



British Columbia
School Trustees
Association

2012 BCSTA Student Citizenship Award Application Package

The BC School Trustees Association invites applications for its 2012 Awards for Student Citizenship. We are offering five awards of \$500 each.

If you are a guidance counsellor, teacher or principal, please feel free to print and distribute the application material following this page to your graduating students. If you are a student, you can simply download it yourself.

The deadline for filling out and returning the application forms is Wednesday, February 29, 2012. Students may mail or fax the forms to BCSTA:

British Columbia School Trustees Association
4th floor – 1580 West Broadway
Vancouver, BC V6J 5K9

Fax: 604-732-4559.

As long as applications are postmarked February 29, 2012, we will accept late arrivals.

This package should cover all the information you need. However, if you have further inquiries, please contact the award coordinator, Melanie Jackson, mjackson@bcsta.org.

We look forward to receiving applications for the 2012 award. On behalf of the BC School Trustees Association, best wishes to all of British Columbia's 2012 graduating students.



Application Kit: Introduction

The BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA), established in 1905, exists to serve locally elected boards of education at the community and provincial levels.

School trustees are the democratically elected community representatives in BC public education. Through their Association, they advocate for improved student achievement – and seek to engage their communities in that Key Work.

The BCSTA Award for Student Citizenship recognizes graduating students for outstanding contributions they have made to their school and community. The award reflects 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 publicly to recognize and celebrate public education.

This is the second year that BCSTA is offering five awards. We raised funds for the fifth award through donations in memoriam for our late communications director, Jean Ciriani. Jean was passionate about public education; we're proud to honour her memory in this way.

Deadline for application submissions

The deadline is **Wednesday, February 29, 2012**. All submissions received will be acknowledged with a letter. Applications received after February 29, but postmarked February 29, will be accepted.

Award recipients will be notified in late May/early June, via presentation at their graduation ceremony. By the end of June, winners' names will be posted on BCSTA's website, www.bcsta.org.

If you have any questions, please contact award coordinator Melanie Jackson, mjackson@bcsta.org.



Requirements

This award recognizes graduating BC public school students who have displayed exemplary citizenship within their school and community.

No. of awards:	Five
Amount:	\$500 per award
Deadline:	Wednesday, February 29, 2012.
Criteria:	Students must have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in their schools and in their communities. Students must be graduating from a BC public school in the 2011-2012 school year. Students must have submitted complete applications by the application deadline.

Complete Applications Include:

A. Student Application

- completed application form (including activity summary page)
- an essay (maximum 500 words) from the student that defines what citizenship means to them *personally*, as opposed to merely a dictionary definition; how the citizenship concept applies to the life of their school and community, and describes how the student has tried to live out this concept of good citizenship in school and community. The student may include a description of how family has been influential and supportive in developing the idea of citizenship.

B. Two Sponsoring Letters as follows:

1. A letter from an *official at the student's school* that:
 - confirms a reasonable expectation that the student will be graduating in the 2011-2012 school year
 - describes the context in which the sponsoring official has known the student
 - describes how the student's actions at school demonstrate good citizenship.
2. A letter from a *representative of a community organization* that:
 - indicates the individual's relationship with the student
 - describes how the student's actions in the community demonstrate good citizenship.



Student Citizenship Award

Student Application Form

Please complete and submit all three pages.

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone No.: _____
E-Mail: _____
School Name: _____
Phone No.: _____

All supporting documents attached. Please check ✓ <input type="checkbox"/> Completed application form (including consent) <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship essay <input type="checkbox"/> School sponsor letter <input type="checkbox"/> Community sponsor letter

SPONSORING LETTERS ARE BEING SUPPLIED BY:

A. School-Based Sponsor

_____ Sponsor's Name	_____ Sponsor's Title
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B. Community-Based Sponsor

_____ Sponsor's Name	_____ Sponsor's Title	_____ Sponsor's Organization
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C. Plans for the future: _____



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Privacy Statement and Consent to be signed by student

The personal information collected by BCSTA through the award application process is governed by BC'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 its related organization, the BC Educational Support Foundation.
- It will be used only for purposes related to administration of this award.
- It will not be shared with other organizations except if required to verify information provided.
- BCSTA publicizes award winners. From our winners, we ask for a photograph to be used in our member publications. These publication may include (but are not limited to) notices to BCSTA's membership via e-mail, stories in BCSTA publications, and online features on BCSTA's website. Such publication 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

Date

School-based activities/clubs:

ACTIVITY	NATURE OF INVOLVEMENT	TIME COMMITMENT

Community-based activities/clubs:

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Submission

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Students must submit a completed application by the deadline.

Your letter of support should:

- confirm that the student applicant is expected to graduate in the 2011-2012 school year
- describe the contexts in which you have known the student
- describe how the student has indicated an appreciation of good citizenship, and has **demonstrated** this through actions in the **school setting**.

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