

# BCA AWARDS

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## ACADEMIC ATTAINMENT AWARDS

- I. Distribution: 4 (1 per grade)
- II. Selection: BCA Administration, based upon calculation
- III. Presentation:
  - A. Grade XII: Commencement Exercises
  - B. Grade IX, X, XI: June Awards Ceremony
- IV. Criteria
  - A. The student in each grade with the highest average marks in accordance with the following calculation:
    1. Grade XII: Minimum of 7 compulsory and elective courses. The average is calculated using completed courses from Terms 1 and 2 and the Midterm Report marks from Term 3.
    2. Grade XI: Minimum of 8 compulsory and elective courses.
    3. Grade X: Minimum of 8 compulsory and elective courses.
    4. Grade IX: Minimum of 9 or 10 compulsory and elective courses.
    5. Grade IX to XI averages are calculated using completed courses from Terms 1 and 2 and mid-term Marks from Term 3.
  - B. Only classes taken during the current school year are used in the calculation of the average.
  - C. The number of required subjects may be reduced by one if the student has been given permission to carry a lighter load due to health concerns.
  - D. The average will be rounded off to the closest 0.1%.
  - E. A double award will only be awarded if two students have exactly the same average after the computation above.

## GOVERNOR-GENERAL MEDAL

- I. Distribution: One medal is presented to the student meeting the criteria.
- II. Selection: BCA Administration, based upon a calculation
- III. Presentation: Mailed out following the completion of the year.
- IV. Criteria

- A. The medal is awarded to the student who achieves the highest average upon graduation from Briercrest Christian Academy using final marks in all subjects.
- B. The average includes all Grade XI and Grade XII courses as listed on the student's official transcript of grades issued by the Ministry of Learning.
- C. Equitability of access for the entire student population is an important aspect of the Medal's value. Regardless of the stream or the subjects chosen, all students are eligible for consideration upon graduation.
- D. Courses taken after graduation to upgrade marks are not to be included.

## **MOST IMPROVED STUDENT AWARD**

**Formerly termed the "RCMP Award", as they first sponsored this award.**

- V. Presentation: Awarded to the student whose average improved the most between and the previous and current year. Grade XII award is presented at the Commencement Program in June.
- VI. Selection: by BCA Administration using calculation
- VII. Criteria
  - A. Grade XII: The student must have been in full attendance at BCA for both Grades XI and XII and eligible for graduation.
  - B. For calculation, use the previous year's final average with the current year average. The current year average includes completed courses from the first 2 terms as well as the Term 3 mid-term marks.
  - C. Students must be passing all subjects in their current year.

## **HONOUR ROLL AND HIGH HONOUR ROLL**

- I. Distribution: varies in number
- II. Selection: BCA Administration, based on calculations
- III. Presentation
  - A. Grade XII: The Honour Roll and High Honour Roll will be read at the commencement exercises in June. Certificates will be sent out with final report cards in late June.
  - B. Grades IX–XIXI: The Honour Roll and High Honour Roll will be read at the June Awards Ceremony. Certificates will also be distributed at this time.

#### IV. Criteria

- A. Year-end average is calculated using the compulsory subjects for the grade plus electives totaling: 7 subjects for Grade XII, 8 subjects for Grades X and XI, and 9 or 10 subjects for Grade IX (whichever is better)
- B. Honour Roll recognizes students obtaining an average between 80.0 and 89.9%. Only subjects taken during the current academic year will be used in the calculation.
- C. High Honour Roll recognizes students obtaining an average of 90.0% and higher. Only subjects taken during the current academic year will be used in the calculation.

### GRADE TWELVE VALEDICTORIAN

- I. Distribution: 1 only
- II. Selection: by the grade twelve students from a list prepared in accordance with honour roll criteria.
  - A. The list of ten top students in academic standing will be presented to the Grade XII students for selection by preferential balloting.
  - B. In the selection process, consideration should be given to:
    1. Academic Achievement
    2. Social Development
    3. Spiritual Interest
    4. Co-curricular involvement
    5. Leadership
- III. Presentation: The valedictory speech is given at the Commencement Exercises. The valedictorian will be notified as soon as possible (about 3 weeks before the commencement exercises).
- IV. The valedictorian must submit his/her speech for approval in writing to the Principal least one week prior to Commencement.

### SUBJECT AWARDS

- I. Distribution: one award per subject for Grades IX– XI
- II. Selection: from the official records, as overseen by the BCA Administration.
- III. Presentation: To grades IX–XI at the June Awards Ceremony

#### IV. Criteria

- A. The award for each subject will simply go to the student who attains the highest final mark for the year in the subject.
- B. For joint classes involving two or more grades (such as band or choir) a separate award will be given for each level.
- C. Even though a subject may only be taught in the first term, the award will not be presented until the end of the year.
- D. In case of a tie, duplicate awards will be given.
- E. Only one award will be given per subject (except in the case of a tie), no matter how many sections are taught over the course of the year. The one exception to this is the separate awards for male and female PE 9 and Wellness 10.

### FINE ARTS AWARDS

- I. Distribution: One male and one female award for each grade.
- II. Selection: A committee of teachers appointed by the BCA Administration determine the winner and honourable mentions from among the students who have made a significant contribution in the area of Fine Arts.
- III. Presentation: Senior awards at the Commencement Exercises and Junior awards at the June Awards ceremony.
- IV. Criteria: Nominees for the award will be selected based on (a) breadth of participation (b) progress in individual skill development (c) overall contribution in the areas of the fine arts (music, drama, and art).

### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS (SR. AWARD: WALTER MUTCH AWARD)

- I. Distribution: One male and one female award for each grade.
- II. Selection: A committee of teachers appointed by the BCA Administration will determine the winner and honourable mentions from among the students who have made a significant contribution to the criteria listed below.
- III. Presentation: Grade XII awards at the commencement exercises in June and grades IX–XI awards at the June Awards Ceremony.
- IV. Criteria:
  - A. Spiritual Development

- B. Social Development
- C. Dependability
- D. Leadership
- E. Strength of ministry to fellow students

## ATHLETIC AWARDS

- I. Distribution: One male and one female award for each grade.
- II. Selection: A committee of teachers/coaches appointed by the BCA administration will determine the winner and honourable mentions from among the students who have made a significant contribution in the area of athletics.
- III. Presentation: Grade XII awards at the commencement exercises and grades IX–XI awards at the June Awards Ceremony
- IV. Criteria
  - A. Breadth of participation (a number of events and various sports)
  - B. Sportsmanship and team influence
  - C. Level of Achievement

## ATHLETIC TEAM AWARDS

- I. Distribution: the number of awards is not fixed. Usually, one award is given per team (usually called the MVP award).
- II. Selection: either by a vote of the players or a selection by the coach(es). This is at the coach's discretion.
- III. Presentation: at June Awards Ceremony. The purchasing of trophies, letters, etc. is to be arranged through the Athletic Department.
- IV. Criteria (See BCA Coaches' Manual)

## ATHLETE AND ARTIST OF THE MONTH

- I. Distribution: At the end of each month, athletic coaches and fine arts directors/teachers will be asked to nominate a student for that month's award. Distribution follows a schedule whereby each month is assigned to a sport or fine arts activity that was active during that month.

- II.* Criteria for Selection:
- A.* This award is presented to senior team athletes unless there is an exceptional circumstance.
  - B.* This award is used to honour not only individuals, but the teams/activities represented. An effort will always be made to recognize as many different teams/activities as possible.
  - C.* This award helps promote athletics and fine arts in the school, so an effort will be made to award male and female students as evenly as is appropriate through the nine months of presenting the award.
  - D.* No athletes or artists will be named twice in one school year.
  - E.* If two deserving nominations are given, the award may be split, with the cost for the extra plaque being shared between the activities involved.
  - F.* The BCA Administration/Athletic Director will make the final decision for each month.
  - G.* This award should not be used as consideration for selecting athlete/artist of the year awards, though it should be mentioned in recognizing the students who win or receive honourable mention for those awards.
- III.* Description: Trophy World/Challenger Graphics of Moose Jaw supports local high school athletic and fine arts programs by sponsoring a monthly award from BCA and the four Moose Jaw high schools. The recipients of the awards are presented with a personalized plaque indicating the month of their achievement and get their picture in the Moose Jaw Times Herald.

## **BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **William Clubb Memorial Scholarship**

- I.* Distribution: one scholarship of available funds to a graduating senior attending Briercrest College the next fall.
- II.* Selection: A committee of BCA staff appointed by BCA Administration.
- III.* Presentation: At the commencement exercises in June.
- IV.* Criteria: need, Christian character, academic achievement, extracurricular activities, with preference given to applicant with the highest average.



- V. Background: Bill Clubb was a BCA Grad of 1973 and married Wendy Kitching, also a BCA grad of 1973. Shortly after, Bill was killed in a vehicle accident. His wife Wendy (now Mrs. Wendy Kissick) established this bursary in his honour.

### The Reginald & Ethel Argue Memorial Scholarship

- I. Distribution: One bursary of available funds to a graduating senior attending Briercrest College the next fall.
- II. Selection: A committee of BCA staff appointed by BCA Administration.
- III. Presentation: At the commencement exercises in June.
- IV. Criteria: The student must be the son or daughter of a full-time staff member of Briercrest College and Seminary. The selection is based on need, Christian Character, academic achievement, extracurricular activities.
- V. Background: Mr. Argue was a long-time staff member here when he was killed in a construction accident while building the Caronport store in 1962. Mrs. Argue went on to be with the Lord around 1988. Their daughter, Ruth (Mrs. Ruth Knelsen) was a BCA grad of 1960 and established this award in honour of her parents.

### Lemke Memorial Scholarship

- I. Distribution: two scholarships from available funds to two Grade XII students (or one scholarship as appropriate) attending Briercrest College the next fall.
- II. Selection: A committee of BCA staff appointed by BCA Administration.
- III. Presentation: At the commencement exercises in June.
- IV. Criteria
  - A. Preference given to BCA Grade XII athlete.
  - B. High level of athletic skill and ability.
  - C. Willingness to learn
  - D. A deep desire to make the best overall contribution to the success of the team.
  - E. A team leader by example
  - F. Displays high qualities of sportsmanship
  - G. A demonstrated willingness to be involved in other areas of the athletic and social program at BCA.
  - H. Evidence of a clear desire to grow in their Christian life and reflect that in athletic participation.

- I. Demonstrated effort in academics Background
- V. Background: Established in memory of Mark Lemke, a former student at BCA (Gr.XI and XII Feb. 1983–June 1985). Mark's interests and abilities were many, with a special interest in athletics, football in particular. After a lengthy struggle with cancer, Mark went to be with the Lord on June 13, 1988. Fund was established by Mark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lemke. Mrs. Lemke (Beth Raymond) graduated from BCA in 1956 and Briercrest College in 1959.

### **Amber Torgersen Memorial Bursary**

- I. Selection: One bursary will be given to a Gr.XI student (a Gr.X student may be considered if desirable qualities are more evident).
- II. Presentation: Awarded at the June Awards Ceremony.
- III. Criteria
  - A. A Gr. XI or Gr. X student returning to BCA in the fall semester.
  - B. A solid and growing commitment to the following:
    - 1. Spiritual commitment and discernment
    - 2. Work ethic
    - 3. Leadership Skills
    - 4. Commitment to encouraging fellow students
    - 5. Involvement in co-curricular areas such as music, drama, athletics, or Christian service
  - C. Need also a primary consideration
- IV. Background: Established in memory Amber Lynn Torgersen, BCA Alumna of 1988 who went to be with the Lord in the summer of 1990. Established according to the desires of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Torgersen. Amber came to BCA as a grade ten student in the fall of 1985. Her deep commitment to the Lord and her obvious love for others quickly endeared her to her fellow students. She was a three-time winner of the Walter Mutch Award for her leadership skills and exemplary lifestyle and was voted as her senior class rep. Amber went to be with the Lord on Monday, June 11, 1990, in an accident that claimed the lives of 4 tree planters in the Prince George area of northern British Columbia.

### **Cougar Bursary**

- I. Distribution: Two awards, one each for a male and a female athlete based on the number of available funds.

- II. Selection: committee as selected by BCA administration
- III. Presentation: At the June Awards Ceremony.
- IV. Criteria: Gr. IX–XI student-athletes who have successfully combined participation in athletics with good academic standing and positive development at BCA.
  - A. Preference is given to a dorm student who is returning to live in the dorm for the following year.
  - B. Preference is given to Saskatchewan applicants.
  - C. Must have a good academic standing (no failed classes).
  - D. Must have a good “Student Life” standing (no personal probation, suspension, etc.)
  - E. Female: preference given to a girl participating in track and field and at least one other sport.
  - F. Male: preference given to a boy participating in football and track and field.
  - G. Preference may be given to direct relatives (children, nieces and nephews) of Ryan and Jody Hall, including their first year of enrolment.
- V. Bursary Background: The Cougar Bursaries are funded by Ryan and Jody Hall, teachers and coaches at BCA from 1990–2007. They were initiated by them in order to make it possible for students who had been positive members of athletic teams to return to BCA to continue their positive participation in the Cougar programs.

### **Gerald And Daisy Frostad Honourary Bursary**

- I. Distribution: One bursary of available funds to a student returning to Briercrest Christian Academy for the following year
- II. Selection: A committee of BCA staff appointed by BCA Administration.
- III. Presentation: At the awards ceremony in June.
- IV. Criteria
  - A. First preference is given to immediate descendants of Gerald and Daisy Frostad.
  - B. Second preference will be given to a student involved in the fine arts at BCA
- V. Background: This bursary was set up by David Frostad in order honour his parents, whose 8 children have all been a part of Briercrest Christian Academy.

## Don and Kathleen Moore Short Term Missionary Scholarship

- I. Distribution: One bursary of available funds to either a graduating student or one returning to BCA for the following year.
- II. Selection: A committee of BCA staff appointed by BCA Administration.
- III. Presentation: At the awards ceremony in June.
- IV. Criteria
  - A. Preference is given to a student going on summer missions. Secondary preference is given to a student spending the summer working for Child Evangelism Fellowship.
  - B. In the event that there is no recipient meeting the above criteria, the selection is based on:
    1. Need
    2. Christian Character
    3. Academic achievement
    4. Extracurricular activities

## Oscar & Genevieve Eliason Memorial Bursary

- I. Distribution: One bursary of available funds to a graduating senior attending Briercrest College the next fall.
- II. Selection: A committee of BCA staff appointed by BCA Administration.
- III. Presentation: At the commencement exercises in June.
- IV. Criteria
  - A. The student must be the son or daughter of a full-time staff member of Briercrest.
  - B. The selection is based on:
    1. Need
    2. Christian character
    3. Academic achievement
    4. Extracurricular activities

## David Wiens Memorial Scholarship

- I. Distribution: One bursary of available funds to a graduating senior attending Briercrest the next fall.

- II. Selection: A committee of BCA staff appointed by BCA Administration.
- III. Presentation: At the commencement exercises in June.
- IV. Criteria: The selection is based on need, Christian character, academic achievement, and extracurricular activities.
- V. Background: David Wiens was a graduate of Briercrest Christian Academy in 1980 and then attended the college for a couple of years before he was accidentally killed in 1982 during the summer holidays. The recipient of his memorial scholarship must be a BCA grad in good standing in all areas of life who is attending Briercrest College in the fall.

## Esther Beck Memorial Scholarship

The Esther Beck Memorial Bursary has been established by the family and friends of Esther Beck as a tribute to her lifelong service to the Lord. Esther was born in Camrose, AB on June 6, 1936, and went home to be with the Lord in Caronport, SK on May 24, 2006.

As a young woman, Esther answered the call to missions and became a nurse, studied at Prairie Bible College, and then completed her midwifery training in London, England. After years of service as a missionary nurse in the Arabian desert, she married Michael Beck on March 29, 1968. Together they honoured the Lord and dedicated their talents and gifts to His glory. Whether nursing the sick in the desert or caring for fellow missionaries while in Canada, Esther demonstrated her love for people with the largesse of spirit and a God-given graciousness.

Through her suffering with metastasized breast cancer, and through battling with Alzheimer's for the last several years of her life, Esther's character and godliness pervaded every moment of her journey. In her greatest valleys of sorrow and fear, her faith was a testimony to Psalm 91:4: "He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."

The Esther Beck Memorial Bursary has been established to celebrate the spirit of loving missionary service embodied by Esther during her remarkable life. It recognizes a committed student at BCA for whom mission work is a developing passion.

- I. One scholarship amount of \$500 per annum will be awarded to a BCA student who meets the following requirements:
  - A. The student will be in solid academic standing with an obvious commitment to lifelong learning.
  - B. The student will have demonstrated an interest and involvement in missions work whether at home or abroad.

- C. The student will have as his/her intention upon graduating a significant interest in ongoing missions work.
- D. The student will reflect in his/her personal life a genuine love of the Lord and a compassionate love of the people of the world from all walks of life.
- E. The student will demonstrate a significant level of financial need and will use the funds to deepen his/her pursuit of involvement with missions; the scholarship amount will be awarded in the context of continual study at BCA, study at a post-secondary institution in preparation for missions work, or involvement in the context of a direct mission.

### **Odete Ike Memorial Scholarship**

Available in the amount of \$500.00 per annum to either a new or a returning student, the Odete Ike Memorial Scholarship has been set up in honour of Marcelo Ike's mother. Odete was a beautiful woman of God who dedicated her life to serving others and her family. She was taken home to the Lord after an intense battle with cancer. The student who receives this award will be interested in the sciences and the maths as Odete was an economist with a passion for these subjects.

## **GRADE TWELVE SASKATCHEWAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

- I. Distribution: the quota of awards for each school division is determined as a ratio to the number of Saskatchewan students. BCA receives its quota as part of the Prairie South School Division.
- II. Selection: BCA administration arranges the eligible students in order of scholastic achievement. The Administration will fill out a nomination form and submit it to the Director of Education for the Prairie South School Division no later than Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>.
- III. Presentation: Recipients will be notified of their selection by a letter from the school. The recipients will receive their award by mail from the Ministry of Education, usually in November.
- IV. Criteria
  - A. The student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must be residents of Saskatchewan on the student's graduation date.
  - B. The student must be enrolled in a Saskatchewan school (public or private) which is supported by public funds.
  - C. The student must have fulfilled the requirements for Grade XII graduation within the high school academic year for which the award is granted.

- D. The student must be registered in a post-secondary institution that has a Grade XII entrance requirement.
- E. Applicant's standing is based on the average of the final marks in English A30, English B30, Social Studies 30, one 30-level Mathematics, one 30-level Science and the highest final marks in two more 30-level credits.
- F. Marks used in averages may be those obtained either through departmental examinations or teacher accreditation.
- G. The mark obtained through an appeal may be used in determining the average.
- H. Marks obtained through a supplemental examination, written for the purpose of upgrading a mark, are not acceptable for use in determining the average.

## RECORD KEEPING AND DISPLAY OF AWARDS

- I. Permanent BCA "Trophies": The school should have on display the following:
  - A. A trophy, plaque, or permanent listing of the yearly winners
    - 1. Valedictorian
    - 2. Academic Attainment Award
    - 3. Fine Arts Award
    - 4. Social Development (Walter Mutch) Award: Athletic Award
    - 5. SLC President
  - B. A permanent listing of the yearly winner (senior and junior, where applicable). The winner of the previous year or two should be listed in the glass case.
    - 1. Honour Roll
    - 2. Subject Awards
    - 3. Reginald Argue Bursary
    - 4. Athletic Team Awards
  - C. Accurate records will be kept of all winners in all categories. This will be kept in the office.
- II. Student Prizes: Yearly
  - A. Trophies: The following awards need yearly prizes for the individual winners. These could be small trophies, plaques, or cups
    - 1. Academic Attainment Award (4)

2. Fine Arts Award (8)
  3. Social Development (W. Mutch) Award (8)
  4. Athletic Award (8)
  5. Athletic Team Awards (several)
- B. Certificates are awarded yearly for the following.
1. Subject Awards
  2. Honour Roll and High Honour Roll