

# POLICY

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The Board of Education believes that public schools need to recognize the many varied outstanding qualities that students develop during adolescence. Learning programs must provide for the development of the many diversified interests, skills, aptitudes, or achievements that are inherent to all youth. The Board wants to publicly acknowledge the outstanding qualities or achievements that an individual student or group of students has demonstrated at a school or in a community that is different from the District scholarships or awards that recognize academic, vocational, or citizenship and service accomplishments.

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1. This special award will be \$1000 in each academic year.
2. The award is open to any Grade 12 student provided that the student has spent two secondary years in a Vancouver Island West School District 84 school.
3. The closing date for submissions or nominations for the award is May 1 in each year.
4. Nominations for this award can be brought forward by any community member or District employee.
5. Schools are required to:
  - a. inform students of the existence of the award no later than November 1 in each year;
  - b. forward to the Selection Committee the required information, materials, nominations, or anything else prescribed in the advertisement of the award.
6. The Board will select a committee to meet before May 30 in each year. The committee will comprise of a Trustee, the Superintendent of Schools/Secretary-Treasurer, a community member, and one Principal. The Selection Committee will make recommendations to the Board based upon:
  - a. a nomination;
  - b. an evaluation of how the criteria has been met by the applicant or nominee;
  - c. an interview of applicants, if deemed necessary.
7. The Selection Committee may withhold the award if, in its opinion, no candidate qualifies.