

Scholarship Presentation

By Raphaella Robles

A little about me...

Who am I?

Raphaella Robles, former student at Byrne Creek now pursuing post-secondary studies

What about me?

I am passionate about working hard, trying out everything, finding opportunities, fulfilling my potential

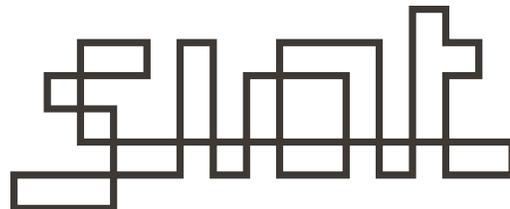
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Since when?

From the time I entered Byrne in 2011 to the moment I graduated last May 2016 (till now...)

Where am I now?

I am studying at Simon Fraser University with the help of my scholarships!



SCHOOL OF INTERACTIVE
ARTS + TECHNOLOGY

Here are some I applied for:

Loran Awards (up to \$100,000)

TD Scholarship for Community Leadership (up to \$70,000)

SFU Major Entrance Scholarship (varies)

BCSSA Grade 12 Scholarship (\$1000)

Sigma Chi Leadership Entrance Award (\$1000)

Steve Cowan Scholarship for Leadership in Action (\$1000)

Remax Quest for Excellence Bursary (\$1000)

Trevor Linden Community Spirit Scholarship (\$2500)

BC Excellence Scholarship (\$5000)

BC Hydro Power Pioneers Community Service Award (\$1000)

Burnaby Association of Senior Exempt Staff Scholarship (\$1000)

Rotary Club of Burnaby Deer Lake Scholarship (\$1000)

Burnaby Optimists Club Scholarship (\$500)

Here are some I won:

Simon Fraser University Major Entrance Scholarship (\$12,000)

Trevor Linden Community Spirit Scholarship (\$2,500)

Sigma Chi Leadership Entrance Award (\$1,000)

Rotary Club of Burnaby Scholarship (\$1,000)

Burnaby Teacher's Association Scholarship (\$750)

Byrne Creek LEOs Scholarship (\$200)

A little about me...

Why am I here?

I want to pass on all of this information to hopefully help you with your search for scholarships!



Tip #1 Keep Lists of EVERYTHING

Scholarships

- Loran Awards - \$100,000
(Due Oct. 21, 2015) - Didn't win...
- TD Scholarship Application - \$70,000
(Due Nov. 27, 2015) - Didn't win...
- SFU Major Entrance Scholarship - \$12,000 - WON
(Due Jan. 31, 2016)
- BCSSA Grade 12 Scholarship - \$1,000
(Due Feb. 11, 2016)
- Sigma Chi Leadership Entrance Award - \$1000 - WON
(Due Feb.28, 2016)
- Steve Cowan Scholarship for Leadership in Action - \$1000
(Due March 4, 2016)
- Remax Quest for Excellence Bursary Program - \$1000
(Due March 14, 2016)
- Trevor Linden Community Spirit Scholarship - \$2500 - WON
(Due March 15, 2016)
- BC Excellence Scholarship - \$5000
(Due March 31, 2016) - Didn't win...
- BC Hydro Power Pioneers Community Service Award - \$1000
(Due March 31, 2016)
- Burnaby Association of Senior Exempt Staff Scholarship
(Due March 31)
- Rotary Club of Burnaby Deer Lake Scholarship - \$1000 - WON
(Due April 3)
- Burnaby Optimists Club - \$500
(Due April 22, 2016)
- BC Technology Scholarship - \$1000
(Due April 27, 2016)
- GFNF Scholarship - \$500
(Due April 30, 2016)
- Overwaitea Food Group Joint Diversity Scholarship - \$1000
(Due May 1, 2016)
- Nelson Civic Leadership Scholarship - \$500
(Due June 1, 2016)
- BCEA Bursary Program - \$500-\$1000
(Due July 29, 2016)
- BCIT President's Entrance Awards - \$4000
(Due August 2016)

To-Do

- Physics**
- Do chapter 8 Review questions in textbook
- Study for Chapter 8 test
- French**
- Work on Poem Presentation for February 22
 - L'ange Gardien
 - Anne Hébert
- Work on Song Presentation for March 4
 - Les amoureux des bancs publics
 - Georges Brassens
- Review ATQs
- Grad Stuff**
- Pay Grad Fee (\$80) and check height outside office
- Pay AP Exam (\$120)
- Leo**
- Check orders for Leo hoodies (prices?) (design?)
- Blue Ribbon Foundation**
- Get emails for participants from Stride and EA from Byrne
- Send emails to Danakin, Paul, Kiana, Angelica, Charmaine, Irene, Karenn, Gabrielle, Alvina
- Tutoring**
- Contact Raihana for schedules
- Contact Ren for schedules
- Personal**
- @.@
- Upcoming Dates**
- March 2nd - SFU Surrey Open House
- MUST DO**
- Ask for 5 copies of an official transcript from office
- Ask Mr. Dhillon for a reference letter
- Ask Ms. Moxon for a reference letter
- Ask Fujiki to be reference for Trevor Linden Scholarship

Places to Eat

- Eat at Au Wing Kee
- Eat at Burger King
- Eat at Cactus Club
- Eat at Café Crêpe
- Eat at Cattle Café
- Eat at Chatime
- Eat at Church's Chicken
- Eat at Earls
- Eat at Estee
- Eat at Fish on Rice
- Eat at Fondway
- Eat at Gyarudon
- Eat at Gyukaku
- Eat at House of Wings
- Eat at Jang Mo Jib
- Eat at Japadog
- Eat at Kawawa
- Eat at Kenzo Ramen
- Eat at Max's Chicken
- Eat at Menchie's
- Eat at Nandos
- Eat at Pho Chan
- Eat at Red Robin
- Eat at Shabusen
- Eat at Spud Shack
- Eat at Subway
- Eat at Sushi California
- Eat at Sushi Garden
- Eat at Swiss Chalet
- Eat at Tealips
- Eat at The Keg
- Eat at The Old Spaghetti Factory
- Eat at The One
- Eat at Togo Sushi
- Eat at Victoria Sushi
- Eat at White Spot
- Eat at Y Sushi

List important dates, deadlines, contact information

Make your lists personal! List goals, create wish lists, etc.

Make sure you can always easily refer back to it

*your
best
friend* →



OneNote

Tip #2 Volunteer!

Places you can volunteer:

Burnaby Neighbourhood House

Community Centres (eg. Edmonds, Bonsor)

Byrne Creek (eg. Library monitoring, clubs)

Local Thrift Stores (eg. Burnaby Hospice Society)

Organizations (eg. Canadian Blood Services)

Vancouver Events (eg. Rogers Santa Claus Parade, Vancouver International Children's Festival)

Vancouver Marathons (eg. Great Climate Race, Sun Run)



More Advice on Volunteering...

Create a file for all of your volunteer work and update it frequently

Include a summary of tasks, amount of hours, and specific dates

Continuously search for future volunteer opportunities

Try to match your interests and volunteer with friends to make it fun!

RAPHAELLA ROBLES - VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY SUMMARY *Ordered Chronologically*

Organization: Burnaby Byrne Creek Leo Club **Period Involved:** Sept.2011 to Present

Position(s): Leo Club General Member (2011-2012), Leo Club Executive Team Member (2012-2013), Vice President of Human Resources (2013-2014), Presidential Advisor (2014-2015), Vice President of External Affairs (2015-2016)

List school and community activities and events you helped out for!

| Event Name | Date(s) | Tasks/Roles | Hours Received |
|--|--|--|----------------|
| Grade 8 Orientation | First Day of School in September, 2012 - 2014 | Leading Grade 8 groups to homerooms, assisting new students with opening lockers and guiding them around the school, answered questions about class timetables | 9 |
| Clubs Day | First week of school, 2012-2014 | Recruited new members at various clubs' booths, helped set up tables, painted and mounted club posters | 9 |
| Hotdog Sale | Saturdays, Nov. 2011 | Concession, handling cash, laying out condiments, food, and drinks | 12 |
| Bonsor Big Boo | October 24 th -26 th , 2011-2015 | Face painted, handled hairspray to put on children, twisted balloon animals, cleaned up | 12 |
| Visual Performing Arts Shows (School Dance, Band, and Drama productions) | Varies, Thursday to Saturday nights, 2011-2015 | Concession, ushering attendees, selling show and raffle tickets, tidying area of litter | 30 |
| Thanksgiving Dinner | One evening in October, 2011-2015 | Served dishes to members of the community, assisted with set up and take down, presented an autumn-themed presentation about the meaning of Thanksgiving | 18 |

Tip #3 Find References EARLY

(this saves both you and them some time and regrets)

From a single event...



September 25th, 2015

Re: Volunteer Reference Letter for Raphaella Robles

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is David Jones and I am the Volunteer Coordinator for the 2015 30th Annual AIDS WALK for LIFFE. This large fundraising event is held every summer to raise funds and awareness to support those that face the challenges of living with HIV. The WALK depends on the commitment of over 200 enthusiastic volunteers that play a variety of important roles in the execution of this event.

Raphaella was one such volunteer and it was a true pleasure having her as part of the team. Raphaella completed 6 hours of volunteering as a volunteer this year on September 20th, 2015, helping to sell merchandise, raise funds on site, and provide excellent customer service during the event.

To organizations you've
been part of for years!



NOVEMBER 20, 2015

RE: REFERENCE FOR RAPHAELLA ROBLES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

The Staff and Board of Directors of the Vancouver International Children's Festival wish to thank Raphaella Robles for her dedication to our 2014 and 2015 Festivals. In appreciation of her contribution to our event, we would like to recommend her highly for the *TD scholarship for Community Leadership*.

By offering her services, Raphaella became part of the large team of volunteers that is necessary to make an event of this size work. Each year, we have approximately 100 volunteers pre-Festival, 1200 volunteers on-site and over 30,000 happy children seeing shows and doing activities.

Raphaella is a natural leader and was hand picked by her teachers to represent her school as a **Key Volunteer**. As such, she worked the five months leading up to the Festival recruiting, administrating and overseeing student volunteers from her school and liaising with her Work Experience Advisor.

Raphaella also offered her help behind the scenes. She came to our office weekly, November through April, as a **Graphic Design work experience** student, creating marketing materials (posters, flyers, etc.) to promote specific Festival shows and a show we co-produced with the PuSh Festival. She also designed a large stand-up banner for us and was on the décor team at one of our special events. Her graphic design work has always been attractive and creative and continues to be highly regarded by working professionals that have seen it.

More Advice on Finding References...

Contact teachers and community references (who have known you for at least 2 years)

Provide them with a short summary of your character and contributions

Give them at least 2 weeks prior notice to write your letter

Tip #4 Begin the application process!

(at least a month before the deadline...)

Post-Secondary Institutions

Check out school websites and browse interests

Research jobs and fields you are curious about

Attend open houses and talk to program representatives

Kwantlen Polytechnic University Open House (Richmond Campus)

Friday, October 20 – 12 to 3pm

Post-Secondary Funding

Meet the requirements (citizenship status, grade, field of study)

Keep track of which ones you want to apply for and their deadlines

Some are automatic! Simply meet the GPA standard (usually 95%)

Some are specific to a certain program, school, or group (eg. Award for Women taking Marketing Management at BCIT)

Where to find Scholarships

Post-Secondary Institution websites (financial aid/awards sections)

Bank websites (TD, RBC, CIBC, Scotiabank, Coast Capital Savings)

BC Government website

Burnaby School District website

Yconic.com

Honestly, I just googled around

More Scholarship Tips...

Check if you need to mail a package or fill in an online form

Begin early! Due dates come fast!

*Loran Awards – Wednesday, October 18th (online)

*TD Scholarship for Community Leadership – Friday, November 17th (mail and online)

*UBC Major Entrance Scholarships – Friday, December 1st (online)

Tip #5 Write a proper first essay

(it will get better eventually)

Personal = Interesting

Write about YOURSELF (this includes your interests, personal goals, and how this relates to what you have done and what you want to achieve)

Include opinions and reasoning, be convincing, give proof

Don't just list. Narrate!

Essay excerpts...

As sharing my creativity with others is my passion I volunteered with VICF as a face-painter, thus utilizing my artistic skills to serve the community...

By volunteering in community events, such as the Thanksgiving Dinner where I served and bonded with members of my community...

I have been recognized as a diligent leader in my school, as shown through my service with distinction awards, given to those who have completed over 100 hours of...

Elaborate, don't Exaggerate

Remember to provide context to the reader and ask these questions:

Have I considered making a proper introduction?

Does the audience know enough about what I am saying?

Am I answering the question/prompt outlined in the topic?

Are my words either too flowery or lack meaning and/or depth?

Write Powerfully and Professionally

Avoid clichés and colloquialisms

As much as possible, use active voice instead of passive voice

Show what you learned, how you've changed, what you hope to become

Try to sound original (as best you can)

Proofread and Edit

Ask yourself these questions:

Am I over the word count?

Any spelling and grammar errors?

Does my writing address the topic?

Has someone else checked over my work?

How can I improve my language to increase understanding?

Tip #6 Research!

What you should be looking into...

Volunteer Opportunities

Events for upcoming undergrads (Open houses, info sessions)

Post-Secondary Institutions

Post-Secondary Funding

DEADLINES

Tip #7 Prioritize your studies

(my mistake)

Remember...

Grades count towards college and university admissions

Balance academics with extracurricular activities

Your teachers will hate me for inspiring you

Tip #8 Enjoy high school while it lasts

(my other mistake)

Any Questions?

My email: raphaella.robles@gmail.com

or feel free to talk to me after this presentation