

JO-ANNE KOCH ACTION FOR BRIGHT CHILDREN (CALGARY) SOCIETY AWARDS

Award Value – \$750

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Named in honour of Jo-Anne Koch, the first Principal of ABC (Westmount) Charter Public School in Calgary. As a parent of a gifted child, and a long-time educator in Alberta's publicly-funded schools, Ms. Koch was a tireless advocate for the rights and needs of gifted learners.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- be a Canadian Citizen, 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 must currently be residing in Alberta, or
 - Alberta is the last place the student has lived for twelve (12) consecutive months before being a full-time student, or
 - is married to an Alberta resident before the start of the qualifying year of study.
- have completed Grade 12 requirements at a publicly funded Alberta high school,
- meet the criteria for Giftedness as determined by his/her school jurisdiction, and,
- plan to enroll or be enrolled full-time in a post-secondary program.

Selection Process

A selection committee established by the Action for Bright Children (Calgary) Society will select the recipients. Selection will take into consideration the following:

- the strength of the school recommendation as determined by the letter of support from the Administration or Counselling Department, and
- the strength of the applicant's 150-250 word personal essay.

Note: Preference will be given to applicants who have received extra support for their learning needs.

To recognize the historic connection between the ABC (Calgary) Society and Westmount Charter School, one recipient will be selected from Westmount Charter School in Calgary. In the event there is no suitable candidate from Westmount Charter School, both awards will be offered to qualified students from other Alberta high schools.

Application Process

Applicants must mail in their application form along with the following attachments:

- a 150-250 word personal essay outlining how you perceive your Giftedness as you embark on your post-secondary education journey, and
- a letter of support from your high school.

Additional Information

There are two scholarships available.

Alberta Student Number (ASN)

Your Alberta Student Number is on your Alberta Transcript for High School Achievement.

If you do not know your ASN, or do not have an ASN:

- Visit iae.alberta.ca/ASN for instructions.
- Call toll-free in Alberta at 310-0000 to have a Request for ASN form mailed to you. Due to privacy issues, ASN's will not be given over the phone.

Deadline and How to Apply

- **Application Deadline:** April 1, 2017
- Submit your completed application to Student Aid Alberta.

Student Aid Alberta
PO Box 28000 Station Main
Edmonton AB T5J 4R4

Contact: Student Aid Alberta Service Centre at 1-855-606-2096

Visit: studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships

Post-Secondary Institution Enrolment Information

Post-Secondary Institution Name

Address

City/Town

Prov/State

Country

Postal/Zip Code

Study Start Date

Month	Year

Program of Study

Program Length

 Years Months

Year of Program

Student ID

High School Information

Name of High School (Graduating/Graduated from high school)

Graduation Date

Month	Year

City/Town

Prov/State

Country

Postal/Zip Code

Additional Information

Essay Question

Answer the following question in a 150–250 word personal essay:

How do you perceive your Giftedness as you embark on your post-secondary education journey?

Declaration of Applicant

I have read and understand the instructions, and declare that:

- all information provided is true and complete and I understand it is subject to audit.
- I will meet any eligibility requirements and obligations of the scholarship as stated in the scholarship requirements.
- I will immediately notify Student Aid Alberta in writing if I withdraw from studies.

I understand that:

- personal information pertaining to my high school and post-secondary academic records may be released and exchanged by and between Student Aid Alberta, Alberta Education and the educational institutions for the purpose of determining my eligibility for a scholarship.

- personal information pertaining to my post-secondary academic progress and enrolment status may be released and exchanged by and between Student Aid Alberta and the educational institution for the purpose of determining my eligibility for a scholarship.
- my personal information may be released and exchanged by and between Student Aid Alberta and any federal and provincial government departments, boards, or institutions to verify the information I have provided to Student Aid Alberta, and for the use in research and statistical analysis in program evaluation.

I understand and agree that:

- if I receive a scholarship my name, award and city/town may be released publicly to promote the program, however, this is not a criterion for eligibility, and if I do not want to be identified, I will contact Student Aid Alberta.

Signature of Applicant (in ink)

Today's Date

<i>x SIGN HERE</i>	Day	Month	Year	

**Please Review Your Application to Make Sure you Have Completed All the Required Fields.
Missing Information Will Delay Processing.**