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Deadline approaching to apply for a Coastal Community 2008 Scholarship

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Vancouver Island, April 8, 2008 – Are you a grade 11 or 12 student with an idea to help make your community a better place? If you had \$3,000, could you make it happen? And could you use a \$2,500 scholarship to help pay for your university or college expenses when you graduate from high school?

If this sounds like you, then you should apply soon for a 2008 Coastal Community Credit Union scholarship, because the April 30 deadline is fast approaching. Each year, Coastal offers 10 scholarship awards of \$2,500 to Vancouver Island students with ideas for helping their communities grow and prosper. The student with the best project plan will also receive \$3,000 to turn their idea into reality.

The Coastal Community Scholarship program invests in youth by supporting education and fostering young community leaders.

"I encourage students to use their imaginations and resources. The student submissions are absolutely amazing," says Janice Krall, Coastal's Community Investment Specialist. "Our 2007 scholarship winners developed plans for a wide range of fabulous projects, including a teen music night, a youth skate park, environmental awareness and anti-smoking campaigns, school library enhancement, and a project that addressed the homeless issue."

Last year's \$3,000 award for best overall plan went to Daniel Pearse of Highland Senior Secondary in the Comox Valley. During his many visits to his grandmother in the Eagle View section of St. Joseph's extended health care unit, Pearse had noticed that residents needed a room where they could watch a DVD, read, play some cards together or just sit and talk with visitors or with each other. Thanks to Pearse's vision, the Coastal Community Credit Union award, and support from local businesses and Eagle View staff, the "Eagles Nest" officially opened in August 2007.

Coastal Community Credit Union scholarships are available within all Vancouver Island communities the Credit Unions serves. To apply, students in grades eleven and twelve are asked to create a project plan that addresses a social, economic or environmental need in their community.

The deadline for applications is April 30, 2008. Full scholarship details, rules and application forms are available through Credit Union branches, local high schools, and online at www.cccu.ca. Scholarship recipients and the winning community project will be announced in May 2008.

About Coastal Community Credit Union

Coastal Community Credit Union is the largest credit union based on Vancouver Island serving communities from Victoria to Port Hardy through community branches, financial planning, business and insurance offices. Passionate about the communities it services, the Credit Union offers financial and in-kind support to charity and non-profit groups through its Community Investment programs.

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