

Margaret Mitchell Outstanding Achievement Award

Please use this application form only for the \$1,000 **Margaret Mitchell Outstanding Achievement Award**. Students are encouraged to apply for all awards for which criteria are met, but must submit a complete and separate application package for each award.

Margaret Mitchell was a dedicated housing advocate and an active participant in the development of the Bursary Program. This award, named in her memory, is provided to a graduating high school student with a demonstrated record of achievement in academics, sports, arts or community involvement.

Students must be registered as a full-time student (60% course load). Awards will be applied to the upcoming fall semester with all courses attended during September of the application year and may not be deferred. Students who do not register or subsequently change to on-leave status will have their award rescinded. **Registration confirmation will be required. Incomplete application packages will NOT be considered.**

Personal Information

* all fields must be completed

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Primary Phone: () _____ Secondary Phone: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, BC Postal Code: _____

Date of Birth (YYYY/MM/DD): _____

To be eligible for the Margaret Mitchell Outstanding Achievement Award, you must be a youth graduation from Grade 12 and living in accommodation subsidized by BC Housing at the start of your courses.

Your Housing Development Name: _____

OR, Provider Name (if not BC Housing): _____

OR, Rental Assistance Program (RAP) file number: _____

Educational History (attach one copy of your high school transcript – unofficial transcripts will be accepted)

What course of study or degree are you planning to pursue? _____

At which recognized post-secondary institution? _____

NOTE: Recipients will be required to provide proof of registration by August 30 of application year in order to receive an award. Acceptance letters are not sufficient.

Personal Statement

The Margaret Mitchell Outstanding Achievement Award is evaluated based on a personal statement provided by the applicant. Please provide a personal statement of **no more** than 500 words describing the following:

- Personal current goals, goals achieved, challenges, and barriers you have overcome;
- Educational goals and how you plan to achieve them;
- Community / volunteer / work experiences; and
- How this award will assist you in achieving economic self-sufficiency.

Supporting Documentation

The following documentation is required in order to complete your application:

- A copy of your high school transcript
- Two signed letters of reference from an employer, community leader, volunteer supervisor, or teacher, highlighting your achievements and explaining why you should win the award (no family members); and
- A nominator's statement- family members accepted (see reverse).

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Nominator's Statement (please have this section completed by the person who is nominating you for this award)

Note: Applications without a nominator's statement, transcripts, and two letters of reference will not pass the first screening.

Nominator's Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Nominator's Primary Phone: () _____ Secondary Phone: () _____

Nominator: Please attach a separate statement letter telling us about the achievements of the student you are nominating and why you think he/she should receive the Margaret Mitchell Outstanding Achievement Award.

Release of Information

BC Housing distributes a news release about successful award recipients to local newspapers around the province. If you are interested in sharing information about your success, BC Housing needs your authorization to release basic information to the media.

Agreeing to the release of information is completely voluntary. If you choose not to have your name or other information released, it will not affect your chance of receiving an award. Please review the options below and mark your choice in one of the boxes for each category.

I, _____, **give permission** to BC Housing to release information regarding my award to the media, as follows:
(Signature of applicant)

Please check a response for each of the following:

Yes No I agree to the release of my name, the city I reside in and my chosen educational program.

Yes No I agree to the release of a personal profile prepared for use in a news release or publication.

Yes No I agree to have my telephone number released to local media, on request only, for follow-up stories.

-OR-

I, _____, **do not give permission** to BC Housing to release information regarding my award to the media.
(Signature of applicant)

Application Checklist

A full application package **MUST** include:

- Completed application form;
- Personal statement including education goals of **no more** than 500 words;
- Nominator's statement letter;
- Two letters of reference; and
- Academic / unofficial transcripts.

Note: Incomplete application packages will NOT be considered.

Personal Information contained on this form is collected under Section 26(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and will be used only for the purpose of processing your application. If you have questions about BC Housing's use of your information, please contact FIPPA@bchousing.org by email or Director, Business Support Services, 1701-4555 Kingsway, Burnaby V5H 4V8.