

Association BCIT Student Association Awards

APPLICATION INFORMATION

The BCIT Student Association offers four annual awards recognizing students for their contributions to campus life and engagement with the Student Association:

- Laurie Jack Award
- SA Champion Award
- Distinguished Representative (Set Rep) Award
- Distinguished International Student Award

The criteria are different for each award. Read the details below to see if you are eligible and to understand what makes a strong candidate.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Requirements

Your application consists of:

- 1. Completed Online Application Form
- 2. Personal Statement (approximately 1 page) explaining how you meet the specific award criteria and why you deserve the award
- 3. Two letters of recommendation submitted along with the recommenders' nomination form:
 - o One from a fellow BCIT student
 - o One from a BCITSA staff or BCIT faculty or staff member

Steps to Apply

- 1. Review the eligibility criteria for each award.
- 2. Write your Personal Statement.
- 3. Secure two nominators who will submit their letters of recommendation directly through our online form.
- 4. Complete the Online Application Form, where you will upload your personal statement. Your Application Form and both nominators' letters of recommendation must be received before the deadline stated on our <u>website</u>.

AWARDS

LAURIE JACK AWARD

Established in memory of Laurie Jack (BCITSA President, 1971-1972), this \$500 award recognizes two graduating students who have made significant contributions to BCIT student life. This award is sponsored by Laurie Jack's parents and the BCITSA.

You're eligible if:

• You are a full-time student graduating from a Technology or Trade program (participating in June Convocation).

A great candidate will have:

• Demonstrated contribution to student life beyond their program. Contributions may be in: advocacy, student government, clubs, campus life, leadership, intramurals, or other areas.



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SA CHAMPION AWARD

Five \$500 awards recognizing students who promote BCITSA services and membership benefits. There will be one recipient from each of BCIT's five campuses: Annacis Island Campus (AIC), Aerospace Campus (ATC), Marine Campus (BMC), Burnaby Campus (BBY), and Downtown Campus (DTC).

You're eligible if:

• You are a current student (full-time or part-time).

A great candidate will have:

- Enhanced student life by promoting SA services and events. For example:
 - Spreading awareness about SA services or recruiting students for programs and events.
 - Supporting SA elections by encouraging participation.
 - o Volunteering with SA departments (e.g., Food Support Hub)
- Participated in at least one SA event or service per term (excluding governance meetings).

DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE (SET REP) AWARD

Seven \$500 awards recognizing outstanding Set Reps who have excelled in supporting their fellow students. There will be one recipient from each of BCIT's five Schools, one from the Downtown Campus, and one from the Specialized Transport Campuses.

You're eligible if:

You are a Set Rep and current student (full-time or part-time) in good academic standing.

A great candidate will have:

- Regularly attended and actively participated in most Set Rep meetings.
- Effectively communicated meeting information to their Set.
- Actively been involved in school activities, such as volunteering or Clubs.

DISTINGUISHED INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AWARD

Two \$500 awards recognizing international students who enhance the experience of fellow international students.

You're eligible if:

You are a current international student (full-time or part-time) paying international tuition.

A great candidate will have:

- Enhanced life for international students at BCIT.
- Demonstrated engagement with BCITSA events or services. This can include:
 - Volunteering to support the international student experience.
 - o Advocating for international student needs.
 - Building community or providing peer support.
 - Promoting cultural awareness.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) Can I apply for multiple awards?

Yes, if you meet the eligibility requirements for each. Your personal statement should address the specific criteria for each award you're applying for. Your nominators must also speak to how you meet the criteria for each award, or you may choose different nominators for different awards.

2) Who should nominate me?

Select nominators who can effectively speak to your achievements related to the award criteria—one student and one faculty/staff member. Choose people familiar with your contributions.

3) Does enrollment status matter?

Laurie Jack Award: Only for full-time graduating students participating in June Convocation. All other awards: Open to all current students (full-time or part-time).

4) How long should my Personal Statement be?

Approximately one page, but use the space needed to effectively present your qualifications.

5) What's the application deadline?

See our <u>website</u> for the deadline. All materials (including your application and both nomination forms) must be submitted by this date.

For questions: services@bcitsa.ca | 604.432.8600 | bcitsa.ca/awards-funds