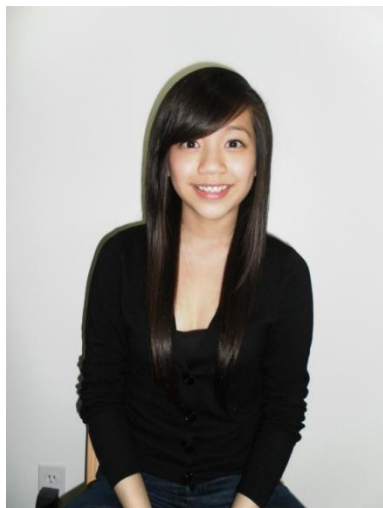


# Stephanie Chan: RBC Future Leaders Scholarship Recipient



In her grade 12 year, Stephanie Chan was recognized as the Outstanding Student of the year. She continues her outstanding reputation as this year's RBC's Future Leaders Scholarship Recipient. EducationMatters couldn't wait to find out more about Stephanie Chan and her future goals and career aspirations.

**EM:** *Where are you attending university or college, and what studies are you pursuing?*

**Chan:** University of Calgary, at the Haskayne School of Business. I am interested in pursuing the field of business, majoring in accounting.

**EM:** *What are your future career aspirations? What influenced you to decide on this career path in life?*

**Chan:** My mom has always been the biggest role model for me because she is kind hearted and a successful business-woman. She works in an office, and ever since I was a little girl, I've wanted to have an office job as well. Then at 10 years old, I met my eldest uncle who was a thriving accountant. These two inspirations together have created my aspirations to become a Chartered Accountant by the end of my studies.

**EM:** *How has winning the EducationMatters Future leader Scholarship enhanced your educational experience?*

**Chan:** Winning this scholarship has

encouraged me to work harder in becoming successful in my future career aspirations. It has also reminded [me] why volunteering and helping around the community can not only be rewarding to me as a whole, but to my studies as well. Furthermore, the title of the scholarship "RBC Future Leaders" inspires me to make goals and fulfill them.

**EM:** *In your opinion, why is it important for scholarships to exist?*

**Chan:** I believe that scholarships are important because it rewards the people who aim to be successful as well as recognizing those who have a good heart. I believe that scholarships are a motivational tool towards promoting future leaders of society. Through this motivation many students are able to experiment what it means to be a part of a community, learn what it means to work hard, and experience what rewards the future holds. I am extremely grateful that I was given the opportunity to apply for scholarship money because not only was the money extremely beneficial.... it's allowed me to experiment with the different opportunities available to me. I honestly believe that without the motivation of a bright future, scholarships, and teacher support, I would not be the person I am today.

**EM:** *What words of gratitude would you extend to those that made the RBC Future Leader's scholarship possible?*

**Chan:** I am sincerely thankful to those that made the RBC Future Leaders Scholarship possible. They have contributed to the inspiration and motivation that runs in the young generations and helped those in need... I would also like to thank those that made this scholarship possible because university comes with a hefty tuition, which means they have also contributed to bettering the education and futures of students.

**EM:** *How do you plan to lead future generations?*

**Chan:** My goal is to inspire those who are younger than me through example. I also want to stress that studying is important, but volunteering is rewarding. Last year, I started a self-initiative project on December 19<sup>th</sup>. I gathered a few friends and handed out Christmas goodie-bags [to the homeless] around downtown Calgary..... We could only afford about 20 bags..., but my goal is that one day this project of mine will grow into an organization that future generations can join, to help out the homeless around the holidays.

*Stephanie will be honoured at this year's Calgary Board of Education's Distinguished Alumni event on October 26, 2011 at Hotel Arts. All funds raised from the event support EducationMatters' Future leaders Fund, and students like Stephanie.*