

April 10th, 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

This year, the **Indo Canadian Business Association of British Columbia** (ICBABC) is proudly celebrating the 23rd Annual Student "Achievement Awards" Banquet on May 29th, 2026 at Dhaliwal Banquet Hall and it is with great pleasure that we once again extend an invitation to your students to apply.

Since its inception in 1992, ICBABC has been a non-profit organization that promotes networking within the Indo-Canadian business community. The Achievement Awards were introduced in 1997, and over \$450,000 in scholarships funds have been awarded to students across the lower mainland to date.

ICBABC has also partnered with Simon Fraser University in the past, in turn allowing us to have been instrumental in starting the Punjabi Language program at the institution.

ICBABC's Annual Student Achievement Awards supports outstanding students as they further pursue their academic endeavors at a post-secondary institution. The vision of the awards program is to invest in and develop strong leaders who demonstrate academic excellence, community involvement, a moral force of character, instincts to lead, and commitment to intellectual and personal development.

Each year, we receive several applications for these awards from exceptional students across British Columbia. Attached, you will find the ICBABC 2026 Student Achievement Awards Application. We would appreciate your assistance in encouraging students to apply for any of the three categories: **Academic, Sports, and Special Needs**. Applications are open to all Indo-Canadian students in their final year of secondary school, graduating in 2026.

Please advise all applicants that completed application forms must be received by midnight on April 26th, 2026.

Applicants can submit their applications by email or mail/drop-off to:

Email: awards@icbabc.com

CC: bhavorganizer2026@outlook.com

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Note: Award winners must be present to receive the award. All transcripts must be sealed.

If applicants have further questions regarding the scholarship, they are welcome to email me at bhavorganizer2026@outlook.com.

We truly appreciate your continued support and look forward to working with you this year! We wish all the 2026 applicants the best of luck.

Sincerely,

Bhav Matharu

ICBABC 2026 Head of Scholarship Committee



2026 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS APPLICATION

Open to Indo-Canadian grade 12 students graduating in 2026

Application deadline: April 26th, 2026

Please select one category: <input type="checkbox"/> Academics (2 essays) <input type="checkbox"/> Sports (3 essays) <input type="checkbox"/> Special Needs (3 essays)		
Last Name:	First Name:	Initials:
Date of Birth:	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state):	
Home Address:		
Home Phone:	Cell:	Email:
Name of Current School:		School Telephone Number:
Name and address of any previous secondary schools:		
Name of the post-secondary institution you plan to attend in the fall:		
Career Aspirations:		

Student Consent

<p>Recipients of an ICBA Achievement Award give consent to utilize any submitted photographs and videos for the purposes of advertising for future awards and will become the exclusive property of the Indo-Canadian Business Association of B.C.</p>	
Date: _____	
Full Name: _____	Signature of Applicant: _____

Completed Applications **MUST** also include the following:

- ✓ **Sealed** secondary school grade 12 transcripts
- ✓ Official list of currently enrolled courses
- ✓ 2 completed reference forms, including one academic and one extracurricular reference
- ✓ Recent picture of applicant without any copyrights (.jpeg or .png files)
- ✓ Any additional reference letters and certificates from any Sports, Volunteer and Social Activities

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Any inquiries can be directed to awards@icbabc.com, or you can contact Event Co-Chairs:

Suhana Gill (778-881-4965) or Bhav Matharu (604-700-5419)



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List any Clubs and organizations in and outside of school that you belong to and your level of involvement. Please provide a Sponsor/supervisor name and contact information for each. Please use additional pages if required.

Name of Club/Organization/Team	Your Role/Title	Duration/Time	Sponsor /Supervisor Name and Contact info (email/phone)

Share with us if you ever faced adversity/or continue to face in your life.

Do you work? If yes, please provide your employment experience.

What does community mean to you and how do you see yourself making a difference in the community?

What attributes of your leadership/service will this scholarship amplify? Please be specific.

Anything else you would like to let us know.

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Essay Topic: The Indo Canadian community has made remarkable contributions towards enriching our society. In what ways this progression has impacted you as a young Canadian. (300 words) Please use specific examples.

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Essay Topic Continues...

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Sports Achievement Award

(Please complete this section *only* if you are applying for a Sports Achievement Award)

How has sports transformed you and what does Sportsmanship mean to you? (Max 300 words)

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Special Needs Award

(Please complete this section *only* if you are applying for a Special Needs Award)

Please share your Journey of Resilience with the Special Needs you have. (Max 300 words)



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Reference Form

(Academic)

Applicant's name:	
Date:	How long have you known the applicant?

The Selection Committee would greatly appreciate your evaluation of the Applicant. Please list the strengths and weaknesses of the Applicant and describe why you feel they are deserving of this award.

Sign or stamp your form return to the Applicant for submission.

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Reference Form

(Extracurricular)

Applicant's name:	
Date:	How long have you known the applicant?:

The Selection Committee would greatly appreciate your evaluation of the Applicant. Please list the strengths and weaknesses of the Applicant and describe why you feel they are deserving of this award.

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Additional information & references: