

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.
- Ensured that your references from your local food bank have signed the application.

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

Feed the Valley Volunteer Education Award
3rd 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 have outstanding community volunteerism with their local food bank in communities where Valley First does business.
2. You do not have to be a member of Valley First in order to apply.
3. Employees of Valley First are excluded from the competition.
4. Applicants who have applied for the award in previous years can re-apply, as long as they have not previously received the award.
5. To be eligible to apply, secondary students must be graduating from grade 12 in 2015 and enrolled into part-time or 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.
6. Post-secondary school applicants must be attending part-time or full-time studies 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. Funds will be released to students at the time of enrolment.
7. The applicant's permanent residence must be in one of the communities Valley First serves.
8. 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.

FEED THE VALLEY VOLUNTEER EDUCATION AWARD

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Personal Information:

Name: (Last) _____ (First) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Food Bank: _____ Length of volunteerism: _____

How did you learn about the Feed the Valley Volunteer Education Award? _____

Are you a member of Valley First? _____ If so, which branch? _____

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 Feed the Valley Volunteer 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 addressing the statement and question below.

I volunteer because...

and

How has volunteering shaped your decision to pursue post-secondary education?

REFERENCES:

Please have two adult individuals (excluding family) who can verify your food bank 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:

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:

Print Name: _____ Signed: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____ Daytime tel. number: _____

FOOD BANK 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 food bank. 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: Food Bank activities. Include community outreach or committee work	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
Food Centre	Distributed food to clients	20	
Food Centre	Organized and sorted incoming donations		25
Youth committee for Hunger awareness	Committee Chair	4	3

YOU MAY PHOTOCOPY THIS PAGE AND ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

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