

West Point Grey Community Centre Association 2018 Scholarship Program

Instructions

The West Point Grey Community Centre Association is pleased to be awarding up to two \$500 scholarships to Secondary school students in the area.

The West Point Grey Scholarships are awarded each year to graduating secondary students in the community who have made a difference at the West Point Grey Community Centre or/and in the community at large. These students have spent time volunteering for special events, programs, day camps, or other activities that benefit our community. Some of the past scholarship recipients have even gone on to become staff at WPG either in Summer Day Camps or other activities. Others have gone on to pursue their studies in such fields as Recreation, Education, and Medicine. The purpose of the bursary is to provide financial assistance to students in order to pursue post-secondary education in the field of their interest.

One of the scholarships will be named after a former youth who passed away too soon in the Spring of 2012. Taro Horikoshi started at WPGCC by volunteering for countless special events and quickly became the Vice-President for the Youth Council and the Youth representative on the Board of Directors. Taro was an exchange student from Japan who studied at Lord Byng Secondary School. He was a trusted, reliable and willing volunteer who could always be counted on and represented the community centre well. One of his biggest initiatives with the Youth Council was a fundraiser that he organized which assisted with sending monetary relief to the Red Cross to assist those affected by the earthquake in Japan in 2011.

Criteria:

The selection will be based on the following criteria:

1. Applicant must be enrolled in Grade 12 and proceeding to Post-Secondary school education
2. Be an Active community volunteer during high school years, with consideration, weighted in descending order, for volunteering in the areas categorized below:
 - a) With the West Point Grey Community Centre Association
 - b) In other Community Organizations in the West Point area
 - c) In other Community Organizations
 - d) In School

Application Process:

1. Completed application form
2. A letter of reference to support the application from the volunteer supervisor of the organization(s) for which the student has volunteered, if outside WPG, if applicable
OR
A letter of reference from the West Point Grey Community Centre Youth Leader, if applicable
3. A letter of reference from a teacher, school counselor or administrator, indicating the student's application and attitude toward learning and toward the school community
4. A required essay (300-500 words)
5. A photocopy the applicant's most recent transcript
6. Application materials must be received to the WPG front office or through email (in PDF format) to Natalie Vermaas, Recreation Programmer II at natalie.vermaas@vancouver.ca by **Friday June 1, 2018**.





Selection Process:

A committee of the West Point Grey Community Association will select recipients. All scholarship applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by mid-late June 2017. If time permits, a member of the West Point Grey Association Board of Directors will present the bursary to the successful candidate at the school Graduation ceremonies. If not, the scholarships will be presented to the successful applicants at the July Board Meeting (held on Wednesday July 4th at 6pm).

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Natalie Vermaas at natalie.vermaas@vancouver.ca or at 604.257.8149



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- Read the Scholarship Criteria form prior to filling out this application
- Please ensure that this application form is completely and properly filled out and that ALL required documentation accompanies this application
- Use 1 additional sheet of paper if needed to answer questions

Name of Applicant:		Birthdate: DD / MM / YYYY
Address:		Postal Code:
Email Address:	Home #	Alternate #
School Name:		School Phone #
School Address:		Postal Code:
School Counsellor:		Grade:
Name of Post-Secondary Institute you plan to attend and program you plan to follow:		

1. What has been your volunteer involvement in the West Point Community Centre over the past 2 years?

Date of Service	Responsibilities (Please describe as fully as possible)	# hours



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2. What volunteer experiences have you had in community organizations, other than the West Point Grey Community Centre, over the past 2 years?

Date of Service	Responsibilities (Please describe as fully as possible)	# hours

3. List some of the factors that demonstrate that you are a well-rounded individual. Include involvement in recreational cultural, artistic and/or sporting activities in addition to your academic work.

4. What are your future plans/goals (i.e. post-secondary)? And how do you plan to keep community involvement as a part of your life?

5. If you were awarded one of the bursaries, explain how it will make a difference in your life (100 words or less):



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6. In the space provided, write a 300-500 word typewritten or neatly handwritten essay on “How has volunteering for the West Point Grey Community Centre and in the Community contributed to your life experiences”?

Please make sure you have included:

- Letter of reference from the West Point Grey Community Centre Youth Leader or designate.
- Letter(s) of reference from the volunteer supervisor(s) if volunteering was done in organization other than the West Point Grey Community Centre.
- Letter of reference from a teacher, counselor or administrator indicating the student's application and attitude toward learning and toward the school community.
- Photocopy of student's most recent report card (or record of grades from school administrator).
- 300-500 word essay

