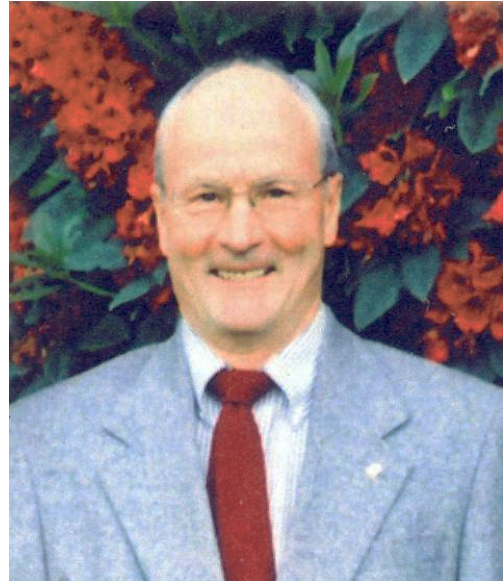


THE DICK SHAW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Chapter established this scholarship to honor the memory of our member, Dick Shaw. He was a well-respected inspector for WorkSafe BC, and a tireless advocate for blasting safety. Dick died of a heart attack in 2007 shortly before he was due to retire.

The scholarship will be awarded to a full-time student attending a college or university in Canada studying a subject with some relevance to the non-military use of explosives or blasting (e.g. mining, civil, chemical engineering, geology, seismic exploration, avalanche control, blasting physics, etc.). Subject of study is flexible, providing the applicant has an interest in pursuing a career that could involve blasting. Studies may be at any level (i.e. certificate, diploma, bachelors, masters, or doctorate). The applicant does not need to have any link to the Chapter or explosives industry and does not need to come from Western Canada. Also eligible, are students who have been studying in Canada but who are in the process of transferring elsewhere, providing the subject is very relevant to explosives or blasting. Candidates leaving high school and moving directly to further studies are also eligible. GPA is not a deciding factor for award, but the applicant must be in good standing at their institute of study.



The main criterion for selecting a winner is the submission of a work entitled "The safe use of controlled blasting in modern day construction and mining". This "work" may be in the form of an essay, a PowerPoint presentation, video, or some other form of mixed media. The main theme: to convince a skeptical public that explosives are not primarily destructive, but fundamental to the functioning of our modern society. The work should be original and any quotations or cited research must be properly referenced.

The successful candidate will be invited to receive their scholarship funds and give a presentation of their paper at the ISEE West Annual Chapter Conference in April 2026 in Kamloops, BC. Reasonable travel and accommodation expenses will be reimbursed by the Chapter.



AWARD:

- The scholarship* consists of a one-time payment of \$2,000.
- Awarded funds are to be applied towards the following: tuition fees, student union fees, course books, course software, moving expenses, residence fees, and school supplies.
- Paid conference registration fee for the Annual General Meeting held in Kamloops, BC, April 23rd – 25th, 2026.
- One year student membership to the ISEE Western Canada Chapter.

*The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to withhold awarding of the scholarship if no eligible candidates apply or if the work submitted is not of sufficiently high quality. In the case that two or more candidates are judged to be of equal standard, the award may be divided.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Application will consist of a brief introductory email to the Scholarship Committee, scholarships@iseewest.org. Subject line will read “Dick Shaw Scholarship Application”.
- The candidate will attach to this introductory email an original work entitled “The safe use of controlled blasting in modern day construction and mining”.
- Must be registered for a program of full-time post-secondary study in Canada. Graduating high school students are also eligible. Area of upcoming study must be related, in a meaningful way, to the blasting industry. Supporting documents for this (résumé, transcripts, letter of acceptance, etc.) will be attached to the application email.
- **All** required documents must be submitted together. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**
- **The closing date for receipt of applications is March 23rd, 2026.** Applications after this date will not be considered.

MORE INFORMATION:

www.iseewest.org - for more information on the ISEE Western Canada Chapter.

www.isee.org - for more information on the International Society of Explosives Engineers, our parent body.