

**Congratulations to the 2026 Bursary Recipients,**  
**Central Kings Rural High School – Andrew Murray & Logan Hanninen**  
**Horton High School – Amelia Maynard**  
**Northeast Kings Educational Centre – Carly Arnold**  
**West Kings High School – Abigail Veinot & Hayden Buchanan**

Graduating Students from six (6) high schools in Kings County were invited to submit an essay for the 2026 Municipality of the County of Kings Bursary Program, responding to,

***Kings County's future depends on engaged, skilled, and community-minded young people.***

***Tell us about a meaningful contribution you have made to your school or community.***

- ***How did this experience help shape your understanding of leadership and community responsibility?***
- ***Looking ahead, how could you apply what you have learned to help make Kings County a place where you would want to live, work, or return to after graduation?***
- ***What do you think the Municipality could do to help support that future?***

### **Submissions**

Forty-one (41) eligible submissions were received by the May 15, 2026, deadline:

- 14 from Central Kings Rural High School
- 10 from Horton High School
- 13 from West Kings District High School
- 4 from Northeast Kings Educational Centre
- 0 from École Rose-des-Vents
- 0 from Kings County Adult High School

### **Evaluation**

Submissions were evaluated by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor using the following criteria:

- Effectiveness in addressing the essay question
- Creativity and depth of response
- Spelling and grammar

*Note:* Identifying information and cover pages were removed prior to evaluations. Applicants who included the required cover page details were awarded one additional point by staff.

### **Awards**

Six (6) bursaries of \$1,000 each are available—one for a graduating student from each of the eligible high schools.

*Note:* This year, no submission was received from two of the eligible schools. To ensure all available funds are awarded in support of graduating students, the unused bursaries were awarded to the next highest overall scoring submission.

Schools were contacted and included the bursary award in their 2026 graduation ceremony for each recipient.