

Re: Sandra Weames 2SLGBTQ+ Advocacy Support Scholarship (\$200)

The "Sandra Weames 2SLGBTQ+ Advocacy Support Scholarship (\$200.00)" was created in 2018 with the intention of supporting and fostering an environment of inclusion and care for students in Campbell River, Comox Valley and North Island.

As a young lesbian who left home and struggled to stay in high school and someone who has experienced homophobia first hand, I understand the challenges still facing our young people today. It is my hope that this small gift will help inspire youth struggling to be true to who they are, as well as reward them for their advocacy and tenacity in helping schools be safe, welcoming spaces for all. Thus this small scholarship is designed to celebrate and increase the visibility of talented 2SLGBTQ+ students in the Comox Valley, Campbell River and North Island catchment areas.

This scholarship is for a 2SLGBTQ+ student or ally who has demonstrated support and advocacy within their school and/or community by promoting inclusion and acceptance for all students.

Criteria to apply and qualify for the "Sandra Weames 2SLGBTQ+ Advocacy Support Scholarship (\$200)":

The student must be graduating from Grade 12 and be enrolled in a post-secondary diploma or degree programme.

Students can apply by writing a one-page essay that highlights their achievements and future endeavours in their support of the 2SLGBTQ+ community and describing some of their personal experiences, specific projects, or initiatives that supported the 2SLGBTQ+ in their school.

Students can also take this opportunity to express why they are passionate about their post-secondary studies and what they hope to accomplish when they finish their education. They should also articulate how they will continue to advocate for the 2SLGBTQ2+ community. They are encouraged to share what has motivated them to be an advocate for change and why they should be selected as the recipient of this scholarship.

They should include two references from their school personnel who have observed their involvement and support their application. They should provide their contact information.

All applications must be received by the school scholarship committee by May 20th, 2023. The winner (one winner overall from all schools that have submitted applications/one scholarship for a total of \$200.00) will be notified by June 4th 2023.