



British Columbia Ministry of Education British Columbia-China Award for Excellence in Chinese

Award Information

The BC-China Award for Excellence in Chinese was created in 2015 to promote the study of Chinese language and culture in British Columbia. Award recipients receive a \$500 scholarship, which is jointly funded by the Education Office of the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Vancouver and the British Columbia Ministry of Education.

Award Value – \$500

Eligibility Criteria

All of the following criteria must be met to be eligible to apply for the BC-China Award.

Applicants must:

- a. be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- b. ordinarily reside in British Columbia;
- c. be school-age (i.e., not older than 19 years of age by June 30, 2016);
- d. be enrolled as a full-time Grade 12 student at a public or independent school in British Columbia;
- e. have completed a Mandarin Chinese language course at the Grade 11 level in British Columbia with a minimum course grade of 86% – course completion attained through challenge equivalency or other course credit is not eligible;
- f. be enrolled in or have completed a Mandarin Chinese language course at the Grade 12 level; and
- g. have attained a letter grade of B or higher (i.e., 73% and above) in all completed Grade 11 courses.

Application Instructions

Procedure for Students

Applicants must:

1. Complete Parts I and II of the application.
2. Ensure Part III is completed by the student's guardian.
3. Ensure the application includes a written statement and an official or school copy of their transcript.
4. Provide the application (with Parts I, II, and III completed) to the school sponsor sufficiently in advance of the deadline – to enable the sponsor to complete and submit the application on behalf of the student.

NOTE: Sponsors must be the student's Mandarin Chinese language teacher, vice principal or principal, and must agree to nominate the student for the Award.

Procedure for Sponsors

Sponsors must:

1. Only nominate a maximum of five applicants for the Award. NOTE: No more than five applicants per school will be reviewed by the evaluation committee. Multiple recipients from the same school may be selected by the evaluation committee.
2. Complete Parts IV and V of the application form.
3. Schools or sponsors on behalf of schools should ensure that the student or student's guardian has consented to the disclosure of their information to the British Columbia Council for International Education.
4. Submit the application on behalf of the student to the British Columbia Council for Education by **October 15, 2016**.
NOTE: Late or incomplete submission packages will not be evaluated.
5. Send applications to the British Columbia Council for Education (in a single electronic PDF format only) to:
bccie@bccie.bc.ca.



Award Administration

Evaluation

- The British Columbia Council for International Education will evaluate and select Award recipients.
- Applications will be awarded based primarily on grades.
- Written statements and reference letters will be evaluated in the case of a tie between applicants.

Notification

- Successful applicants and the school sponsor (Mandarin Chinese teacher, vice principal or principal) will be notified by email.
- Notification and a cheque for the full Award value will be sent to the student before the end of the school year.

Personal Information

- The collection of the personal information on this form is authorized as per Section 26(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, if the applicant attends a public school, or section 8(1) or 12(1)(f)(i) of the Personal Information Protection Act, if the applicant attends an independent school. The purpose of the collection is to determine the applicant's eligibility for the scholarship. The personal information will be shared with the Ministry of Education and the British Columbia Council for International Education which will make the final award decision.
- Nominated applicants and their guardians will be asked to consent to the disclosure and use of some of their personal information with the Education Office of the Consulate General in Vancouver of the People's Republic of China for the purposes of promoting the Award and evaluating the Award program. Shared personal information will be limited to:
 - first name and surname initial;
 - name of the school district or authority; and
 - the written statement made as part of this application.
- The evaluation of applications will not be influenced by whether or not an applicant consents to the use and disclosure of their personal information.
- Personal information of non-successful applicants will not be shared with the Consulate General.
- Questions regarding the application can be addressed to bccie@bccie.bc.ca
- Questions regarding the collection or disclosure of the personal information can be directed to the applicant's school officials or:

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