



Stars Awards 2023 Letter of Support Guidelines

Creative Arts Award

The CRH Foundation presents the Stars Awards to recognize the academic excellence and positive impact of youth in our communities. Students attending Grades 10, 11, and 12 in Edmonton area high schools are eligible to apply in several different award categories.

Creative Arts Award

The Creative Arts Award recognizes students' commitment to the creative arts including visual, musical, performance and any other type of creative art. One award per grade will be granted, with a value of \$400 each.

To apply, students must answer a series of short answer questions about how and why arts are important to them and their community; they must provide advice to younger students interested in the arts. Students must also provide a letter of support from a community leader, teacher, or mentor. This letter cannot be from a relative. Students must also submit one or two pieces from their portfolio.

Letter of Support Guidelines

Please include the following in your letter of support:

- Your name
- Your phone number and email address (note that Civida may contact you)
- Your role/relationship to the student (e.g. teacher)
- How long you've known the student

The letter should be no more than one page (up to 300 words). In your letter, please speak to the following:

1. Please tell us how the student is committed to their chosen creative art. Have they shown commitment and dedication to their art?
2. How have they been involved in the artist community?
3. Are there any extenuating circumstances or unique considerations for the student that the review committee should know about?

Due Date

Complete applications, including the Letter of Support, are due by **Tuesday, July 4, 2023** at midnight. Applications are submitted online by the student.

Please provide your electronic letter of support to the student (PDF format preferred), and they will upload the document with their application.

Questions? Please contact Stars@civida.ca or visit www.civida.ca/stars.