



# Valley Fish and Game Club

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## 2015 Valley Fish and Game Club Bursary Program application form

The Valley Fish and Game Club 2015 bursary program is available for applicants enrolled in secondary education.

The bursary is intended to be rewarded primarily to students directly related to members of the club, such as members children or grandchildren but other applicants can and will be considered as well by the Valley Fish and Game Club bursary committee. The 2015 bursary is for a maximum of \$1000 and the Bursary committee decides if the bursary is to be rewarded to a single person or divided into several recipients. Applicants should fill in the form, write a short essay of why conservation, environment, hunting and/or fishing are important for the applicant and us all and send it to the President of the Valley Fish and Game Club ([president1@valleyfishandgame.com](mailto:president1@valleyfishandgame.com)) latest 31st July, 2015. Winners of a bursary must produce a Secondary education enrollment certificate, when collecting the bursary.

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Attending (or planning to) Secondary education program (School/program) UVIC Secondary Education			
Write a short essay of why conservation, environment, hunting and/or fishing are important (use more pages if you need to)			
<p>As a hopeful educator of natural sciences, the value of conservation and environment are of utmost importance to me. I believe that growing up on Vancouver Island and having the opportunity to experience the hidden gems of untouched nature and witness wildlife living symbiotically in a natural environment is the most valuable way to learn and appreciate the balance of life. I largely attribute the opportunity to appreciate this beautiful land to the conservationists who are more often than not the men and women who hunt and fish in these areas. The people who rely on these areas for refuge, food, and recreation are the ones who will actively make sure that these natural areas remain intact and cared for, through activism and financial support in terms of fundraising and licensing revenues. Fish and Game clubs work to enhance wildlife habitat, manage and maintain areas of refuge and support research for biologists and conservationists by conducting surveys and counts of natural areas. This is critical work that could not be achieved without the man power and cooperation of hunters and fishermen. This information can then be directly monitored and used to make conservation decisions at a local, provincial, and federal level to ensure that populations of wildlife are maintained and supported. Hunting and fishing are important activities for remaining connected with our wildlife and maintaining healthy environments.</p>			