

## **White Rock Elks 2026 Community Scholarship Invitation**

**White Rock Elks 431** (scholarships@whiterockelks.ca) is pleased to invite applications for its 2026 Community Scholarships.

Three scholarships of **\$1,000 each** will be awarded to students graduating in 2026.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

Applicants must:

1. Be attending a local secondary school in the White Rock/South Surrey area.
2. Be planning to attend **full-time studies** at a recognized post-secondary institution during the 2026–2027 academic year. Eligible programs include academic, technical, or trades education.
  - Scholarships are payable upon proof of acceptance to a post-secondary institution.
3. Be full-time Grade 12 students graduating in 2026.
4. Hold a valid Canadian Social Insurance Number.

As a volunteer service club, White Rock Elks 431 values community involvement. The Scholarship Committee will give special consideration to applicants who demonstrate a strong commitment to volunteerism and service within their community.

### **Selection Criteria**

Scholarships will be awarded based on:

1. **Scholastic achievement and extra-curricular activities**
2. **Contribution to community activities**
  - A cover letter or personal essay (maximum 300 words) explaining why the applicant should be selected
3. **A copy of academic transcripts**
4. **One academic/school reference letter**

Our scholarship policy includes some the following:

1. **Original work requirement** — essays/narratives must be written entirely by the applicant.
2. **No generative AI** — tools like ChatGPT, are not permitted to generate or outline essay content.
3. **AI detection** — committees may review submissions with AI detectors or other methods to check for AI-like patterns.
4. **Disqualification** — using AI in violation of the policy can lead to automatic disqualification or removal from award consideration.

### **Application Details**

- **Application Period:** March 1 – April 30, 2026

- **Submit Applications To:** [scholarships@whiterockelks.ca](mailto:scholarships@whiterockelks.ca)
- **Notification of Successful Applicants:** May 2026

We encourage all eligible students to apply and showcase their achievements and community contributions.