



BCCDS Brian Jensen Young Driver's Bursary

Invitation to Driving Coaches

To all Driving Coaches.

The aim of the BC Carriage Driving Society **Brian Jensen Young Driver's Bursary** is to encourage more youth in BC to learn driving skills and participate in the sport of carriage driving. With your support we hope to achieve this goal.

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 BCCDS has created a bursary program focused on youth aged to 12-18. We need the help of experienced driving coaches throughout BC to make this possible. We hope you will assist the driving community by participating in the bursary program by providing your expertise and guidance to a youth.

The BCCDS will pay you \$600 to provide ten lessons to a successful youth bursary applicant who has through application has shown their interest in learning to drive. It is our goal for the young person to learn safe practices in adjusting /fitting harness, harnessing, put to/taking out and rein and whip handling skills with safety and animal welfare in mind and to learn to enjoy driving. Hopefully, they will continue lessons, and participate in future BCCDS 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 potential clients and broaden your customer base. Each additional client a coach works with helps build a coach's successful reputation. Additionally, because of your demonstrated support in the advancing the skill of driving you will strengthen the respect of the members the BCCDS

- The BCCDS is offering 1 to 3 bursaries to youth in BC each year for driving instruction.
- Coaches will be paid \$60 per lesson for ten lessons to be paid in two installments. The first payment of \$300 will be made after receiving a progress report following the fifth lesson, the final payment of \$300 will be after receiving a progress report after the tenth lesson.
- To participate you must be an active driving coach or recognized driving judge with coaching experience and be prepared to acquire the proper insurance.
- The successful bursary recipients for 2023 will be announced on 28 March. Students will be provided with a list of insured coaches in their area.
- You will be required to have valid coach's insurance. Please attach a copy of your current policy. You may use any carrier of your choice.
- Please notify us if the lesson agreement between the student and coach are cancelled at any time.

If you are interested in participating as a coach in this program, please fill out the online request form