

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT & CREATIVE EXPRESSION

Apprenticeship Award – Sponsored by Sarnia Lambton Workforce Development Board.

This award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated proficiency in any apprenticeship area of skilled trades education, along with a dedication commitment to pursue trades participation beyond secondary school. Essay must include examples of successes in both school and co-op placements, along with an ability to work well with others while showing genuine regard for the broader community.

Arts & Culture Award - Sponsored by The Lawrence House Centre for the Arts.

The award winner will be recognized for their contribution to one or more areas of expression, development, or preservation of visual, literary or performing arts, which include drama, music, and other visual or performing arts. Beyond this contribution, the following should be considered: an assessment of personal growth in the area of Arts & Culture; documented recognition for one's contributions; and personal initiatives taken to encourage appreciation of all aspects of the arts by members of the wider community. Candidates are encouraged to bring a portfolio of their work to the interview for review.

Business Award - Sponsored by WATMEC.

This award recognizes exceptional high school or post-secondary students demonstrating a strong interest in pursuing a career in Human Resources, coupled with a commitment to community service and social responsibility. This award honors students who have actively participated in volunteer work, demonstrated leadership in community initiatives, and shown a genuine desire to use their HR skills to create a positive impact on their community. The recipient will be selected based on their academic achievements, community involvement, and a compelling essay outlining their career aspirations in HR and how they plan to integrate community engagement into their professional journey.

Business Innovation Award – Sponsored by Community Futures Lambton.

This award recognizes an individual who is currently enrolled or planning to enroll in post-secondary studies with a business-oriented focus. The successful candidate will have a demonstrated aptitude for business, exemplifying strong organizational ability, creative marketing ideas, and an entrepreneurial spirit, along with initiative and energy in giving back to the community. Ideally, the winning candidate will present concrete examples of having developed a small business enterprise whether independently, or through a program such as Summer Company, or Junior Achievement. Essay must include business and marketing ideas and how the candidate gives back to the community.

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CSN St. Clair Auto Award – Sponsored by CSN St. Clair Auto.

This award recognizes an individual who is determined to pursue an education in order to improve life for themselves and their family. Applicants should possess strong family values and have successfully addressed challenges in their lives. Applicants demonstrating an interest in automotive-related industries, or other trades will receive special consideration. Essay must include personal family values, challenges addressed, occupational interests, and also show how they incorporate YMCA values of caring, honesty, respect, responsibility and inclusiveness into their lives.

Excellence in Leadership Award – Sponsored by Sarnia Lambton Federal Liberal Association.

This award recognizes an individual who has provided active leadership through service to others within the school or broader community. Ideally, the successful candidate will have put others before self, mentored others toward leadership roles, and demonstrated the skills of careful planning, sensitive listening, and the ability to write and speak well within the leadership role. Essay must include examples of the aforementioned.