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## The Bill Welburn Memorial Bursary

The Bill Welburn Memorial Bursary was established in 2025. This bursary was created to honor Mr. Welburn's love and passion for music and its purpose is to reward a student who is equally as passionate and talented in music, whether she/he pursues studies in music.

A long-time resident of Howick, Qc, Bill worked for Bell Canada for 37 years, but his ultimate passion was always music. He began playing in the popular band The Scimitars in his late teens, performing at various venues around Montreal and the Laurentians. Bill later became one of the most recognizable musicians in the Chateauguay Valley, playing in the band Numbers and for the past 20 years The Road Scholars, one of Quebec's finest bluegrass groups. He always had a deep commitment to helping others, doing charity work and entertaining people with his amazing musical talent. Bill sadly passed away in 2021, but his memory lives on in this award.

Each year, one (1) bursary of \$ 500 is awarded to a graduating student who is pursuing any post-secondary program. The student has kept an overall average of 75% and over in grades 10 and 11, and has a clear passion for music. Students apply for this bursary following the criteria and guidelines set out by the CVR Educational Foundation. Applications are subjected to a blind review by evaluators. See <a href="https://www.cvredfoundation.com/apply/">www.cvredfoundation.com/apply/</a> for details of this bursary.

The \$500 bursary is awarded at the graduation ceremony at the end of the school year. The CVR Educational Foundation will disburse in one installment (September) to the recipient, provided he/she confirms full-time attendance in a post-secondary institution.





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## **Criteria**

Dear applicant,

Bear in mind that the following criteria are used by the jury members that will review your submission. Please feel free to show this document to the people who will be writing your letters of reference.

## 1. Letters of Intent (10 points)

A letter of intent, identifying your passion for music, with clear description of your musical talents and achievements and your post-secondary education goal.. The student must state what experience(s) influenced his/her chosen career path. Within this context, the following may be used as examples, if applicable:

- Personal description of your love of music or any other relevant talent to the bursary
- School life (cultural, extra-curricular art groups);
- Community life (working for service groups, sports, church groups, etc.);
- Work experience (part time and summer jobs)

#### 2. Financial Assessment Form (20 points)

## **3.** <u>Marks</u> (10 points)

The student must submit the most recent Achievement Record issued by MEES (Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur du Québec) and the latest CVRHS report card. The latter demonstrating an overall average of 75% or higher.

## 4. Letter of reference from a CVR educator (5)

One letter of reference from a CVR High School educator reflecting the student's school/academic work ethic and potential for academic success.

## 5. Letter of reference from outside the school milieu (5)

One letter of reference from outside CVR High School milieu, providing a character reference from an employer, a community leader or a sport coach (outside of school sports).