



# BC Child & Youth in Care Week

STAND WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH IN CARE

## AWARD NOMINATION PACKAGE

**Nomination Deadline: April 20, 2020**

Stand with children and youth in and from government care by celebrating BC Child and Youth in Care Week (BCCYICW) from June 1-7, 2020! Now in its tenth year, BCCYICW celebrates and acknowledges the resiliency, diversity, talents and accomplishments of young people in and from government care and their challenging journeys.

**The BC Child and Youth in Care Awards** recognize the amazing achievements of children and youth in and from care from across the province.

### Who Can Be Nominated?

Nominations for the awards are being accepted for children and youth aged 6 to 24 years old.

### Who Can Nominate a Young Person?

Award candidates may be nominated by MCFD staff, Delegated Aboriginal Agency staff, community partners and groups, foster parents, peers and individuals.

### New Awards Nomination Process

This year the awards have been changed so that all children and youth who are nominated will be equally recognized. We have removed age categories, award categories and a selection process. We now have a recognition process that is strengths-based and honours and recognizes the achievements of individual youth regardless of what that looks like.

All nominators are being asked to answer one question in 100-250 words (in addition to providing some basic information). Check out some examples of strengths-based nominations below!

We also ask that nominators make a point of holding a celebration of some kind for the young person they nominate. This can be incorporated into a BCCYICW event happening in your community, or something smaller like a dinner or lunch.

**Send in your completed nomination form by April 20, 2020 to [MCF.YAC@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MCF.YAC@gov.bc.ca).**

### BC Child and Youth in Care Awards Nomination Examples

Below are a few examples of strengths-based nomination answers. *Please keep in mind that the answer to your nomination question will be given to the child or youth nominated.*

**Over the past 12 months, what successes, achievements or wins does this child or youth deserve to be recognized and celebrated for?** (please answer in 250 words or less)

**Example #1:** Joe deserves to be celebrated for the amazing work he has done this past year at school. Joe works hard to get his schoolwork done on time, goes out of his way to be helpful in the classroom and does his best to be a friend to everyone. Joe is excited to go to school each day and looks forward to reading on his own and to his younger siblings. He has worked his way through the



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first two Harry Potter books and planning on reading all 7. I want Joe to know that all his successes – whether he feels they are small or large – deserve to be recognized and celebrated.

**Example #2:** Sarah successfully passed her N road test exam this year!!! This was such an important milestone for her and was one that she worked so hard for. Sarah spent hours studying and practicing and worked to make getting her license her number one priority. Now that she has her license Sarah has been able to find a permanent full-time job in a position, she has always wanted to gain experience in. Sarah set a goal for herself and deserves to be celebrated for achieving it.

**Example #3:** I would like to recognize my friend Fritter for the amazing work that they do supporting their fellow youth both in and from care and not. Fritter is a proud member of their communities YAC and has spent endless hours volunteering at events for youth and youth in and from care. They helped run a bottle drive in their community that gave the funds collected to a program that planned a holiday dinner for youth over Christmas. Fritter is a kind person, and an amazing friend. They are always willing to support others in the ways they can but also understand how to take care of themselves. Fritter deserves to be celebrated because they spend so much time supporting and celebrating others, that it's their turn to be recognized.

### Frequently Asked Questions

*Q: Can nominators submit multiple nominations?*

A: Yes!

*Q: Are peer nominations accepted? If so, can an adult help to complete the form?*

A: Yes! We absolutely encourage peers to nominate each other.

*Q: Are nominators required to inform the youth they are submitting their name?*

A: Yes, please inform the child, youth or young adult who you are nominating. This is a great opportunity to build your relationship with the nominee and to recognize their awesomeness!

*Q: What is the prize?*

A: All nominated youth will be recognized with

- a card
- a certificate signed by Minister and Deputy Minister of MCFD
- a copy of their nomination
- a gift card

*Q: What if I don't know the young person's social worker information?*

A: You can send in the nomination form without the social worker information.

If you require additional information about the Awards, please email [MCF.YAC@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MCF.YAC@gov.bc.ca).

**Download the nomination form!** Be sure to download the form before you start filling it in.



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## AWARD NOMINATION FORM

The **BC Child and Youth in Care Awards** recognize the amazing achievements of children and youth in and from care from across the province.

### Nominee Information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (nominee or their guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

Email of Nominee (if they have one) \_\_\_\_\_

### Social Worker Information (if applicable and if you have it)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominator Information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

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## Nomination Question

**Over the past 12 months, what successes, achievements or wins does this youth deserve to be recognized and celebrated for?** (100-250 words) *Please keep in mind that your answer will be given to the child or youth you are nominating.*

Thank you for supporting and standing with children and youth in care!

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