

Hi, I'm Hannah, a third-year BSc Economics student at UVic. I'm a transfer student from North Island College, and without the scholarships and bursaries I received throughout my academic journey, I might not be here today.

Before starting my education in Economics, I completed my apprenticeship training at Vancouver Community College and became a Red Seal Chef. Coming from a trades background, I was able to access funding and awards that were easier to find, easier to understand, and much more attainable. I want to bring that same clarity and accessibility into the university environment.

I'm running for Undergraduate Student Senator to make student support systems simpler to use, especially financial support, so fewer students miss out or struggle because the process is confusing or unclear.

My main focus is awards and bursary transparency. Students should not have to hunt across multiple pages to figure out what they qualify for, when to apply, what documents are needed, or when decisions will be released. These barriers to entry disproportionately affect students with disabilities, further skewing the system against them.

If elected, I will advocate for:

- Plain-language, student-facing information that clearly explains eligibility, deadlines, and required steps in one place
- Published timelines and communication standards so students know when to expect updates and decisions
- Assistance for students who need support navigating the system and completing applications
- Accountability through reporting on where the process breaks down (including why awards go unclaimed), so improvements are based on evidence and student feedback

Not only will this benefit students, but it will also benefit the donors who fund these awards.

I will be an active and responsive representative by consulting students regularly, bringing specific proposals and questions to Senate and committee work, and sharing clear updates throughout the year.