



## **VRPA Bursary Award Program**

The VRPA Bursary Award Program's mission is to further, promote, and develop the game of Pickleball in the region of Greater Victoria. Activities to further these goals include promotion of volunteerism, community awareness, training, education, development of facilities and play opportunities.

A bursary program should support training activities that develop the expertise and commitment of the broad volunteer base in the organization, including coaches, instructors, referees, program leaders and of tournament directors and program coordinators.

### **THE VRPA BURSARY PROGRAM**

1. The amount of assistance available is up to a maximum of \$100 per course.
2. Financial assistance is available for a recognized certified educational pickleball program such as coaching, refereeing or instructional.
3. Applicable programs should build on the existing experience, skill, expertise of applicants. Specific expertise is needed in some areas. For example, we recommend that Level 2 coaching trainees should have a 3.5 playing level.
4. Bursary recipients must be members of VRPA and consider providing service back to the community after completion of the program.
5. A VRPA committee needs to oversee the program and to recommend applications to the Board.

### **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION/APPLICATION**

1. Must be applying for recognized, certified training programs in coaching, training, leadership or administration in the sport of pickleball. Proof of program completion must be shown before receiving the bursary.
2. Must be a VRPA member and be a minimum of 19 years of age.
3. Two years of pickleball playing experience must be documented. For level 2 coach training – 3.5 play level must be documented.

4. List other relevant experience, eg coaching other sports, other training, program leadership.
5. The Bursary Program and guidelines will be reviewed every three years, starting in 2027 or earlier.
6. Complete the application form and mail to vicrpb@gmail.com

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