#### **JEAN STOKES SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

# **ADMINISTERED BY SOUTH MALAHAT 4-H SENIOR COUNCIL**

Amended May 2025

1. Why is this scholarship being offered?

a) To recognize and assist a 4-H member in furthering their education;

b) This scholarship has been made available in part from funds donated by the adult 4-H volunteer leadership in lieu of flowers and other forms of recognition of their fellow volunteers

2. Eligibility - This scholarship is open to 4-H members enrolled in clubs in the South Malahat 4-H Council area and to previous members as described below. The member may be continuing with any post-secondary and/or pre-employment education or training.

1. Members may apply up to 24 years of age;
2. Members must have been enrolled in 4-H within the last 6 years, achieving in 3 of those years;
3. Applications will be accepted from 4-H members who have continued in 4-H as leaders, up to the

 age of 24 years.

1. Winners of this scholarship are not eligible to reapply.

3. Selection procedures:

a) Member must submit application to a Key Leader by the September District Council meeting to be considered for that year’s scholarship;

b) For members with a disability, they can use assistance to type or record their answer orally, which can be submitted to the committee.

c) All factual information will be confirmed by the member’s leader and/or the Regional office.

d) The selection is to be made by a panel of three judges, at least one of who will be a 4-H member or leader, with through knowledge of 4-H.

e) The selection panel is to be chosen by the South Malahat 4-H Senior Council;

f) In the case of fairly evenly matched applicants, the decision of the panel is final;

g) Individual interviews with each applicant will be held with all panel members present;

h) Selection is to be made before the District Awards Night - notification will be sent out promptly to all applicants – if applicant is unable to attend District Awards Night, the cheque may be presented to a mutually acceptable other person (e.g. parents or guardian) and if there is no District Awards Night the award will be presented at the recipients club awards function;

i) All references must be checked by panel members;

j) Members, please submit one record book from your previous/last year in 4-H, along with the application (record books to include a cost record and summary of project).

4. Points to keep in mind for the personal interview:

1. Remember “Learn to Do by Doing”;
2. Skills gained from group work hold equal importance to skill learning;
3. Consider the development of self-reliance and confidence through 4-H work;
4. Ask applicant to expand on answers in the application.

e) Examples of other possible questions:

What was the highlight of your 4-H years?

What aspect (part) of 4-H life did you like the least and why?

What is your eventual goal, on completion of your education?

What did you do in 4-H that, in your opinion, will be remembered as your contribution to your club or to 4-H in the South Malahat area?

What do you see as your continuing contribution to 4-H?

5. Guidelines for selection:

a) The candidate should be qualified to enter and proceed with the program of their choice, but a high academic standard is not a major consideration;

b) Selection is to be based on 4-H contribution and achievement, while recognizing that senior 4-H members may also be working to support themselves and/or to save for their further education.

c) Applicant’s contributions and achievements should be considered with regard to the member’s age and abilities; and,

d) Contributions to 4-H should have the widest possible definition (e.g. artwork, babysitting while a leader leads a group).