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RACA BURSARY

Once again **Richmond Arenas Community Association (RACA)** will be considering providing an annual bursary to each associate member group within RACA subject to the qualifications as outlined below. This would mean a potential bursary to each of the Richmond Jets Minor Hockey Association (RJMHA), Connaught Skating Club (CSC), Richmond Ravens Female Hockey Association, Richmond Lacrosse Association (RLA), Richmond Ringette Association (RRA), and Richmond /South Delta Ball Hockey Association (RBHA) with one participant within each of those groups to be awarded the bursary on behalf of RACA .

Qualifications:

As RACA is primarily a volunteer Board comprised of representatives of the above-mentioned groups along with five Public members, it was decided that the awarding of this particular bursary would be predicated on recognizing the outstanding contributions of one minor within each of those groups in the field of volunteerism. RACA itself makes a unique contribution to this community through the volunteer efforts of its members and it was felt that any bursary awarded on behalf of RACA should constitute a celebration of not only the spirit of volunteerism but also the ongoing commitment to volunteer within the community. As such, the 'qualifications' that RACA is setting out encompasses the desire and willingness of any of our user groups in wanting to recognize the volunteer efforts of one of their members in any given year.

The RACA expectation is that the associate member candidate will have exhibited a strong passion for volunteering within the community. It is important to remember that this volunteerism is not limited to involvement within the above outlined user groups nor is it the intention of RACA to ignore the contributions to the community from all other manner of avenues available to the recipient. Indeed, this award is not to solely recognize the contributions to any of the particular RACA user groups but more so to encourage a wide range of volunteerism be it within that user group or throughout the wider community in varying circumstances be they athletic, cultural, academic or otherwise. Let it be emphasized that the spirit within which RACA is sponsoring this bursary is to celebrate volunteerism....ALL volunteerism.



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Selection Process:

Awarding of bursary shall be upon the recommendation of each member association in any given year. The expectation is that each one of our member groups will choose a candidate based on their own selection process and that RACA itself will not be involved in selecting any candidate. Once the candidate has been selected by the association the RACA Board will then vote on each name as submitted. RACA reserves the right to ask questions of each user group and their candidate. It is RACA's expectation that each candidate will have already been selected based on the above mentioned criteria and that each user group will have done their due diligence in selecting their worthy candidate.

Awarding Process:

Once voted on by the RACA Board the expectation is that a member of RACA will present the bursary to the winning candidate either in person or at an event such as graduation, awards night, etc..

Value

Subject to the qualifications as outlined above, each member association is expected to provide one candidate to be awarded a \$500.00 bursary in their name. This will be an annual program and dollar value, unless otherwise modified by future RACA Boards.

Respectfully Yours

Victor Chengtan

RACA Director

Membership Committee Chairperson