

Andre Courtemanche Green Ribbon Scholarship Weighting Framework

This guide is meant to help you systematically evaluate the scholarship applications received for the Andre Courtemanche Green Ribbon Scholarship. Please be sure to look through each application to see that it fulfills the mandatory requirements before devoting the time to reviewing it in depth. If any of the basic criteria or category-specific mandatory criteria is not met, the applicant is unfortunately ineligible for the award and the application should not be marked.

AWARD

/85

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 challenges
- 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.
- Two references and financial information attached

Important

****Additional points will be on a scale of 0-5 and 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

/5

| Criteria | Score |
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| MANDATORY: A history of mental illness (no judgment of the illness) If this criterion is not met, application is disregarded. | Yes/No |
| Additional points for describing how mental illness has affected and/or influenced education or career goals | /5 |

EDUCATION AND CAREER GOALS

/25

| Criteria | Score |
|---|-------|
| MANDATORY: A clear and well-defined job/career goal | /5 |
| Additional points for identifying the link between the course/program being applied for and career goal as well as how they wish to achieve goal | /5 |
| Additional points for explaining their respective career goal | /5 |
| 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 |
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| 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) | /5 |
| Additional points if the path toward achieving the specified education goal is clearly outlined | /5 |
| Additional points if motivations, aptitudes and/or incremental achievements are described | /5 |
| Additional points if mental illness is described as both a barrier and an asset for the fulfillment of the educational goal | /5 |

FINANCIAL NEED**/15**

| Criteria | Score |
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| Mandatory: No major financial help from family, savings, or another bursary (loan is okay) Additional points if they are facing significant financial barriers for someone their age (e.g., parents' financial situation, they or their caregivers are single parents, they live alone, they are unable to do part-time work due to illness, or they have no caregiver) | /5 |
| Additional points if they have a plan for how they will fund their education or they have considered other options (e.g., student loans or bursaries), which shows initiative and resourcefulness | /5 |
| Additional points for a compelling explanation of financial need that goes beyond "course is expensive" and addresses individual barriers | /5 |

BUDGET**/5**

| Criteria | Score |
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| MANDATORY: Expenses are listed on the chart in the application and a document is attached that verifies the amounts owing and paid are for one semester only (tuition/books/supplies only) Additional points for total expenses being equal to or greater than the bursary amount (\$700) | /5 |

REFERENCES REQUIRED**/15**

| Criteria | Score |
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| 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 |