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TO: All Branches
For Information of Members of Command Executive Council

FROM: Glenn Hodge, Treasurer, and Emily Yuan, Controller, BC/Yukon Command

SUBJECT: Use of Poppy Funds for Bursary Awards

Memo 24.25

Dear Comrades,

We would like to remind you that the use of Poppy Funds for Bursary Awards has explicit requirements per the Poppy Manual section 402.vi(a).

- An approved use of Poppy Funds is the granting of bursaries to students who are:
 - Veterans, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, spouses or surviving spouses of veterans, **and**
 - In need of financial assistance

Scholarships, which are awarded based on academic performance or scholastic achievement, are not permitted. Additionally, Branches are not permitted to require Poppy Fund Bursary recipients to hold Legion membership.

Failure to comply with the guidelines in the Poppy Manual may result in a letter from BC/Yukon Command demanding repayment from General Funds.

Standardized Bursary Application Forms

Command approved [Bursary Information Application](#) packages can be downloaded from the Branch Corner tab of the BC/Yukon Command website. It is recommended that all Branches use the approved application package to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Poppy Manual. A copy of the Bursary Information Application is attached to this memo.

If worthy applicants for funding do not meet the criteria per the Poppy Manual, please consider other sources, such as Gaming Funds.

Questions

If you have further questions, please contact the BC/Yukon Command office at (604) 575-8820 or by email: info@legionbcyukon.ca.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

In Comradeship,

Glenn Hodge and Emily Yuan