## The DreamS Bring Art Award

This award of **\$750 annually** 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 and picking berries in the summers, to allow the 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 a free, liberal arts education. Education is the greatest gift and equalizer that we have as a society. And without the arts, there is no culture! We need to do more to encourage and support young people to explore and create art.

The visual arts have 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 of an expensive city. Life has brought challenges -- but the arts have always made sense, given me purpose, and brought beauty into my life. I believe that achieving personal fulfilment is the measure of true success, not the size of one's bank account. May your Dream**S Bring** Art!

Surrinder K Bring (S Bring)

## **Eligibility Criteria**

- Female-identifying<sup>1</sup> student of David Thompson Secondary in Grade 12;
- Obtained entrance into the fine arts department of a recognized post-secondary institution, college, or university;
- Have taken fine arts classes within or outside of the school during Grades 10, 11, and/or 12;
- Demonstrated aptitude, ability, and interest in the fine arts;
- One or more of the following *Personal Criteria* (explain in personal statement below) :
  - o Overcome or currently facing personal or family adversity;
  - o Overcome or currently facing physical or health barriers;
  - o Demonstrated financial need; or
  - o Volunteer involvement within the school or outside

## **Application Requirements**

- Complete the attached application form;
- Complete graduate requirements by June 30 of the current year;
- Post-secondary admission documentation as available;
- Personal statement (maximum 1000 words) describing artistic plans and interests, and Personal Criteria referred to above;
- Scanned images (PDF format preferred) demonstrating artistic interests and abilities (maximum 10 images);
- Report cards or transcripts of grades; and
- Up to 2 letters of reference from teachers, volunteering, or other community members

Submit application form, personal statement, and all supporting documentation to <u>skbring@yahoo.ca</u> by May 20 of the current year. If no suitable application is received, no award will be made.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

## Student Application Form for the **Dream***SBring* **Art** Award

Surname:	
Given Names: _	
Gender:	
Current Addres	S:
Telephone Num	nber:
Email Address:	
Post-Secondary	/ School and Program of Choice:
Average Percer	tage of Grades for Grade 11 and 12:
Volunteer Activ	ities:
Other Achieven	nents:
I confirm 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 by June 30. I am actively seeking admission or early admission into a post-secondary program.

The information I have provided is accurate.

Please attach your personal statement of a maximum of 1000 words demonstrating that the above eligibility criteria are met. Please attach any and all supporting documentation, including up to 10 images (can be scanned / electronic), up to 2 letters of reference, any post-secondary admission documents, and report cards or transcripts showing grades.

Please send the above electronically to <a href="mailto:skbring@yahoo.ca">skbring@yahoo.ca</a> by May 20.