

Jean Ciriani Scholarship for Communications

The family of Jean Ciriani and the BC School Trustees Association invites applications for its Jean Ciriani Scholarship for Communications. We are offering an award of \$1500.

If you are a guidance counselor, teacher or principal, please feel free to print and distribute the application material following this page to your graduating students. If you are a student, you can simply download it yourself.

The application deadline is Monday, March 4, 2019. Submissions are only accepted via email.

Students are invited to email submissions to: scholarships@bcsta.org. The email must have the following subject, as it appears below (replace <YOUR NAME HERE> with your own name, but do not change anything else):

Application - <YOUR NAME HERE> - Jean Ciriani Scholarship

Applications must be submitted as a single PDF document, arranged as follows using the forms included in this document, as noted:

1. Student Application Form (use the Student Application Form on page four)
2. Student Consent Form (the Privacy Statement and Consent Form on page five is to be signed by the student)
3. Student Activities/Clubs Form (use the Activities/Clubs Form on page six, or devise and use your own document)
4. Student Essay (no form provided)
5. School Reference (See Instructions for School-Based Sponsor on page seven)
6. Community Reference (See Instructions for Community-Based Sponsor on page eight)

Students can create a single pdf document by using free software such as Nitro or PrimoPDF. Some photocopiers also have the ability to scan documents to pdf files.

This package provides all necessary information; however, if you have further inquiries, please contact Jodi Olstead, the Scholarship Coordinator at jolstead@bcsta.org. Please do not send your application to this email address.

We look forward to receiving applications for the 2019 Jean Ciriani Scholarship for Communications. On behalf of the Ciriani family and the BC School Trustees Association, best wishes to all of British Columbia's 2019 graduating students.

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Application Kit: Introduction

Jean Ciriani was the Director of Communications at the BCSTA until she passed away in 2009. In memory of her contributions to education and the execution of public policy her family and friends raised the funds necessary to establish this scholarship in her name. Jean had a lifelong interest in communication of public policy and especially public policy related to education. Throughout her life she determined that her career would allow her to use her gift for communication to further the functioning of our public institutions. As someone who belonged to a family of educators it was quite natural that her ultimate goal was to be part of an institute that played a significant role in guiding the policies of our education system. Jean had a passion for the citizens of our communities participating in well-functioning government and her personal participation efforts were to use her knowledge and skills in communication in the service of such good governance. While her last role was at BCSTA Jean also stressed that her early career in journalism was a cornerstone of good public governance.

The Jean Ciriani Scholarship for Communications recognizes a graduating student who has excelled at communication studies and who has expressed an interest in using his/her communication skills in the support of public policy and education. This scholarship reflects Jean's lifelong interest in good governance and the support that communications can serve for good governance.

Deadline for application submissions

The deadline is Monday, March 4, 2019. All submissions received will be acknowledged with an email reply.

Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. You might want to submit your application well in advance of the deadline in case you encounter difficulties with your submission. The award recipient will be notified in late May or early June, via email. The scholarship recipient's name will be posted on BCSTA's website, www.bcsta.org.

Requirements

This award recognizes graduating BC public school students who have displayed exemplary communication skills within their school and community.

No. of awards: One

Amount: \$1500

Deadline: Monday, March 4, 2019

Criteria: Students must have a high academic standing in communication subjects and express an interest in furthering their education in communications. Students must be graduating from a BC public school in the 2018-2019 school year. Students must submit a completed application in the required format on or before the application deadline.

Note: the scholarship will be paid directly to the graduating student's post-secondary institution.

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Complete applications include:

A. Student Application

- Completed application form (including student activities)
- An essay (maximum 500 words) from the student that expresses his/her view on how communications can help public institutes in the execution of their policies and governance.

B. Two Sponsoring Letters as follows:

1. A letter from an official at the student's school that:

- confirms a reasonable expectation that the student will be graduating in the 2018/2019 school year
- describes the context in which the sponsoring official knows the student
- describes how the student has participated in an organization and has used his/her communication skills in support of that organization

2. A letter from a representative of a community organization that:

- indicates the individual's relationship with the student
- describes how the student has used his/her communication skills to support public organizations

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Student Application Form

Please complete and submit all three pages (pages 4 – 6)

Name:

Address:

Phone No.:

E-Mail:

School Name:

Phone No.:

SPONSORING LETTERS ARE BEING SUPPLIED BY:

A. School-Based Sponsor: Sponsor's Name

B. Community-Based Sponsor: Sponsor's Name, Sponsor's Title

Plans for the future:

Please ensure that all supporting documents are included:

1. Completed application form (including consent)
2. Citizenship essay
3. School sponsor letter
4. Community sponsor letter
5. Sponsor's Title
6. Sponsor's Organization

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Privacy Statement and Consent Form to be signed by student

The personal information collected by BCSTA through the scholarship application process is governed by BC's Personal Information Protection Act. The purpose of this privacy statement and consent is to inform you of how BCSTA intends to use your information and to confirm your agreement. This information will be used only by BCSTA and the Vancouver Foundation. It will be used only for purposes related to administration of this scholarship. It will not be shared with other organizations except if required to verify information provided. BCSTA publicizes the names of scholarship recipients. We therefore request that the scholarship recipient provide a photograph to be used in our member publications. These publication may include (but are not limited to) notices to the family of Jean Ciriani, BCSTA's membership via e-mail, stories in BCSTA publications, and online features on BCSTA's website. Such publications may include information collected through this application (except for personal addresses and phone numbers) and the supporting material submitted and BCSTA may quote in full or in part from the supporting letters. You may refuse or withdraw your consent to the information collection, use, disclosure and publication as described above. The likely consequence of doing so is that your application will not be considered, except if extenuating circumstances are accepted by the scholarship committee.

I give permission for the use, disclosure, and publication of the information and material that I have submitted, as described above.

Student signature

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Activities/Clubs

School-Based Activities/Clubs:

Nature of involvement:

Time commitment:

Activity:

Community-Based Activities/Clubs:

Nature of involvement:

Time commitment:

Activity:

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Instructions for School-Based Sponsor

You are being asked to provide a letter to support the student application for the Jean Ciriani Scholarship for Communications.

Description:

The scholarship is being given to a student graduating from the BC public education system in 2019 to recognize the student for outstanding communication skills in the support of public organizations

Amount: \$1500.

Submission Deadline: Monday, March 4, 2019

Criteria:

- Students must be graduating from a BC public school
- Students must have demonstrated exemplary skills in the support of a public organization
- Students must submit a completed application in the required format on or before the application deadline

Your letter of support should:

- confirm that the student applicant is expected to graduate in the 2018-2019 school year
- describe the contexts in which you know the student
- describe how the student has demonstrated exemplary communication skills and how they have used those skills in support of a public organization

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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Instructions for Community-Based Sponsor

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Your letter of support should:

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- describe the contexts in which you have known the student
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