



Lauryn Cheung and Michael Lanyon are the recipients of the 2017 Canoe Kayak BC scholarships. These paddlers were awarded \$500 in recognition of their dedication and commitment to the sport combined with outstanding scholastic achievement and community involvement.

Lauryn Cheung

Fort Canoe & Kayak Club, UBC Applied Science Program



Lauryn began paddling in 2014 after changing sports from artistic gymnastics and track and field. In her short time paddling, she won medals at the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games and 2016 National Sprint Championships. Off the water, she was an active member of her high school and volunteered at the LifeMark Health Centre where she worked with a variety of amputee clients. Still active with the Fort Canoe & Kayak Club she says she wants "every kid to have their life changed in the same dramatic and incredibly positive way that mine was by canoe kayak."

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Michael Lanyon

Kamloops Canoe & Kayak Club, Thompson Rivers University Engineering Program



Michael began paddling in 2012 and since that time has traveled through Canada and around the world. He credits this travel and paddling with helping him learn many valuable life lessons like budgeting, punctuality and being modest in victory and gracious in defeat. Away from the water, Michael helped with outreach for homeless programs and within his high school. An outstanding student, Michael received the NorKam Senior Grad Cord and was on the Principal's list for Grade 11 and 12. Michael was a member of Team BC for the 2017 Canada Summer Games and had a career best 6th place finish at the 2016 Sprint Nationals.

Funded by donations

The CKBC scholarship fund is 100% funded by donations and fundraising events such as the CKBC silent auction held in conjunction with the annual awards reception. There is no overhead or administrative fees, so all donations go directly to deserving students like Lauryn and Michael and their education costs. [All donations](#) of \$20 or more receive a tax receipt as a registered project of the National Sport Trust Fund.

About the CKBC scholarship fund

CKBC introduced the scholarship program in 2008 and the fund annually awards two \$500 scholarships to deserving students who are attending a British Columbian post-secondary institution. These scholarships honor young B.C. students who have:

- Attained high scholastic achievement
- Shown outstanding leadership traits and skills in canoe kayak and within their community
- Demonstrated a personal contribution to improve their community, school, and club
- Attained athletic achievements in canoe and/or kayak
- Continued to demonstrate leadership as members of Canoe Kayak BC

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