

CARE awards are honorariums recognizing students' meaningful contributions to their communities. Prize money may be used to support projects, give back, or celebrate learning. CARE supports students in grades 5–12, with awards offered in two categories: Junior (Grades 5–9) and Senior (Grades 10–12).

TEACHER NOMINATED AWARDS

Teachers must submit a letter of recommendation to nominate a team for one of these awards.

Rising Star Award - (\$300 each junior and senior)

- **Nominated by a teacher** (must submit letter of recommendation)
- Awarded to a team that has demonstrated significant growth in the core competencies (communication, creative and critical thinking, our identity in the community, etc.)
- Evidence and details of core competency growth must be outlined in the letter of recommendation

Caring Collaboration Award - (\$300 each junior and senior)

- **Nominated by a teacher** (must submit letter of recommendation)
- Awarded to a team that has demonstrated an extending ability to collaborate
- Evidence of collaboration must be outlined in the letter of recommendation
- Evidence of collaboration should include:
 - Their ability work together as a team
 - Their ability to deal with conflict
 - How they honour everyone's voice
 - Their work with their mentor
 - Their work with others in the community

Teacher nominations must be submitted by Friday May 22, 2026. Awards will be announced at the CARE Expo the following week. Email submissions to Rhiannon (rbrunello@sd22.bc.ca).

STUDENT SELF-NOMINATED AWARDS

Student teams are encouraged to self-nominate for up to two awards in which they feel they have demonstrated an extending level of impact, action or awareness.

Innovative Design Award - (\$300 each junior and senior)

- **Student self-nominated**
- Awarded to the team with the most unique and/or creative project approach/solution
- The project highlights the core competencies of critical and creative thinking
- Project does not simply duplicate previously seen solutions
- Nominations must show that the project was created by thinking first about the people it affects and designing it to meet their needs.

Energy Efficiency/Conservation Award - (\$300 each junior and senior)

- **Student self-nominated**
- Awarded to the project with the greatest potential to conserve energy
- Nominations for this award must provide evidence of energy conservation
- Evidence must be displayed and presented as part of the project pitch

Ripple Effect Award - (\$300 each junior and senior)

- **Student self-nominated**
- Awarded to the project with the greatest potential to shift system practices (school or other community level organizations)
- Nominations must provide evidence of viable plan and commitment to implement
- Evidence must be displayed and presented as part of the project pitch
- Evidence of the ripple effect should outline:
 - The potential for lasting impact
 - The potential to influence change
 - The potential reach across the community
 - The potential to influence multiple sectors/demographics

Student self-nominations must be submitted via Teams Form by Thursday May 14th.

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