

West Central Stakeholders Youth Member & Bursary

PURPOSE

This bursary is directed toward encouraging involvement/mentoring within the West Central Stakeholders group.

Through involvement with the West Central Stakeholders, a student would gain exposure to the process of synergy between industry, government and community.

QUALIFICATIONS

Interested students must apply to West Central Stakeholders to qualify including the following information:

- A letter from the student expressing his/her desire to be a part of the WCS as well as the student's educational and career goals, including how this connects to the oil and gas industry
- Recommendation letter from teacher/administrator with verification of student's enrollment in school
- Marks or transcripts
- Any experience with the oil and gas industry

EXPECTATIONS

Any student accepted for this bursary program would be expected to attend a minimum of 7 West Central Stakeholders meetings through the school year (meetings are held monthly from September to June.)

The student would be expected to participate in meetings. Participation could include presenting concerns/viewpoints from students and peers.

The student would also be expected to take pertinent information back to their peers and school administration i.e. advertising Information Nights or promoting shelter-in-place.

The student would be expected to assist in the planning of any WCS events such as Information Nights.

The student would be expected to prepare a presentation at the end of the year, for both WCS and for the school, detailing what he/she has experienced and learned and how this has been a benefit.

BENEFITS

The synergy movement in Alberta between the oil/gas industry, community stakeholders, government and regulators is a unique, powerful and challenging process that can transfer into many other areas and relationships where seemingly opposing interests work together for solutions that create something better than each could achieve alone. There is real benefit for young people to see this process in action, participate in it, learn new relational skills, and cultivate the value of seeing another's point-of-view.

A variety of skills can be developed including oral and written communication, meeting management and protocol, meeting/group facilitation, event planning and advertising.

Student will learn about the oil/gas and agriculture industry, aboriginal groups in the area and the interfacing of local and provincial government with industry and citizens.

The student will also be able to make contacts with people (and potential employers) in oil/gas, agriculture, government and regulators, indigenous leadership and facilitators.

On satisfactory completion of this program, the student would qualify for a bursary of \$500 to be used towards post secondary education.

WCS will work with the student's school to enable the student to gain credit toward his/her high school graduation requirements.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please forward any questions and completed applications to West Central Stakeholders facilitator Krista Waters at:

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