

Skipping Stone Foundation Transgender Community Award

"The Skipping Stone Foundation empowers transgender and gender diverse youth by providing them with the resources and opportunities to follow and achieve their goals and dreams.

Our name originates from the idea that acts of kindnesses have a profound and far reaching impact like water ripples away from a skipping stone. As such, in recognizing the positive impact these emerging community leaders have on their communities it is our hope that their example also inspires those around them to do the same."

DONOR:	Skipping Stone Foundation
WHERE TENABLE:	Calgary Board of Education and Calgary Catholic School District
FIELD OF STUDY:	Unrestricted
VALUE:	\$2,000
NUMBER:	One award
ELIGIBILITY:	<p>Open to Grade 12 students who are completing the requirements of a high school diploma</p> <p>Applicants must identify as a member or ally of the transgender and gender diverse communities.</p> <p>Applicants must demonstrate a strong commitment to serving and supporting the transgender and gender diverse communities. This should be reflected in their previous involvement as well as their future goals.</p> <p>Applicants are encouraged to consider a broad definition of community service and how it might apply to their individual experience – from volunteering with a LGBTQ2+ organization, to being a leader within their GSA/QSA, to leading by example and always being a supportive and inclusive ally.</p> <p>Two letters of recommendation are required. At least one letter must be provided by a school official, employer or community-based organization. One letter may also be a personal recommendation should the applicant choose to do so.</p>
ESSAY:	<p>Applicants are required to submit an original essay on how they actively participate in supporting and improving the lives of their transgender and gender diverse classmates and the impact their community involvement has had on their own life, school and community.</p> <p>Essay should also include the applicant's personal goals and goals for the future.</p> <p>The essay must be no more than 750 words in length.</p>
APPLY:	<p>Applicants must complete the EducationMatters General Application #2 – May 30 Deadline.</p> <p>Complete application packages should be submitted to the Scholarship Coordinator at the applicant's high school.</p>
SELECTION & PAYMENT:	<p>Selection will be based on the essay, references and volunteerism. Recipients are selected in July and selection will be made by the Skipping Stone board of directors, including a representative from EducationMatters. All applicant contact information will remain confidential during the selection process. To claim the award, within twelve (12) months of notification of the award, the recipient must be registered in an eligible program of post-secondary study in Canada of at least one year duration, or an eligible skilled trades or apprenticeship program. Payments are made to the post-secondary institution or program.</p>
DEADLINE:	<p>Normally May 30 to the Scholarship Coordinator at the applicant's high school. Applicants should check with their Guidance office for application deadlines in their school.</p>