

College rewards service with scholarship

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High school is a busy time for teens. With schoolwork, jobs and socializing with friends, you'd hardly think they had enough time left over to do anything but sleep. Still, some students manage to find enough time to also help people and causes in their communities.

In an effort to reward those efforts, Okanagan College introduced a new scholarship program to give them a little financial help.

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a well-developed sense of social responsibility among our students and want to encourage that," said Jim Hamilton, president of the college.

The college's Community Spirit Awards are \$1,000 tuition scholarships for OC programs. Under the program, 40 scholarships will be distributed each year to high school graduates who have a record of service to their school, their community or both. They must also have a grade average of at least 65 per cent on their Grade 11 and 12 courses to qualify.

"We really want to encourage

those students who share the college's goal of being supportive to the communities we serve," said Hamilton. "A \$1,000 scholarship will let recipients know that their efforts are valued."

The awards will be distributed throughout the four regions served by Okanagan College with eight targeted for South Okanagan students.

The deadline to apply for the Community Spirit Award is March 5, 2010. Application forms will be available in late January 2010 at www.okanagan.bc.ca/financialaid.

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