

Public Schools of Saskatchewan Student Citizenship Awards

Public Schools of Saskatchewan recognize public school student groups or classes that support citizenship or character building within their schools or community by providing annual Student Citizenship Awards. Student groups or classes at elementary and high school will be recognized for their contributions. Up to three \$1000 awards for grade 1 to grade 8 and up to three \$1000 awards for grades 9 to 12 may be awarded annually to projects that meet the criteria.

Program Outline

- a. Public schools, with school division support, can apply for recognition of student activities related to citizenship and character development.
- b. Awards will be provided for groups of students or classrooms (not individual students).
- c. Applications will be received by April 15 annually and awards will be presented at the June general meeting of the Public Schools of Saskatchewan (Public Section).
- d. Applications must demonstrate that the project, initiative, or activity is student-driven, has been implemented, and is actively making a positive impact. Applications should provide evidence of the project's actions, outcomes, and benefits to students, the school, or the broader community. While projects may continue beyond the award year, recognition is based on demonstrated implementation and impact rather than future intentions alone.
- e. Questions? Contact Lynn Little at <publicsection@sasktel.net>

Criteria

The following criteria will be applied when the student activities are considered for the awards:

- a. Promoting the value of public education by contributing to inclusive, welcoming, and supportive learning environments that reflect diverse perspectives and strengthen school and community connections,
- b. Promoting democratic values through active citizenship, collaboration, respect for others, and a commitment to the common good,
- c. Making a positive and meaningful impact on the physical, educational, social, and/or community environment, and
- d. Creating a lasting legacy through actions that continue to influence, improve, or strengthen the school, community, or learning environment.

Deadline date for applications is April 15, 2027.

Applications Require:

- Completed online application.
- A (maximum) five-minute video from the group that describes in detail the project or initiative they are carrying out or planning; explains how the project or initiative relates to citizenship or character education; and identifies why they feel they merit recognition for the award;
- Support from a school administrator; and
- Support from the school division.

Video Submission Guidelines:

- For your application to be valid, you must upload the video file using the online form.
- We cannot accept links to videos hosted on online creation platforms (eg Canva, Adobe Express) or streaming sites (e.g. YouTube, Vimeo, Google Drive, Microsoft Teams).
- Why? This ensures our judges can reliably access and review your submission.
- How to get your file: Most online video tools have an “Export”, “Download”, or “Share as File” option. Please download the video to your computer or device before uploading it here.

Technical Specifications:

- Accepted Formats: MP4 or MOV preferred. AVI or WMV are also acceptable
- Maximum Duration: 5 minutes
- Maximum File Size: 1GB

For questions or support regarding the Video Submission Guidelines or Technical Specifications, please contact Jeff Walters at <jeff@karrvideo.ca>

Examples

Some examples of student citizenship activities that may be considered for awards:

- Supporting academic activities in the classroom or the school, for example: working with younger children;
 - Helping people with special needs in the school or in the community;
 - Participating in community causes or activities;
 - Fundraising for good causes or participating in community fundraising events;
 - Volunteering for school or community organizations, with a significant time commitment;
 - Helping seniors in the community, for example: shoveling sidewalks or helping with yardwork;
 - Fostering an understanding of democracy or democratic values through specific activities in the school or the community; or
 - Involving themselves in socially or environmentally responsible projects or activities.
- Past winning entries are posted on the Public Schools of Saskatchewan Website, please consider viewing the entries. The website is [Public Schools of Saskatchewan | Inclusive Education for All](#)