

**Scholarships for transferring students who demonstrate outstanding academic & community service.**

**VICTORIA, BC** – Psychology student Michelle DaSilva appreciates the value of a helping hand, especially when it means \$5,000 to help her with the cost of transferring between B.C. post-secondary institutions to finish her degree.

DaSilva is among 183 B.C. students who received a record \$915,000 this year through the BC Scholarship Society's *Ike Barber Transfer Scholarship* program. "[The Society's] support plays a significant role in helping me achieve my goal of becoming an elementary school teacher," noted DaSilva.

The *Transfer Scholarships* are awarded annually to undergraduate students who have completed at least one year at a public post-secondary institution in B.C. and are transferring to another institution to complete their studies.

Funds for the Scholarships come from the returns on a \$15 million endowment established by the province in 2006. To qualify for a *Transfer Scholarship*, students must demonstrate strong academic achievement and significant volunteer service to their school or community.

"We are proud to support students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and a strong dedication to serving their communities," said Jessie Sunner, Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills. "These scholarships recognize the hard work and commitment of students preparing to take the next step in their education. By helping students pursue the path that best supports their goals, we are strengthening opportunities for success across our post-secondary system and supporting the future leaders of our province."

"The Ike Barber Transfer Scholarship reflects our belief that students should be able to pursue the educational pathway that best supports their goals, without being limited by financial barriers," says Society Chair, Firas Abbasi. "Transferring between institutions takes courage, commitment, and community spirit, and these scholarships recognize students who excel academically while giving back through service. We are proud to support learners as they take this important next step and contribute to the future of their communities and our province."

The BC Scholarship Society offers scholarships and awards to B.C. students attending public post-secondary institutions through six unique programs that aim to reduce barriers to the achievement of educational goals. Since its founding in 2006, the Society has awarded over \$40 million in scholarships and awards to thousands of BC students. The Victoria Foundation administers the Society's programs.

Information about 2026 Ike Barber Transfer Scholarship can be found at  
<https://www.bcscholarshipsociety.ca/transfer-scholarships/about-this-scholarship/>

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