

Premier's Citizenship Award

The Government of Alberta offers three Alberta Citizenship Awards to recognize students who have contributed to their communities through public service and voluntary endeavor.

The award for each of the three Alberta Citizenship Awards varies, as follows:

- Premier's Citizenship Award: Letter of Commendation
- Alberta Centennial Award: 25 awards of \$2,005
- Queen's Golden Jubilee Award: 8 awards of \$5,000 and a medal

Value:

One award is available for each high school in Alberta. Each recipient receives a letter of commendation.

Eligibility Criteria:

A nominee must:

- be a Canadian Citizen, a Permanent Resident, or Protected Person (visa students are not eligible)
- be an Alberta resident and to be considered an Alberta resident one of the following conditions must apply:
 - one parent, or legal guardian has maintained permanent residence in Canada for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately prior to commencing post-secondary studies and be residing in Alberta, or
 - Alberta is the last place the student has lived for twelve (12) consecutive months immediately prior to commencing post-secondary studies, or
- be graduating from high school in the current academic year

The nominee must have displayed outstanding characteristics in:

- citizenship,
- leadership, and
- community service and/or engagement in volunteer work, and must also have shown initiative and had a positive impact in the community/school.

For the Alberta Centennial Award and Queen's Golden Jubilee Award only, the nominee must also be enrolled full-time (60%) in a post-secondary program for the fall or winter term.

Selection Process:

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To be considered for the Alberta Citizenship Awards, students must complete the Nomination Form and submit it to the selection committee at their high school. The school's selection committee chooses a recipient for the Premier's Citizenship Award. The school principal completes the School Principal

Section and will submit the completed Nomination Form with all attachments to Alberta Student Aid by the June 1 deadline.

Alberta Centennial Award and Queen's Golden Jubilee Award

A selection committee jointly established by Alberta Culture and Alberta Advanced Education selects recipients for both the Alberta Centennial Award and Queen's Golden Jubilee Award. Recipients of these two awards are selected from the pool of recipients for the Premier's Citizenship Award.

Application Process:

Each high school in Alberta selects one recipient for the Premier's Citizenship Award. From those recipients, a selection committee selects 25 recipients for the Alberta Centennial Award.

The high school must submit to Alberta Student Aid a completed and signed Nomination Form.

Alberta Centennial Award and Queen's Golden Jubilee Award:

In addition to the school's nomination for a Premier's Citizenship Award, nominees must also provide the following:

- Two letters of reference. (References should be no longer than two pages) as follows:
 - A reference from someone who has known the nominee for at least one year either through school or community or volunteer activities, and

 - A reference from someone who knows the nominee well enough to support and/or elaborate on the nominee's activities and initiatives as outlined in the Record of Accomplishments chart.

- A Record of Accomplishments Chart (See Record of Accomplishments Chart Instructions). Nominees should work with their school principal or school counsellor to complete their Record of Accomplishments Chart.