



Columbia Basin Trust College Community Service Award Guidelines

Introduction

Columbia Basin Trust's College Community Service Awards are designed to assist Basin students, who have taken a hiatus of at least one year after completing high school, in pursuing post-secondary education/training in the region, and to reward and encourage the volunteerism of Columbia Basin residents. These Community Service Awards are based on volunteer service and are not based on academic achievement. Each year the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) provides a College Community Service Award valued at \$2,000.

Community Service refers to a significant contribution of time, energy and/or talent that fosters social, environmental or economic well-being without resulting in a financial benefit to the applicant. These awards are an annual external award administered at Okanagan College, Revelstoke Centre on behalf of CBT.

CBT's Commitment

CBT has indicated their intent to provide \$2,000 per year for two years. An evaluation of the awards program will be conducted after two years and further commitments from CBT will be tied to the results of that evaluation.

The Awards

The awards will be in the form of CBT - College Community Service Awards. They will be presented on a yearly basis to students enrolled in any Okanagan College, Revelstoke Centre full-time program.

Annual Awards — The financial award will be presented in the following manner:

- A successful applicant will receive a \$2,000 award which will be administered by Okanagan College, Revelstoke Centre. CBT is initially committing to this agreement for two years.

Award Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply for CBT – College Community Service Award:

- Students must not be a graduate from high school in the preceding year of application.
- Students who have received a Youth Community Service Award and have received an extension in attending a post-secondary institution are not eligible to receive a College Community Service Award in the year they return to school.
- Applicants must have a minimum of three years continuous residency in CBT's mandate area immediately prior to their application. Students, who might have resided temporarily outside CBT mandate area for education but retained their permanent address in the Basin, will be deemed as having lived in the Basin.
- Applicants must be planning to enroll in a recognized undergraduate program leading to a degree, diploma or certificate, including a trades certification, at Okanagan College, Revelstoke Centre full-time (**80 percent of a full course load**). Students with recognized disabilities are eligible if they are registered in 60 percent of a full course load.
- Successful applicants will receive the funds in two disbursements; the first once full-time enrolment is confirmed and a second release after successful completion of the first term and on confirmation of commencing the second term. While the award is meant to aid the students educational pursuits the funds can managed at the discretion of the students. No accounting of expenses is expected or required.

- Submission of the completed application materials by the deadline to the Okanagan College, Revelstoke Centre.
- Once awarded, extensions will not be provided, but students may reapply.

Award Selection Criteria

The emphasis for award selection is on active and significant volunteer involvement to foster social, environmental and economic well-being. The adjudication process will give added weight to volunteer activities which are focused on providing benefit to Basin communities but other volunteer activities will be considered. Academic achievement will be considered in the context that a solid academic performance ensures the applicant's ability to successfully complete his or her chosen post-secondary program.

Awards Committee

The Okanagan College, Revelstoke Centre Awards Committee and a CBT representative will adjudicate the applicants eligibility and award selection.

Timing

Implement for Autumn 2009 academic year. Application available in Spring of 2009, deadline **June 30** and adjudication by the end of September or as soon as adjudication is concluded.

Number of Recipients

A maximum of one (1) per year will be selected for a \$2,000 CBT – College Community Service Award. If an appropriate applicant is not identified, funds can be rolled over to subsequent years.