



## BCCDS Brian Jensen Young Driver's Bursary

### Invitation to Driving Coaches

To all Driving Coaches:

The BCCDS is trying to encourage more youth in BC to participate in carriage driving. The truth is that the current population of equine driving enthusiasts is aging. It is important for the health of the sport and the equine industry that we encourage more youth to enjoy the lifestyle. With this in mind the BC Carriage Driving Society has created a bursary program focused on youth aged to 12-18. Working together to interest more youthful participants will give us the opportunity to achieve this goal. We need the help of experienced driving coaches throughout BC to make this possible. There are fewer coaches every year and without experienced coaches we will have fewer people driving and driving safely. We hope you will assist the driving society by participating in the bursary program by providing your expertise and guidance to a youth.

The BCCDS will pay you \$350 to provide ten lessons to the successful youth bursary applicant who has already demonstrated their interest in learning to drive. It is our goal for the young person to enjoy driving, ideally continue lessons, and participate in future Driving events. We hope they will encourage their friends, their peer group, and their parents to try it also. You might be teaching the next Boyd Exell!

As a benefit to you, you will have your name (if you wish) listed on the BCCDS website as a driving coach. The bursary advertising will mention you and you will have the potential of reaching more future clients and broaden your customer base. Each additional client a Coach works with helps build a coach's successful reputation. Additionally, you will strengthen the respect of the members of the BC Carriage Driving Society because of your demonstrated support in advancing the skill of driving.

The BCCDS is offering 1 to 3 bursaries to youth in BC each year for driving instruction. The concept is 10 lessons at \$35.00 each, that BCCDS will pay to coaches in 2 installments. If you are interested in participating as a coach in this program please fill out the online request form attached.

To participate you must be a recognized and insured driving instructor or recognized driving judge with coaching experience and be prepared to acquire the proper insurance. You must also be a current member of the BCCDS.

The decision as to the successful recipients for 2021 will be made by the end of the first week in June and for future years by March 28. Students will be notified of qualified coaches in their area when the bursaries are announced. It is our hope that you will participate in this program so we can grow the driving community in BC

You will be required to have valid coach's insurance. You may use any carrier of your choice. If you don't have a carrier you may want to try Capris Insurance. Their e-mail address is [agri@capriscmw.ca](mailto:agri@capriscmw.ca) and you can access the required forms or call 1-800-670-1877 and ask for the equine department. If you have an insurer other than Capris that you wish to use, that is acceptable, simply list them on the application form.

**Coaches application form for teaching bursary recipients:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an accredited EC (other body) coach? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
Or are you a recognized driving judge with coaching experience? Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_  
Insurance: yes \_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_ applied for \_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Coaching history: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you have access to a suitable lesson horse, or pony, carts, or harness?  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Do you have access to a suitable training facility? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
Address of the facility:  
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If required, are you willing to travel to teach? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_