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G&F Financial Group supporting students pursuing post-secondary education

Burnaby, BC – G&F Financial Group aims to ease the burden of rising tuition fees and facilitate students' commitment to their post-secondary studies by offering a number of educational awards. Additionally, G&F's current Registered Education Savings Plan promotion will award \$500 to an eligible member who contributes to a new or existing RESP.

"G&F Financial Group is committed to supporting the individuals pursuing post-secondary education, and our educational awards aim to relieve the financial pressures faced by students", says G&F Financial Group's Co-CEO, Bill Kiss. "We also want to recognize the RESP contributions of current and new members, and will be awarding \$500 to an eligible member who is diligently setting aside funds for post-secondary education," says Co-CEO Jeff Shewfelt.

The Credit Union offers awards in a variety of denominations to British Columbian students enrolled in full-time studies at an accredited post-secondary institution. Some of these include University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, Kwantlen Polytechnic University and British Columbia Institute of Technology. Two scholarships, each worth \$1,500, are also awarded annually to two out-of-province residents looking to pursue their studies outside of BC.

The recipients of the scholarships and educational awards are recognized for demonstrating excellence in their studies, and must also qualify as eligible for financial assistance.

G&F Financial Group also partners with the Credit Union Foundation of BC, a province-wide philanthropic organization of the credit union system founded and funded by BC credit union members. The Foundation's primary purpose is to provide education awards to post-secondary students of BC who need financial assistance for academic, technological, or vocational training at accredited schools within the province.

While G&F Financial Group strives to support students through the educational awards, the Credit Union also provides funding solutions that are relevant for all current and future students. In-branch services offered at the Credit Union include Registered Education Savings Plans (RESPs), which are government endorsed savings plans that encourage individuals and families to plan and save for their educational costs.

"RESPs are an effective way to set aside money for student in your life, and they're not just limited to parents saving for their own children. We often see grandparents and extended family members contributing to the educational fund of future students," says Michael Atkinson, Vice President, Wealth Management at G&F Financial Group.

G&F's RESP promotion will run until November 30, 2014. For more information on contest rules, please click [here](#).

About G&F Financial Group

With over 26,000 members and \$1.3 billion in assets under administration, G&F Financial Group is one of the top 10 Credit Unions in British Columbia. The credit union's commitment to investing in its employees, members and the community is recognized by awards such as BC's Top Employer in 2012 and 2013, induction



into Burnaby Board of Trade's Business Hall of Fame, and the 2012 Community Spirit Business of the Year Platinum Award from New Westminster Chamber of Commerce. For more information, please visit www.GFFG.com

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