BEACON COMMUNITY SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Award amount: Up to 4 awards of $1,500 each
Eligibility: To be eligible, students must be graduating from secondary school in the geographic area covered by SD 61, 62, 63 or 64
Application deadline: <u>By end of day MAY 1</u>
Email or send applications to: Scholarship Applications, Beacon Community Services: scholarships@beaconcs.ca; 2723 Quadra St, Victoria, BC V8T 4E5 *(Include Beacon Scholarships <u>and</u> your school district number in the email subject line or on envelope.)*

BACKGROUND

In 1974, a group of Saanich Peninsula residents formed the Citizens' Advisory Committee to address social issues in the community. The organization gradually evolved to become Beacon Community Services -- a non-profit organization of 1,200 + staff and 550+ volunteers which delivers a variety of programs and services to help improve life for thousands of people across the Greater Victoria area and on the Southern Gulf Islands.

In 2013, in appreciation of volunteers' role in shaping Beacon Community Services and the communities we serve, Beacon's volunteer Board of Directors established the Beacon Community Services Scholarships. **In keeping with our mission of helping people and improving lives, the scholarships are focused on recognizing exemplary volunteerism or community service**.

HOW TO APPLY: MANDATORY CRITERIA

Up to 4 scholarships may be granted. **To be considered for an award, a candidate <u>MUST</u> submit contact information <u>AND</u>**:

1. A 250 word statement on his/her plans for post-secondary education and his/her career aspirations;
2. A resume clearly showing his/her history of leadership or community service/volunteerism and its scope and impact;
3. <u>AT LEAST 1</u> letter(s) of reference (from a non-family member and who does not reside with the candidate), attesting to the candidate's volunteerism or community service or leadership and its scope and impact (*Note: more than 1 is encouraged*); and
4. Any other documentation or evidence that the candidate considers relevant (e.g., press clippings, reports, photos etc.)

At least some of a candidate's leadership or volunteer/community service must be identified as having been done in an area covered by Beacon's geographic boundaries. (*Note: The work does not necessarily have to be done with, or in any way involve, Beacon Community Services.)*

Judging panels may also require any or all candidates to attend an interview. If this is required, candidates will be contacted with relevant details.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All above documentation <u>MUST</u> be on 8 1/2 x 11 paper (it's acceptable to scan or copy article clippings, photos etc onto 8 1/2 x 11);

- If submitted electronically, documents must be in a PDF format (Word documents must be saved and submitted as a PDF);
- Each page must be clearly numbered and labelled with the candidate's name, the name of his/her school and the school district's name or number; and
- **Complete submissions must be <u>received</u> no later than end of day May 1** in the student's graduating year.

Note: Beacon Community Services reserves the right to not issue a scholarship to any candidate or in any given year or district. Additionally, neither Beacon Community Services nor its scholarship judging panels will be held responsible for any delays or omissions in receiving or considering scholarship applications or relevant documents, regardless of whether such delays or omissions are caused by technical and/or other issues or errors.

Volunteerism/service (not necessarily academic standing) is the focus of these scholarships. However, awards will be conditional on confirmation of registration in a private or public post-secondary institution.