

## **AWARD OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADE 12 STUDENTS**

### **West Shore Community Response Network**

The British Columbia Association of Community Response Networks (BC CRN) grew out of the need to create an on-going, permanent provincial funding and support structure for the benefit of vulnerable adults who are experiencing (or at risk of experiencing) abuse, neglect, and self-neglect.

At the local level, CRNs facilitate prevention and education activities with local stakeholders, by supporting a coordinated response to abuse, neglect and self neglect of vulnerable adults in British Columbia. In liaising at the provincial level through their Regional Mentors and the Executive Director, CRNs assist in identifying common themes, barriers, and issues which require work at the regional, provincial, and sometimes national level.

The West Shore Community Response Network is pleased to announce our new Fellowship Program. We wish to encourage involvement in providing support for vulnerable adults in the West Shore, and hope that this award will assist youth in pursuing their interests in all careers related to the care of vulnerable adults.

One award will be presented to a graduating, full-time high school student of School District 62, who intends to pursue a career that supports the elderly and/or the aging process. Please note that use of these funds is not restricted to post-secondary costs and may be used to further learning in a care-giving career. (examples might include attendance at a conference, time spent volunteering at a seniors' residence or participating in a training session for a related skill.)

The fellowship award is \$300.00.

#### **Eligibility Criteria:**

Student is:

- Attending high school full-time
- Graduating in the year the award is presented.
- Intending to pursue a career that supports the elderly and/or the aging process.

#### **How to apply:**

Submit the following:

1. Cover letter

The letter must explain how the student meets the eligibility criteria, and must include answers to the following questions (500 words maximum):

- What is ageism and how does it affect life in the West Shore communities?
- What is an example of a positive change that could be made in the West Shore communities to improve the lives of our elderly residents?

2. Two letters of recommendation: one from a teacher, school counsellor, mentor, or volunteer supervisor, and one from outside of the school community such as a connection through work or extra-curricular activities.

3. A resume.

#### **Deadline for submission:**

Please email your application to [gaylia.lassner@gmail.com](mailto:gaylia.lassner@gmail.com) **no later than April 30, 2023**

Selection of successful applicants will be made by the British Columbia Community Response Network Awards Committee, and successful recipients will be notified no later than May 31, 2023.