

The **DreamS Bring Art** Award

This award of \$750 is dedicated to my parents. By coming to Canada, they made the impossible possible. My parents and we five siblings worked hard doing various jobs such as picking berries in summer to allow our family to survive and eventually prosper. I am very grateful to have received the lucky break of growing up in this country where girls are able to receive free, liberal arts education. Education is the greatest gift and equalizer that we have in a society. Without the arts, there is no culture! We need to do more to encourage and support young people to explore and create art.

Visual arts has always been my joy - whether seeing someone else's work or creating my own. I have studied and created art since I was 17. Painting became my prime expression, considering the space limitations in an expensive city like Vancouver. Life has brought challenges; but the arts has always made sense, given me purpose and brought beauty into my life. I believe that achieving personal fulfillment is the measure of true success, not the size of one's bank account. May your DreamS Bring Art!

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Criteria:

- ❖ Be a female-identifying¹ student of David Thompson Secondary in Grade 12;
- ❖ Obtained entrance into the fine arts department of a recognized post-secondary institution, college or university;
- ❖ Taken fine arts classes in or outside of school during Grade(s) 10, 11, and/or 12;
- ❖ Demonstrated aptitude, ability and interest in fine arts;
- ❖ Met one or more of the following:
 - o Overcome or currently facing personal or family adversity;
 - o Overcome or currently facing physical or health barriers;
 - o Demonstrated financial need; or
 - o Volunteered in or outside of school

Application:

- ❖ Complete the application form on P.2.
- ❖ Complete graduate requirements by June 30, 2026.
- ❖ Submit post-secondary admission documentation as available.
- ❖ Write a personal statement of 1,000 words or less describing your artistic plans and interests in addition to your eligibility for this award (refer to the Criteria above);
- ❖ Submit up to 10 scanned images (in PDF) demonstrating artistic interests and abilities;
- ❖ Submit report cards or transcripts showing grades; and
- ❖ Submit up to 2 letters of reference from teachers, volunteering or any other community members

Submit the application form, personal statement, and all supporting documentation to skbring@yahoo.ca by April 16, 2026.

If no suitable application is received, no award will be made.

¹ This award is for all female-identifying students, including cis and trans females, and non-binary people comfortable in a space that centres on the experiences of women and girls.

APPLICATION FORM FOR **DreamS Bring Art Award**

Surname: _____

Given Names: _____

Gender: _____

Current Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Anticipated Date of Secondary School Graduation: _____

Post-Secondary School of Choice: _____

Average Percentage of Grades for Grade 11 and 12: _____

Volunteer Activities: _____

Other Achievements: _____

I certify that:

- ❖ I am a registered Grade 12 student at David Thompson Secondary School in Vancouver, BC.
- ❖ I expect to fulfill the requirements for secondary school graduation of June 30, 2026.
- ❖ I am actively seeking admission or early admission into a post-secondary program.
- ❖ The information I have provided is correct.

Date: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Please email this form, together with your personal statement and supporting documentation such as scanned images, letters of reference, post-secondary admission documents and report cards or transcripts, to skbring@yahoo.ca by April 16, 2026.