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## Media Release

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### \$31,000 available in Coastal Community Credit Union's Scholarship Program

For immediate release

**Vancouver Island, February 1, 2008** -- Applications are now being accepted for Coastal Community Credit Union's 2008 Scholarship Program.

To be eligible, students in grades 11 or 12 are challenged to submit a plan for a project that addresses a social, economic or environmental need to make a difference in their community. There are eleven \$2,500 awards available for distribution throughout the communities Coastal Community serves. And, the student with the best project plan overall will receive an additional \$500 scholarship award and up to \$3,000 to implement their idea.

Since the program's inception in 2006, 22 deserving young students were awarded \$2,500 scholarships and we have engaged over 200 students across Vancouver Island. Past recipients submitted projects plans ranging from a park cleanup, to an early literacy program, to an anti drinking and driving program, and everything in between.

The Scholarship Program is all part of Coastal Community's vision to be the best choice for financial and community leadership. "Young people have the energy and ideas to make positive changes in their communities," says Joe Cristiano, Senior Vice President of Marketing. "Coastal Community Scholarships serve a dual purpose by supporting and encouraging youth, while also helping to improve the quality of life for people in our communities."

The deadline for applications is April 30, 2008. Full scholarship details, rules and application forms are available at any Coastal Community branch, local high schools, and online at [www.cccu.ca](http://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 its communities, the Credit Union provides financial, in-kind and other resources to support charity and non-profit groups through its Community Investment programs.*

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