



Stars Awards 2021 Letter of Support Guidelines

Academic Improvement Award

The Capital Region Housing (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.

Academic Improvement Award

The Academic Improvement Award recognizes students who have worked to improve their grades. Up to three awards are granted, with a value of \$250 each.

To apply, students must demonstrate academic improvement between last year and this year, and answer short answer questions about how they were able to improve their grades. Students must also provide one letter of support from a community leader or teacher. This person cannot be a relative of the student.

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 250 words). In your letter, please speak to the following:

1. Why do you think the student was able to improve their grade point average this year?
2. What specific skills or strategies did the student use in order to improve their grade point average?
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 6, 2021** 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.