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Surrey student earns prestigious scholarship valued at \$80,000



Brendan Cottrell, a graduate of Elgin Park Secondary in Surrey and new student at Simon Fraser University, is a recipient of the prestigious Schulich Leader Scholarship, valued at \$80,000. — Image Credit: Submitted

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SURREY — For Brendan Cottrell, back to school has never been sweeter.

Cottrell, a graduate of Elgin Park Secondary in Surrey and new student at Simon Fraser University, is a recipient of the prestigious Schulich Leader Scholarship, valued at \$80,000.

Cottrell is pursuing a bachelor of applied science in engineering science.

“I am extremely grateful for the scholarship as it provides me the opportunity to devote myself wholeheartedly to my schooling,” Cottrell said. “I am fortunate enough to pursue my passion for STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) knowing that I will have financial security for the upcoming years.”

The scholarships are awarded to 50 Canadian high school graduates who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM courses).

As a student at Elgin Park, Cottrell won several top student awards in mathematics and sciences. Outside the classroom, he established his own tutoring network and he also volunteers for Fisheries and Oceans Canada, helping raise awareness about the human-induced dangers orcas face.

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