

# Janice Lee BlueWave Weighting Framework

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**AWARD**

**/115**

## **BACKGROUND**

The Janice Lee Blue Wave Bursary honours the legacy of Janice Lee, an 18-year-old who struggled with depression and anxiety for six years and took her own life in 2006. The following year, Blue Wave was created by her family to help break the silence around mental illness in teens and to provide support earlier. The vision of the Janice Lee Blue Wave Bursary program is to invest in the resilience, wisdom and potential of young people and to reduce some of the barriers they face during the major transition from secondary school to higher education.

## **DETAILS**

- Value: \$700
- Field of study: Any
- Program status: First-year study

## **MANDATORY BASIC CRITERIA**

- Have lived or living experience with mental health illness
- Are under the age of 21 at the time you apply
- Lives 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

**/15**

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

## Letter to Struggling Youth

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Criteria	Score
<b>MANDATORY:</b> letter is actually addressed to a teenager or 'you' rather than to CMHA	<b>/5</b>
Additional points if applicant describes the lessons they have learned about their experience with mental illness and/or addiction	<b>/5</b>
Additional points if the applicant describes what has helped them the most to have hope for the future	<b>/5</b>
Additional points if the letter would be of benefit to other young people experiencing mental illness and/or addiction	<b>/5</b>

## EDUCATION AND CAREER GOALS

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Criteria	Score
<b>MANDATORY:</b> Having career goal(s) identified and connection made to course/program	<b>/20</b>
Additional points for a clear passion about this career goal	<b>/5</b>
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)	<b>/5</b>

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<sup>1</sup> Which specific mental illness it is will not affect the granting decision

**FINANCIAL NEED****/25**

The reviewers will take your Financial Needs into consideration 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****/15**

Criteria	Score
<b>MANDATORY:</b> Two non-family references	<b>Disqualified if criteria not met</b>
Additional points for detailed and specific examples	<b>/5</b>
Additional points if reference knows applicant well and has been acquainted with applicant in the past year	<b>/5</b>
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)	<b>/5</b>