



BC Child & Youth in Care Week

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RECOGNITION AWARD INFORMATION SHEET

Celebrate BC Child and Youth in Care Week (BCCYICW) from May 29 to June 4, 2023! Now in its thirteenth year, BCCYICW celebrates and acknowledges the resiliency, diversity, talents and accomplishments of young people in and from government care and their journeys. The Recognition Awards recognize the amazing achievements of children and youth in and from care from across the province.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can be nominated?

Children and youth* in or from government care (under any care status for any length of time) ages 6 to 24 years old in BC can be nominated for a Recognition Award.

*There are separate nomination forms for child nominees and youth nominees. The youth nomination request is a two-step process.

Can I nominate someone else for a Recognition Award?

Yes! Peers in or from care, social workers, community partners, friends, foster parents, teachers, youth workers, family and adult allies are encouraged to celebrate eligible children and youth by nominating them for a Recognition Award.

IMPORTANT: You **MUST** get consent from the young person/people or guardian (for children ages 6-13) for the following:

- Permission to nominate them for a Recognition Award
- Permission to share their personal information with the Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks (the Fed is facilitating the Recognition Awards on behalf of the BCCYICW Committee)

Can I nominate myself?

Yes! Help us honour your achievements and wins from the last year by nominating yourself for a Recognition Award using the Youth Nominee Form (linked below). Please note you must be **14-24 years old** to nominate yourself.

Can I nominate more than one child or youth? Yes! But you'll need to complete a form for every young person you want to nominate.

When do I need to submit my nomination by?

Nominations must be submitted via webform by **April 28, 2023**.

How do you decide which nominees get Awards?

All children and youth who are nominated will receive a Recognition Award. We have a recognition process that is strengths-based and honours the achievements of individuals, whatever that looks like for that young person. All nominators are being asked to answer one question in 100-175 words (in addition to providing some basic information). Check out some examples of strengths-based nominations below!





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Is there a prize?

All nominated children and youth will be recognized with an award package that includes:

- A card
- A certificate signed by minister and deputy minister of MCFD
- A copy of their nomination
- A gift card
- BCCYICW swag

How will the nominee receive their award package?

Youth (Age 14-24): The award package will be sent to the nominee's address. They will provide this address through a secondary form once the nominator has submitted the first form.

Children (Age 6-13): The award package will be sent to your address. As the nominator, it is your responsibility to deliver the package to the child.

Nomination Forms

Nominations must be submitted by April 28, 2023.

YOUTH NOMINATIONS

If you are nominating a youth aged 14-24, [please complete this nomination request form.](#) This is a two-step nomination process. The nominator will receive an email with the second form. This email will instruct them to forward it to the nominee to complete the nomination process.

CHILD NOMINATIONS

If you are nominating a child aged 6-13, [please complete this nomination form.](#)

SELF NOMINATIONS

If you are between the ages of 14-24, [nominate yourself using this form](#)

If you have any questions about the Awards, please email taylor.burnett@fbcyicn.ca

Recognition Awards Nomination Examples

Each nomination request includes a nomination statement describing the nominee's achievements, successes or wins from the last 12 months that we are celebrating! **Below are a few examples of strengths-based nomination answers.**

Please note that youth nominees will be prompted to write their own statement. Please keep in mind that the answer to the nomination question will be given to the child or youth in their award package 100-175 words.





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“Tell us about the nominee’s achievements, successes or wins from the last 12 months you would like to celebrate them for”

Example #1: I would like to celebrate Joe 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 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 community’s 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.

