)

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submit your application package electronically by May 29, 2026, 11:59 pm
- Shortlisted applicants will be notified by June 19, 2026
- Please upload your application and other materials **to the 2026 Scholarship Application folder** containing:

1. Completed application form
2. Signed Information / Media Release Form
3. Video application file
4. One letter of reference



APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Secondary School: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Institution to attend in 2026/27: _____

Other Scholarships received/anticipated: _____

School Activities:

Community/Recreation Activities:

Student Signature: _____

Reference Contact Information (*Same as One letter provided: Name, Phone & Email*)

1. _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____





INFORMATION/MEDIA RELEASE FORM



Please read, complete, sign and return this form with your submission

What Is This For?

As part of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce's 'Carol Young Scholarship Program' we will be accepting video applications from Richmond secondary students. These video submissions will be reviewed by the Judging committee, Staff and Board of Directors. We want to let you know what forms of communication we will potentially use these in and seek your permission to allow the use of some personal information. We are asking applicants and their parents / legal guardians to confirm that they have received and accepted the terms of these potential uses.

Use of Student Information

Student information that might be used in publications includes names, photographs, videos, sound recordings, and sections of the written scholarship application form. In all cases, your child's home contact information such as phone numbers, addresses, etc. will NOT be used in any publications.

School and District Publications and Websites

As part of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce 'Carol Young Scholarship Program', we may communicate the shortlisted applicants to our members. We will also be sharing who the successful applicants are when they are chosen. In future years, we may use the videos of past applicants to acknowledge their achievements and promote the program to new applicants.

Examples of the publications that may be produced include:

- E-Newsletters

- Website (richmondchamber.ca)
- YouTube Videos
- Acknowledged through Chamber social media channels
- Brochures, presentations and reports

News Media

Over the course of a year, the Richmond Chamber receives requests from the media to interview, photograph or video individuals or groups in connection with stories they are working on. Additionally, the news media are sometimes invited to Chamber functions.

Note: The Chamber cannot control news media access and photos/videos taken by the media and the general public at public locations. These are considered public events and are outside provincial and federal privacy laws for public bodies such as the school your child attends.

Social Media Sites

We may use social media sites to increase and improve how our Chamber communicates information, news and special events to our members and the community. Some examples of social media sites include, but are not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Social media sites that originate in jurisdictions outside of Canada are subject to the laws of those jurisdictions. The personal information of students that are posted on these types of sites can include, but not limited to, photographs, videos, and names.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR USE OF STUDENT INFORMATION

I, as the parent or guardian of the student named below, give consent to the publication of my child's information as described above for my child's application to the 'Carol Young' Scholarship Program.

YES I give consent

SIGNATURE FOR CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Consent provided is valid from the date the application video for the 'Carol Young Scholarship' is submitted. You may rescind your consent at any time prior to the announcement of recipients for the scholarship. Please note that students who do not have a valid form of consent will be ineligible to receive the scholarship. The student applicant must also sign this form.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (Please Print)

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Student's Name (Please Print)

Date: _____

Student's Signature

