



British Columbia Dental Hygienists Association

Student Awards Guide

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BRITISH COLUMBIA DENTAL HYGIENISTS AWARD GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

The BCDHA offers an awards program that recognizes and highlights the achievements of dental hygiene students enrolled in accredited dental assisting diploma and degree programs in British Columbia (BC) that engage with BCDHA throughout the academic year.

This guide focuses on the academic awards available to dental hygiene students in the diploma & degree programs in BC.

AWARD CATEGORIES

First-Year Achievement Award

BCDHA Award of Excellence

Joan Voris Award

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BCDHA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

AWARD DESCRIPTION

This award is offered annually to one (1) graduate dental hygiene student with the highest overall academic and clinical proficiency in each accredited dental hygiene diploma program in British Columbia (BC).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- The award recipient must be enrolled in one of the accredited dental hygiene diploma programs in BC.
- The recipient must be a graduating dental hygiene student with the highest overall academic and clinical proficiency.
- The recipient must be a CDHA-BCDHA student member.
- The recipient must have signed the BCDHA media release form.

SELECTION PROCESS

- Award recipients are selected based on faculty recommendations.
- Recipient names must be submitted by the DH Program Director to the BCDHA Manager of Education and Practice no later than two weeks before the Academic Facilities Award Ceremony.

AWARD BENEFITS

- The award consists of a digital certificate and a \$500 honorarium.
- The award is available once per year at the following accredited public schools:
 - Camosun College
 - College of New Caledonia
 - Okanagan College
 - Vancouver Island University
- The award is available once per year at the following accredited private schools:
 - Vancouver Community College
 - Vancouver College of Dental Hygiene

AWARD DISTRIBUTION AND CEREMONY

- Digital certificates will be sent directly to the DH Program Director within one week of the Award recipient's name being notified.



- Award Honorariums will be sent directly to the academic facility foundations in late fall 2024, and the Foundation will disburse the Award honorarium to the student on behalf of BCDHA. If the Academic facility does not have a Foundation, the Program Director must pre-arrange with the Manager of Education and practice for honorariums to be sent by e-transfer directly to the recipient.
- The digital certificate and honorarium are to be presented on behalf of BCDHA to the recipient at their respective academic institution award ceremonies.
- BCDHA requests a photo of the award presentation, which may be shared in BCDHA member communication, including the website, social media, and newsletters at the end of the academic year.



BCDHA FIRST-YEAR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

AWARD DESCRIPTION

- This award is offered annually to one (1) first-year dental hygiene student with the highest overall academic and clinical proficiency in each accredited dental hygiene diploma program in British Columbia (BC).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- The award recipient must be enrolled in one of the accredited dental hygiene diploma programs in BC.
- The recipient must be finishing the first year of their dental hygiene program with the highest overall academic and clinical proficiency.
- The recipient must be a CDHA-BCDHA student member.
- The recipient must have signed the BCDHA media release form.

SELECTION PROCESS

- Award recipients are selected based on faculty recommendations.
- Recipient names must be submitted by the DH Program Director to the BCDHA Manager of Education and Practice no later than two weeks before the academic facilities awards presentation.

AWARD BENEFITS

- The award consists of a digital certificate and a \$300 honorarium.
- The award is available once per year at the following accredited public schools:
 - Camosun College
 - College of New Caledonia
 - Okanagan College
 - Vancouver Island University
- The award is available once per year at the following accredited private schools:
 - Vancouver Community College
 - Vancouver College of Dental Hygiene

AWARD DISTRIBUTION AND CEREMONY

- Digital certificates will be sent directly to the DH Program Director within one week of the Award recipient's name being notified.



- Award Honorariums will be sent directly to the academic facility foundations in late fall 2024, and the Foundation will disburse the Award honorarium to the student on behalf of BCDHA. If the Academic facility does not have a Foundation, the Program Director must pre-arrange with the Manager of Education and practice for honorariums to be sent by e-transfer directly to the recipient.
- The digital certificate and honorarium will be presented on behalf of BCDHA to the recipient at their respective academic institution award ceremonies.
- BCDHA requests a photo of the award presentation, which may be shared in BCDHA member communication, including the website, social media, and newsletters at the end of the academic year.



BCDHA JOAN VORIS AWARD

AWARD DESCRIPTION

- This award is offered annually to one (1) graduate dental hygiene student with the highest overall academic and clinical proficiency in their dental hygiene degree program at the University of British Columbia in British Columbia (BC).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- The award recipient must be enrolled in an accredited dental hygiene degree program in BC.
- The recipient must be a graduating dental hygiene student with the highest overall academic and clinical proficiency in their program
- The recipient must be a CDHA-BCDHA student member.
- The recipient must have signed the BCDHA media release form.

SELECTION PROCESS

- Award recipients are selected based on faculty recommendations.
- Recipient names must be submitted by the DH Program Director to the BCDHA Manager of Education and Practice no later than two weeks before the academic facilities award ceremony.

AWARD BENEFITS

- The award consists of a digital certificate and a \$750 honorarium.
- The award is available once per year at the following accredited public schools:
 - University of British Columbia

AWARD DISTRIBUTION AND CEREMONY

- Digital certificates will be sent directly to the DH Program Director within one week of the Award recipient's name being notified.
- Award Honorariums will be sent directly to the academic facility foundations in late fall 2024, and the Foundation will disburse the Award honorarium to the student on behalf of BCDHA. If the Academic facility does not have a Foundation, the Program Director must pre-arrange with the Manager of Education and practice for honorariums to be sent by e-transfer directly to the recipient.
- The digital certificate and honorarium will be presented on behalf of BCDHA to the recipient at their respective academic institution award ceremonies.



- BCDHA requests a photo of the award presentation, which will may be shared on BCDHA member communication, including the website, social media, and newsletters at the end of the academic year.



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We would like to thank the faculty members and program directors at the accredited DH programs for their support in the selection process.

This guide aims to ensure a transparent and fair process in recognizing the outstanding achievements of dental hygiene students in BC.