# Coast Capital Savings Youth Get It MEducation Awards

**Program Information for Schools** 

Dear School Representative,

At Coast Capital Savings, our community investment programs support youth, and one way we do that is by helping young people succeed during their school years. The Coast Capital Savings Youth Get It<sup>™</sup> Education Awards provide a financial boost to B.C. students who have faced adversity, and still prioritized their education.

## Since 2004, our Youth Get It Education Awards have helped more than 740 students to start their post-secondary education—an investment of almost \$2 million.

Over the last two years, we've invited school districts to select the recipients, and for schools to present the awards at their year-end ceremonies.

#### 2018 Awards:

For 2018, we're offering a total of 60 Youth Get It Education Awards, for a total of \$211,500:

<b>Standing Tall Award</b> 59 awards of \$3500 available	Our Standing Tall Awards support youth who have faced adversity and not only risen up against the odds, but are demonstrating a commitment to continue their education. This award is open to students who have faced challenges like poverty, health issues, family issues, personal loss, or lack of supports (for example, youth who are, or who have been, in government care).
<b>Beth Hutchinson Award</b> One \$5000 award available to a Surrey student	The Beth Hutchinson recognizes the young person in Surrey who best exemplifies a commitment to continuing their education in the face of considerable health challenges.
	Beth was an inspirational 2012 Standing Tall winner from Surrey. We're honouring her memory by making the Beth Hutchinson Award available to a student from her home

### **Eligibility requirements:**

To be eligible to receive a Youth Get It Education Award, the student must meet five requirements at the time they apply:

- 1. They must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- 2. They must have been resident in BC for at least six months.
- They must graduate from high school during the 2017/18 school year, from one of 23 school districts in: Metro Vancouver, Fraser Valley, mid-Vancouver Island, southern Vancouver Island and Kelowna.
  - a. Visit <u>coastcapitalsavings.com/Awards</u> for participating districts.
- 4. They must have plans to attend an accredited Canadian university, college or technical school in Fall 2018.
- 5. They have not previously received a Youth Get It Education Award.

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#### Selection process and application deadline:

The selection process for the award recipients is decided by each school district. We have asked that each district let local school counsellors know what the selection process is so you may share with your students.

- To help you get the word out, we've supplied you with a supply of posters (enclosed).
- The Youth Get It Education Awards Application Form is available on our website at <u>coastcapitalsavings.com/Awards</u>. As you will see, there is lots of room for students to let you know why they would be a great fit for these awards.
- Each district has also determined the application deadline for their students. The deadlines and number of awards for each district can be found at <u>coastcapitalsavings.com/Awards</u> in the **Awards & Deadline** Information document.

### **Presenting the award:**

Once your district has chosen their award recipient(s) and informed us of their names, we will then assemble the award package. We'll courier it directly to a designated representative at the student's school so that it can be presented at the school's year-end awards ceremony.

The package will include: (1) an award certificate for the student, (2) an Award Recipient Information Form for each recipient to complete and send back to us; and (3) the award cheque for the student. Please ensure it is kept secure.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the Youth Get It Education Awards. If you have any questions, please contact us at <u>education.awards@coastcapitalsavings.com</u> or (604) 517-7497.

Sincerely,

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