

# 2015 VALLEY FIRST EDUCATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

## Application Form

### Before handing in your application, please ensure that you have:

- Filled out *all* the sections of the application form in full. Applications not filled out completely will be disqualified.
- Attached a transcript of most recent marks to your application. Transcripts do not have to be originals – photocopies are acceptable.
- Signed the application and, if you are under the age of 19, had a parent or guardian also sign the application.
- Had your references sign the application.

### When your application is ready, please return it to any Valley First branch or mail it to:

Valley First Education Award  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor - 184 Main Street  
Penticton BC V2A 8G7

**Application deadline is 5 pm Monday, March 31, 2015.**

All applicants will be notified of the status of their application.

### DETAILED ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA INFORMATION:

1. The competition is open to students who are members of Valley First or the dependent of a Valley First member in good standing prior to July 1, 2014.
2. Employees of Valley First are excluded from the competition.
3. Students who have previously received a Valley First scholarship or bursary are excluded from this competition.
4. To be eligible to apply, secondary students must be graduating from grade 12 in 2015 and enrolled into full-time study at a Community College, University College, University, or Technical Institute recognized by the Ministry/ Dept of Advanced Education in the province or state where the institution is located prior to December 1, 2015. Funds will be released to students at the time of enrollment.
5. Post-secondary school applicants must be attending a post-secondary school recognized by the Ministry/Dept of Advanced Education in the province or state where the institution is located and must be enrolled in full-time studies. Students must have at least one year of full-time studies to complete. Funds will be released at the time of enrollment.
6. The applicant's permanent residence must be in one of the communities Valley First serves.
7. Applicants must have a minimum 67% or C+ average, based on the current year's marks to date.

### Recipients will be selected on the basis of:

- A completed application form.
- Extensive community food bank volunteerism.
- Confirmation from two sources validating the applicant's involvement at his/her local food bank.
- A transcript of most recent marks.
- Content of the application essay.

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### Personal Information:

Name: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's or guardian's Valley First Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about Valley First's Education Award Program? \_\_\_\_\_

### Education Goals:

What post-secondary institution will you be attending this fall? \_\_\_\_\_

Program of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Career goal: \_\_\_\_\_

**Photographs and names of the recipients of the Valley First Education Award will be featured in communication and advertising material promoting the Award program.** Completion of this application assigns and grants permission to Valley First to use and/or publish photographs of Award recipients' likeness. It also releases Valley First from any claims or demands of any kind of compensation, profit, or expenses arising by reason of Valley First taking such pictures of Award recipients, or by publishing, publicizing, or otherwise disposing of same.

Signature of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature: (Please complete if the applicant is a minor) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_



## YOUR STORY:

Please attach up to one, typed and double-spaced, 8.5"x 11" sheet describing the effect or impact two of your community involvement activities have had on you or the community.

## REFERENCES:

Please have two adult individuals (excluding family) who can verify your school and/or community involvement activities, fill out the following section. **If this section is not completed, your application will be disqualified.**

1) I verify that the applicant was involved in the following activity/activities (please list) for the duration claimed within this application:

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Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime tel. number: \_\_\_\_\_

2) I verify that the applicant was involved in the following activity/activities (please list) for the duration claimed within this application:

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Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime tel. number: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

**This is for volunteer hours only; DO NOT include paid work or work which is part of a course.**

Fill out the form on the following page. For each activity, please indicate your level of involvement and the number of hours you devoted to this activity during the **last two years**.

Please be very specific when filling out this part of the application. **DO NOT** use abbreviations or acronyms as award adjudicators may not be familiar with the activities in your school or community. Please be specific in your explanation of activities if the name of the group is not self-explanatory. List all activities in **HOURS ONLY**. Listing your activities in any other measure (for instance number of weeks or number of times per year) will result in receiving no recognition for that activity. Please remember that the information you provide here will need to be verified by two references within this application.

### Here is an example of how to fill out the form:

List of Activities: Arts, volunteerism, sports, intellectual pursuits (e.g. debate club), democratic pursuits (e.g. student council)	Specify your role - what did you do? Please provide details:	Number of hours September 2013 to June 2014	Number of hours July 2014 to January 2015
Student Council	Member - participated in all the meetings	20	
Student Council	Treasurer - kept track of the Student Council's budget		25
Canadian Cancer Society	Volunteered stuffing envelopes	4	3

