

Andre Courtemanche Green Ribbon Scholarship Weighting Framework

AWARD

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BACKGROUND

The Andre Courtemanche Green Ribbon Scholarship honours the legacy of 16-year-old Andre Courtemanche. Andre was dedicated, strong-willed, and creative, and had many talents and interests. He loved fitness and weightlifting, video games and computers, and camping and hiking. He also loved using his creative talents, like baking and carving, to make and give gifts to his loved ones. Andre also struggled with anxiety and depression. The Andre Courtemanche Green Ribbon Scholarship was created by Andre's family in his memory. Andre's family is passionate about breaking the stigma and silence that surrounds mental illness, and helping to ensure that others get the support they need. The scholarship is intended to be an investment in young people, to help fuel resiliency and to reduce some of the barriers youth may face in accessing post-secondary training and education.

DETAILS

- Value: \$1,000
- Field of study: post-secondary trades programs (ex. carpentry, cooking, welding...) or programs relating to fitness, nutrition and the outdoors (ex. sport management, natural sciences...)
- Program status: 1st or 2nd year study

MANDATORY BASIC CRITERIA

- Have lived or living experience with mental health illness
- Are 25 or under the age of 25 at the time you apply
- Live in BC or intends to live in BC for the duration of the school year
- Are not enrolling in a government-sponsored job training program
- Will be enrolled in first year studies at a recognized BC university, college or technical school by December 1, 2024
- Two references and financial information attached

Please **note** that those applicants who have won the award in the past two years are not eligible to apply again this year.

Important

****Additional points will be given according to how well each question is answered as well as the quality of details and information provided. We will be looking for applicants who provide strong and thoughtful examples and supporting details as well as tell us their story in each answer.**

MENTAL HEALTH HISTORY

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Criteria	Score
MANDATORY: A history of mental illness ¹ If this criterion is not met, application is disregarded.	Yes/No
Additional points for describing how mental illness has affected and/or influenced education	/15

EDUCATION AND CAREER GOALS

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Criteria	Score
MANDATORY: Having career goal(s) related to the development of their skills in the field of trades programs.	/20
Additional points for a clear passion about this career goal	/5
Additional points for a demonstrated interest, aptitude or experience in the chosen career (i.e., the applicant could cite previous training, list specific character traits or relate certain skilled hobbies)	/5

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Criteria	Score
MANDATORY: Educational goals must be related to post-secondary trades programs (ex. carpentry, cooking, welding...) or programs relating to fitness, nutrition and the outdoors (letter must be no longer than 500 words)	/10
Additional points if: <ul style="list-style-type: none">the path toward achieving the specified education goal is clearly outlinedmotivations, aptitudes and/or achievements are describedmental illness is described as both a barrier and an asset for the fulfillment of the educational goal	/15

¹ Which specific mental illness it is will not affect the granting decision

FINANCIAL NEED

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The reviewers will take into consideration your Financial Needs based on your answers in the application.

BUDGET

/10

The reviewers will assess your Budget details based on your answers in the application.

REFERENCES REQUIRED

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Criteria	Score
MANDATORY: Two non-family references.	Disqualified if criteria not met
Additional points for detailed and specific examples	/5
Additional points if referee knows applicant well and has been acquainted with applicant in the past year	/5
Additional points for the referee’s enthusiasm for the applicant’s personal strength, resilience, readiness for the course, and/or likelihood of success (i.e., not a receipt of medical treatment, an iteration of mental health history, or a re-statement of applicant’s request)	/5