**IODE BRITISH COLUMBIA ARTS AWARDS**

In 1984, the Provincial Chapter of British Columbia IODE created the *Culture in the Arts Award* ‘*for chapters throughout the province to make application to assist them in furthering the education of students in the arts in their local communities’.*

In 1988, formal Terms of Reference were created and this $600 annual award was called the *IODE Special Education in the Arts Award,* with the purpose of providing support to students in the Zones outside the Lower Mainland, either through direct grants to the worthy students or through the use of the funds for the purpose of creating endowed funds for the purpose of supporting students in the Arts. (e.g. Okanagan Thompson Zone Arts Award Fund)

The *IODE British Columbia Arts Awards* came into existence in their current form in 2001. At that time, the Provincial Executive Committee decided to provide funds for two awards – a Junior Arts award of $500 for student 13-16 years and a Senior Arts Award of $800 for students 16-17 years inclusive. In 2014, the Provincial Executive Committee decided to open the award to students in all areas of the province. The requirement to show financial need was removed in 2016.

**Terms of Reference**

*IODE British Columbia Arts Awards* are two awards – a Junior Arts award of $500 for student 13-16 years, and a Senior Arts Award of $800 for students 16-17 years inclusive, open to students in all regions of the Province of British Columbia. Funds for this award shall be taken from the Provincial Education Fund.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the *IODE BC Arts Awards* is to recognize students between 13 and 18 years of age who show great promise in a specific arts category.

**Committee:**

1. The IODE British Columbia Arts Awards Committee will be created at the PEC meeting held at the time of the Provincial Annual Meeting, at which time the Committee will meet to choose a Chairperson.
2. The Committee will have a minimum of 5 members, with at least one member from each of the regions of the Province in accordance with the Provincial By-Laws. The members shall include the Provincial Education Officer, Provincial President and Provincial Treasurer by right of office, and the Assistant Education Officer, if there is one.
3. The Committee will review the submissions received from the Provincial Education Officer prior to the June PEC meeting.
4. The Committee will meet to determine the successful applicants at the June PEC meeting, unless otherwise announced by the Committee.
5. The Committee will bring forward recommendations, if any, for discussion at the PEC.
6. The Committee will review the application forms and update any information in preparation for distribution to the Primary Chapters for the next year.
7. The Committee will provide a committee report for the Annual Docket.

**Process:**

1. Application forms will be forwarded to all Primary Chapters for distribution to local Middle and High Schools.
2. **The Primary chapters receiving student applications are asked to review the applications for completeness and to make a reasonable effort to contact any student with an incomplete application.**
3. The Primary chapters should only forward **complete** applications to the Provincial Education Officer as requested on the form.
4. The Provincial Education Officer will provide each committee member with electronic copies of the completed applications received by the deadline date in time for review prior to the Committee Meeting.
5. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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