

Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Inclusion, Democracy, and Reconciliation

(Award #352)

Donor: Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia

Description: The Lieutenant Governor's medal program was established in 1979 to recognize students who excel in their studies and contribute to the life of their institution or community.

In 2019, the medal program criteria were expanded to recognize students who have made outstanding contributions in the promotion of inclusion, democracy and/or reconciliation within their campus community.

Amount of Award: This award has no monetary value. The selected student will have the honour of receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Medal in recognition of their contributions to the community and/or campus.

Application Deadline: **April 3, 2026**

Eligibility: Eligible students include BC residents, out-of-province, and international students enrolled in their last year of studies at CNC who will be graduating during the current academic year (2024-2025) with a minimum 3.33 GPA (B+).

Nominated students must demonstrate one or more of the criteria defined below for Inclusion and Diversity, Democracy, and Reconciliation:

- **Diversity and Inclusion:** Students who have promoted diversity and inclusion. Students have demonstrated strong collaboration and unifying efforts through the promotion and display of tolerance and respect for others.
- **Democracy:** Students who have strengthened democracy through civic engagement or the advancement of human rights. They have demonstrated recognition for fundamental rights and dignity for all persons at a local, national, or global level.
- **Reconciliation:** Students who have answered the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission's urgent call to transform society by establishing a renewed relationship with Indigenous peoples.

Application Requirements: There are two ways students can be nominated for this award: student self-nomination or a CNC faculty and/or staff nomination. Each nomination path is different. Detailed application requirements for each path are found below.

Student Self-Nomination:

To self-nominate, students must:

- Complete the nomination form found on the Financial Aid & Awards webpage
- Submit a 500–750-word essay demonstrating examples of one or more of: Inclusion, Democracy, and/or Reconciliation
- In addition, students must provide, in a separate document, a summary of community/school involvement activities including description of activity, title or position held, and the dates of said activity
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a relevant source familiar with their activities, outlining why they should be considered

CNC Faculty and/or Staff Nomination:

To nominate a student, CNC faculty and/or staff members must:

- Complete the nomination form found on the Financial Aid & Awards webpage
- Provide a letter of recommendation outlining why the student should be considered, outlining their contribution to the promotion of inclusion, democracy, and/or reconciliation

All nomination forms and supporting documents must be received by the Financial Aid & Awards office on or before **April 3, 2026**, to be considered. Nomination packages can be e-mailed to finaid@cnc.bc.ca or dropped off at the Financial Aid & Awards office, room 1-724, across from the Office of the Registrar.

Selection process: Nominees for the Lieutenant Governor’s Medal for Inclusion, Democracy and Reconciliation, given in partnership with the BC Ministry of Advanced Education, are chosen by the award selection committee of the College of New Caledonia.