



# JEFF STRANG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jeff Strang was a Victoria Firefighter who died while kayaking near Port Renfrew on Harris Creek. He died on January 25, 2007 at the young age of 36.

Jeff was born and raised in the Cowichan Valley. Soon after High School Jeff moved to the Yukon to fight forest fires on Canada's only smoke jumping crew. After 10 years of parachuting out of planes, Jeff moved back to Vancouver Island to put down roots and to pursue a career in structural firefighting. In October 2005 Jeff became a member of the Victoria Fire Department. Although Jeff was only a member for 15 months he made many friends and had numerous admirers for his dedication to the job and his ability to live life to the fullest.

Jeff was an outdoor enthusiast. The outdoors was his playground, so much so that he spent many countless hours preserving and building rock climbing routes, hiking and mountain biking trails and perhaps most importantly, promoting the environmental preservation of BC's rivers and creeks. Jeff was considered to be one of the safest and most experienced paddlers on the Island. He always found enjoyment in taking time to promote and teach his craft. Jeff was all about encouraging people to enjoy the outdoors while remaining sensitive to the environmental issues, which were always important to him.

Before Jeff passed away he left his thumbprint on the planet by founding and leading the BC Creek Foundation, which was made up of a group of people dedicated to preserving this Province's rivers and creeks. Unfortunately, since his passing, this foundation is no longer in existence.

The members of the Victoria Fire Department founded an annual scholarship in 2012 to be awarded to a student at Victoria High School in Jeff's memory.

This scholarship will be awarded to a student in good academic standing, who plans to pursue a career or go on to post-secondary studies, in public safety or essential services, i.e. Fire Fighter, First Responder, Law Enforcement, Paramedic etc.

Applicants need to be well-rounded students with an emphasis on attitude and citizenship. We are looking for a student who has worked with younger students in a mentorship role, and who may not otherwise receive financial assistance.



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## Application Form

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Community Involvement:

Please list any jobs or volunteer experience you have working with youth/social services in your community:

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What achievements have you had in a mentorship, or academic role that make you a suitable recipient of this award?

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## Career Path:

Please describe why you would like to pursue a career in public safety or essential services?

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In what ways can you benefit from this type of career and why is this type of career important to you?

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I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to receiving a scholarship, I understand that false or misleading information in my application may result in the revocation of the scholarship.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_