

# BC Fruit Growers' Association

## Friday File



March 28, 2019

### BCFGA Bursaries

Students - apply now while you have time during Spring Break

[Two BCFGAs bursaries](#) are available for students to apply. The Golden Jubilee and Joe Sardinha Memorial Bursaries provide up to \$1,000 to a student who is related to a BCFGAs member.

The deadline for application is **April 12, 2019**. The bursaries are expected to be awarded prior to June 1, 2019.

Applications are evaluated based on course relevance, marks, farm experience, work experience, participation of parents in industry organizations, or other criteria outlined in the particular award.

### March 31 deadlines

#### One Program and One Consultation Deadline

For growers who are enrolled in AgriStability, an advance or 'interim payment' application can be requested. The **deadline to apply for Interim Payment is March 31**. (Note: the federal Minister of Agriculture announced that **growers can apply late to participate for their 2018 fiscal**, even though the application deadline is past. Growers who apply late will have any benefit reduced by 20%).

The provincial government is inviting feedback on its proposed labour regulation, dealing with payment of wages, hours of work, and other working conditions (also called employment standards). See the [last BCFGAs Friday File](#) for full information. Your personal input into this consultation is important! Copy the BCFGAs on your submission.

### Tree Fruit Production Guide Update

Spray Schedules are being printed and will be distributed to BCTF fieldsman next week, please contact your local fieldsman for your copy. BCFGAs direct members will receive their copy in the mail. *The Tree Fruit Production Guide is available online at [www.bctfpg.com](http://www.bctfpg.com) also at no charge.*

The last of the annual Production Guide meetings is being held in Creston


7pm-9pm

**Wednesday, April 10th**

Creston District Community Complex, Erickson Room

### BCFGA Board of Directors 2019

Name		Telephone
<b>Bhupinder (Pinder) Dhaliwal - President</b>	Oliver	Cell/text 250-490-7198
<b>Peter Simonsen - VP</b>	Naramata	Cell/text 250496-5156
<b>Ravinder Bains</b>	Keremeos	Cell 250-499-0512
<b>Sukhdeep (Deep) Brar</b>	Summerland	Cell/text 250-462-5687
<b>Karm Gill</b>	Kelowna	Cell 250-863-9737
<b>Sukhdev Goraya</b>	Kelowna	Cell/text 250- 859-1229
<b>David Machial</b>	Oliver	Cell/text 250-485-2636
<b>David Dobernigg</b>	Vernon	Cell/text 250-550-8999

BCFGAs Office 250-762-5226 Toll free -1-800-619-9022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Brenda Jorde, Member Services and BC Tree Fruit Replant Program, local 1.</li> <li>● Glen Lucas, General Manager, local 2.</li> <li>● Sheila MacGregor, Accountant, local 3.</li> <li>● Bunvir Nijjer, Corporate Secretary and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program, local 4.</li> </ul>
--	---

*Note: BCFGAs has a very small office with limited staff. With many activities undertaken on behalf of our 487 members, Members should call to make an appointment to be sure of staff being present to meet with you (staff are often away on business related to the BCFGAs). You may call your local director so that the BCFGAs Board can remain informed on how to best represent the tree fruit growers of BC.*