

AWARD OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADE 12 STUDENTS

West Shore Community Response Network

The British Columbia Association of Community Response Networks (BC CRN) grew out of the need to create an on-going, permanent provincial funding and support structure for the benefit of vulnerable adults who are experiencing (or at risk of experiencing) abuse, neglect, and self-neglect.

At the local level, CRNs facilitate prevention and education activities with local stakeholders, by supporting a coordinated response to abuse, neglect and self neglect of vulnerable adults in British Columbia. In liaising at the provincial level through their Regional Mentors and the Executive Director, CRNs assist in identifying common themes, barriers, and issues which require work at the regional, provincial, and sometimes national level.



The West Shore Community Response Network is pleased to announce our new Fellowship Program. We wish to encourage involvement in providing support for vulnerable adults in the West Shore, and hope that this award will assist youth in pursuing their interests in all careers related to the care of vulnerable adults.

Two \$500 awards are being made available by the West Shore Community Response Network (WS CRN) to graduating Canadian Grade 12 students who live in the West Shore.

The first award of \$500 will be made available to an applicant who demonstrates leadership in the community. We will prioritize applicants who have contributed to supporting seniors or seniors' organizations in the community.

The second award of \$500 will be made available to a T'Souke Nation, Scia'new Nation (Beecher Bay) or Pacheedaht Nation student who demonstrates leadership in the community. We will prioritize applicants who have contributed to supporting seniors or seniors' organizations in the community.

These funds are being made available thanks to the British Columbia Community Response Network. Applicants may receive only one



British Columbia Community Response Network award. Receiving non-BCCRN scholarships and financial awards does **not** disqualify the student from receiving a BCCRN scholarship.

Please note that use of these funds is not restricted to post-secondary costs and may be used to further learning in a care-giving career. (examples might include attendance at a conference, time spent volunteering at a seniors' residence or participating in a training session for a related skill.)

Eligibility Criteria:

Student is:

- Attending high school full-time
- Graduating in the year the award is presented.
- Intending to pursue a career that supports the elderly and/or the aging process.

How to apply:

Submit the following:

1. Cover letter

The letter must explain how the student meets the eligibility criteria, and must include answers to the following questions (500 words maximum):

- What is ageism and how does it affect life in the West Shore communities?
- What is an example of a positive change that could be made in the West Shore communities to improve the lives of our elderly residents?

2. Two letters of recommendation: one from a teacher, school counsellor, mentor, or volunteer supervisor, and one from outside of the school community such as a connection through work or extra-curricular activities.

3. A resume.

Deadline for submission:

The deadline for the submission of all applications is Tuesday, April 30, 2024. The successful applicant will be notified by May 15, 2024, and the award will be presented before June 15, 2024.

Use the buttons below to view or download the application forms. Please return completed applications via email to westshorecrn@gmail.com

Selection of successful applicants will be made by the British Columbia Community Response Network Awards Committee, and successful recipients will be notified no later than May 15, 2024.



Criteria:

1. Grade 12 student attending high school full time.
2. Graduating in the year that the award is presented.
3. Able to demonstrate a strong interest in education and learning.
4. Able to demonstrate leadership in the community. Applicants who have contributed to supporting seniors or seniors' organizations in the community will be prioritized.

Process:

1. Complete a cover letter that outlines how you meet the eligibility criteria. Please include answers to the following questions:

a) What skills or qualities have you developed through your interactions with seniors?

b) Share a specific example of a meaningful interaction you had with a senior and how it made a difference in their life.

2. Please include a resume, if available.

3. Please include a recommendation from a teacher, school counsellor, mentor or volunteer supervisor.

4. Please submit the completed application package to westshorecrn@gmail.com

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