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ICA Diversity Scholarship Program

ICA is currently accepting applicants for the Diversity Scholarship Program, which recognizes the potential of students to let diversity make a difference in the Capital Region.

The Greater Victoria area is growing and now reflects a variety of ethnicities, customs, languages, beliefs, abilities, values, and talents. According to the 2006 census, 19% of Victoria's residents are immigrants born outside of Canada. Nearly nine per cent of Victoria residents are members of a visible minority ethno-cultural group.

"ICA seeks to support the education of culturally sensitive community leaders," says Jean McRae, ICA Executive Director. "Our scholarship program is an investment in the cultural capital of Greater Victoria."

Each year, ICA awards one \$1,000 undergraduate scholarship and one \$1,000 graduate scholarship for students in, or accepted into, degree programs at colleges and universities in the Greater Victoria area.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Acceptance or registration in a college or university degree program in Greater Victoria;
- Career goals directly related to helping Greater Victoria meet the challenges of diverse societies;
- Record of academic achievement;
- Record of volunteer or professional involvement in multicultural affairs or diversity education, training, or community activities; and
- Familiarity with ICA and its mission.

Applicants should submit an application by Tuesday, June 30 to the President of the Board of Directors of the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria, 930 Balmoral Road, Victoria, BC, V8T 1A8.

Application letters (not exceeding 1,000 words) should discuss how the applicant's academic program of study will prepare the applicant for a career dedicated to promoting cultural awareness and understanding and advocating for the human rights of people of all cultures. Applications should be accompanied by two letters of reference and a resume. Applications will be reviewed by the ICA Board of Directors.

Successful applicants will be notified of their award by **Friday, September 4, 2015**. Successful applicants agree to be featured in *Tapestry*, the ICA online newsletter, and to be present at ICA's Annual General Meeting on September 16, 2015, to receive their award.

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