



DIANNE WATTS SURREY LEGACY AWARD

AWARDS OVERVIEW

Former City of Surrey Mayor, Dianne Watts, believes that the future health and well-being of her beloved city lies in supporting the leaders of tomorrow. For this reason, Dianne Watts is seeking to identify an outstanding graduating grade 12 female student and provide this individual with a one-time educational award in the amount of \$2500.

In conjunction with the Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society, the Dianne Watts Surrey Legacy Award sets out to reward an inspiring female student who shows leadership and vision for their Surrey neighbourhood and community. In addition to these qualities, the ideal candidate will demonstrate extraordinary volunteerism and a strong level of social consciousness as evident through their humanitarian efforts. Should you feel that you meet this criterion, we welcome your application.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for this award must be residents of Surrey with plans to attend and study full-time at a post-secondary university, college or trade school. If the applicant is the successful award recipient, the student must submit a copy of their letter of acceptance from a recognized post-secondary institution to the Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society. Upon enrolling in post-secondary courses, the Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society will reimburse the successful applicant for tuition, books and/or required equipment in the one-time amount of \$2500. Other eligibility requirements include the following

- Candidates must be grade 12 students eligible for graduation this calendar school year
- Candidates must be a resident of Surrey for at least the previous six months
- Candidates must be enrolled in or accepted by a post-secondary institution, trade institute or college before they receive reimbursements of educational funds

APPLICATION SUBMISSION & TIMELINE

Applications must be received electronically (preferred) or by mail no later than **Monday, June 1st, 2015 by 3:00pm.**

HOW TO APPLY:

The following is to be submitted with your application when applying for the Dianne Watts Surrey Legacy Award:

1. Completed application form
2. One letter of reference from a teacher, counsellor or principal at the school the applicant attends. Letter should address the following points:
 - Comment on the character of the individual and their impact on creating a positive school culture
 - Describe how the applicant demonstrates resiliency and tenacity to achieve educational and life goals
 - Comment on how they feel the applicant will contribute to their community once they have achieved their educational goals
3. Most recent report card and letter of acceptance into a recognized post-secondary institution. A letter of acceptance **IS NOT** required at application deadline. However, once the applicant receives their letter of acceptance into a recognized post-secondary institution, it is their responsibility to forward a copy to add to their file.
4. A short letter (250 words or less) written by the applicant, outlining the following:
 - Reason for applying for the educational award
 - Personal obstacles that they have or are continuing to overcome
 - Future educational and career goals
 - How they contribute to their school and/or community

*Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Please review the application checklist on page 7.

*Please send the application electronically (preferred) to Bonnie Weiss: sffa@iaff1271.org, **OR** by mail to:

Surrey Fire Fighters Association Local 1271
Re: Ignite a Dream Educational Awards Application
5691 176 St. Surrey BC V3S 4C5
Tel: 604-574-5785 Fax: 604-574-2338

For successful applicants, the funds will be deposited directly to the post-secondary institution for which the applicant is enrolled. It will be the applicant's responsibility to provide the Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society with the full details of their post-secondary institution along with their student number to receive their financial award.

*Should you require further information, please contact Matthew Johnston at surreyfire518@gmail.com

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOLS ATTENDED (FROM GRADE 1 ONWARDS):

1.	2.
3.	4.
5.	6.
7.	8.
9.	10.

PLANNED FIELD OF STUDY AND/OR NAME OF PROGRAM:

THE POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION WHERE YOU PLAN TO REGISTER
AND THE DATE YOU PLAN TO START CLASSES:

DESCRIBE WHAT LED YOU TO CHOOSE YOUR FIELD OF STUDY AND ELABORATE ON YOUR CAREER GOALS:

HOW DO YOU INTEND TO SUPPORT YOURSELF THROUGH THE YEARS OF YOUR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION?

DESCRIBE HOW YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF YOUR COMMUNITY AND/OR SCHOOL:

DESCRIBE ANY VOLUNTEER POSITIONS YOU HAVE HELD, INCLUDING THE LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH POSITION:

OUTLINE ANY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, INTERESTS AND PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE:

DESCRIBE A CHALLENGE THAT YOU CURRENTLY HAVE OR HAVE HAD TO OVERCOME IN YOUR LIFE:

WHAT CHARACTER TRAITS HAVE ALLOWED YOU TO OVERCOME THESE CHALLENGES IN YOUR LIFE?

WHAT OBSTACLES DO YOU FEEL YOU WILL ENCOUNTER THAT MAY CHALLENGE YOUR ABILITY TO OBTAIN YOUR POST-SECONDARY GOALS?

WHY DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR THIS AWARD?

*PLEASE INCLUDE A TYPED LETTER OF INTENT (250 WORDS OR LESS)
WITH YOUR APPLICATION

-END OF APPLICATION QUESTIONS-



DECLARATION AND RELEASE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION:

I HEREBY APPLY FOR THE DIANNE WATTS CITY OF SURREY LEGACY AWARDS APPLICATION AND CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT I AM A RESIDENT OF SURREY, AS OUTLINED IN THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE SURREY FIRE FIGHTERS CHARITABLE SOCIETY TO PUBLISH MY LETTER OF INTENT AT FUTURE CHARITABLE EVENTS, WHILE TAKING MEASURES TO PROTECT MY IDENTITY.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME

DATE

SIGNATURE & TITLE OF SCHOOL SPONSOR

DATE



APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- COMPLETED ALL OF THE APPLICATION QUESTIONS TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY
- INCLUDED ONE LETTER OF REFERENCE FROM A TEACHER, COUNSELLOR OR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
- SIGNED THE DECLARATION AND RELEASE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM
- INCLUDED A LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE INTO A RECOGNIZED POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION (NOT REQUIRED AT APPLICATION DEADLINE)
- A COPY OF MY MOST RECENT REPORT CARD
- COMPLETED LETTER OF INTENT WITH MY SIGNATURE
- ALL DOCUMENTS SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO BONNIE WEISS AT SFFA@IAFF1271.ORG (PREFERRED) OR RECEIVED BY MAIL NO LATER THAN JUNE 1ST, 2015.

SURREY FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION LOCAL 1271
5691 176 St. SURREY BC V3S 4C5
TEL: 604-574-5785 FAX: 604-574-2338

THE SURREY FIRE FIGHTERS' CHARITABLE SOCIETY WISHES TO
THANK ALL APPLICANTS AND SUPPORT STAFF FOR TAKING THE
TIME TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION PACKAGE.

A SURREY FIRE REPRESENTATIVE WILL CONTACT ALL
APPLICANTS BY JUNE 30, 2015.

*APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO KEEP THIS PAGE FOR THEIR RECORDS