

BCSTA Scholarships for Student Citizenship Application Package

Introduction:

The British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA), established in 1905, exists to serve and support our members, B.C.'s boards of education, in their key work of improving student achievement.

At the local level BCSTA provides professional development, legal counsel and communications support to member boards of education. Provincially, our non-profit association acts as our member boards' strong, unified voice in advocating to government, other education partners and the public on matters effecting public education.

School trustees are the democratically elected community representatives in B.C. public education. Through their boards of education, they advocate for improved student achievement and seek to engage their communities in that key work.

The BCSTA Scholarships for Student Citizenship recognize graduating students for outstanding contributions they have made to their school and community. These scholarships reflect BCSTA's commitment to its values that:

- Focus on students
- Support lifelong learning
- Support public education
- Recognize the importance of community in public education
- Provide opportunities to recognize and celebrate public education.

The application deadline is Monday, March 1, 2021.

Submissions:

BCSTA invites applications for its three scholarships of \$500 each (the number of scholarships is based on investment earnings).

If you are a guidance counselor, teacher or principal, please feel free to distribute the application material following this page to your graduating students. If you are a student, you can simply fill out and submit the form yourself.

Students are invited to email submissions to scholarships@bcsta.org. The email **must** have the following subject, as it appears below (replace <YOUR NAME HERE> with your own name, but do not change anything else):

Application - <YOUR NAME HERE> - BCSTA Scholarship

Important: Applications must be submitted as a single PDF document and must be arranged in the following order using the forms included in this document.

- Student Application Form
- Student Consent Form
- Student Activities/Clubs Form
- Student Essay
- School Reference Letter
- Community Reference Letter

Students can create a single pdf document by using free software such as Nitro or PrimoPDF. Some photocopiers also have the ability to scan documents to pdf files. Image files and Word files will not be accepted.

This package provides all the necessary information. However, if you have further inquiries, please send an email to scholarships@bcsta.org.

We look forward to receiving applications for the 2020-2021 BCSTA scholarship and wish all of British Columbia's 2021 graduating students the best as they move forward with their education and careers.

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Deadline for Application Submissions:

The deadline is Monday, March 1, 2021.

All submissions received will be acknowledged with an email reply. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

You may wish to submit your application well in advance of the deadline in case you encounter difficulties with your submission.

The scholarship recipients will be notified in late May or early June, via email and their name(s) will be posted on BCSTA's website (www.bcsta.org).

Requirements:

This scholarship recognizes graduating B.C. public school students who have displayed exemplary citizenship within their school and community.

Scholarship Information:

Three awards of \$500 each will be distributed.

Scholarships will be paid directly to the graduating student's post-secondary institution.

Criteria:

Students must be graduating from a B.C. public school in the 2020/2021 school year. Students must submit a completed application in the required format on or before the application deadline.

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Complete Applications Must Include:

- **Student Application Form (including student activities)**
 - Use the Student Application Form on page five.
- **Student Consent Form**
 - The Privacy Statement and Consent Form on page six is to be signed by the student.
- **Student Activities/Clubs Form**
 - Use the Activities/Clubs Form on page seven, or devise and use your own document.
- **Student Essay**
 - No form provided.
 - Maximum 500 words from the student on the following subject:
 - Think of a leader you admire and how they promote good citizenship using the internet and digital tools. Describe their greatest contributions, as well as areas they could grow in.
- **School Reference Letter (from an official at the student's school)**
 - Confirms a reasonable expectation that the student will be graduating in the 2020/2021 school year (**Note: Students are responsible for ensuring the inclusion of this information in the sponsoring letter**).
 - Describes the context in which the sponsoring official knows the student.
 - Describes how the student's actions at school demonstrate good citizenship.
 - See full instructions for school-based sponsor on page eight.
- **Community Reference Letter (from a representative of a community organization)**
 - Indicates the individual's relationship with the student.
 - Describes how the student's actions in the community demonstrate good citizenship.
 - See Instructions for Community-Based Sponsor on page nine.

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Student Application Form

Please complete and submit all three pages (pages 5 – 7)

Name:

Address:

Phone No.:

E-Mail:

School Name:

Phone No.:

SPONSORING LETTERS ARE BEING SUPPLIED BY:

A. School-Based Sponsor: Sponsor's Name

B. Community-Based Sponsor: Sponsor's Name, Sponsor's Title

Plans for the future:

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Privacy Statement and Consent Form (to be signed by student)

The personal information collected by BCSTA through the scholarship application process is governed by B.C.'s Personal Information Protection Act. The purpose of this privacy statement and consent is to inform you of how BCSTA intends to use your information and to confirm your agreement. This information will be used only by BCSTA and the Vancouver Foundation. It will be used only for purposes related to administration of this scholarship. It will not be shared with other organizations except if required to verify information provided. BCSTA publicizes the names of scholarship recipients. We therefore request that the scholarship recipient provide a photograph to be used in our member publications. These publications may include (but are not limited to) BCSTA's membership via e-mail, stories in BCSTA publications, and online features on BCSTA's website. Such publications may include information collected through this application (except for personal addresses and phone numbers) and the supporting material submitted and BCSTA may quote in full or in part from the supporting letters. You may refuse or withdraw your consent to the information collection, use, disclosure and publication as described above. The likely consequence of doing so is that your application will not be considered, except if extenuating circumstances are accepted by the scholarship committee.

I give permission for the use, disclosure, and publication of the information and material that I have submitted, as described above.

Student signature

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Activities/Clubs

School-Based Activities/Clubs:

Nature of involvement:

Time commitment:

Activity:

Community-Based Activities/Clubs:

Nature of involvement:

Time commitment:

Activity:

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Instructions for School-Based Sponsor:

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- Students must be planning to attend a post-secondary institution.
- Students must have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in their schools and in their community.
- Students must submit a completed application in the required format on or before the application deadline.

Your letter of support should:

- Confirm that the student applicant is expected to graduate in the 2020/2021 school year.
- Describe the contexts in which you know the student.
- Describe how the student has demonstrated exemplary citizenship through actions in the school setting.

Thank you for your support.

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