



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS/APPLICATIONS for the 2023 SASSY AWARDS LANGLEY

The four Rotary Clubs of Langley are proud to announce the eighth annual SASSY Awards Langley. In the previous seven years, SASSY is proud to have awarded approximately \$85000.00 to Langley youth. SASSY stands for “Service Above Self” Student Youth. Incorporating Rotary’s guiding motto, the awards aim to recognize and celebrate the **leadership achievements of Langley youth** who exemplify the ideals of Rotary by making a positive impact in our Langley communities.

Nominations are now being accepted in seven categories for youth aged 15 to 21 living in, and/or who have made a significant impact in leadership roles within the Township or City of Langley. The awards will be presented as part of the awards show on Thursday, May 4th, 2023 at the Chief Sepass Theatre, located in the Langley Fine Arts School. An applicant must also be available, if chosen for the top three, for interviews on Saturday morning, April 1st, 2023. Please put these dates on your calendar.

Each Category Award Winner (one in each of the seven categories) will receive:

- \$1,000 Cash Award
- SASSY recognition award

Each of the two runners up in the seven categories will receive a \$500.00 cash award.

More information is available at: www.sassyawardslangley.ca

Email nominations must be received no later than **Friday, March 10th, 2023 (11:59PM)**.

Mailed nominations must be postmarked no later than **Friday, March 3rd, 2023**.

There is no flexibility to these deadlines.

Forms can be either emailed to nominations@sassyawardslangley.ca

Or mailed to:

2023 SASSY Awards Langley
c/o Rotary Club of Aldergrove
PO Box 1602 Aldergrove, BC
V4W 2V1





2023 Langley SASSY Award Categories and Selection Criteria

<p>Community Service (local & international)</p> <p>This category recognizes youth who have made an <u>outstanding leadership contribution</u> in one of the two communities of Langley or internationally.</p> <p>Criteria considered includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting or significantly supporting, in a <u>leadership role</u>, a charity or organization • Contributing to make the charity, organization or initiative sustainable and ongoing • Volunteering and making a considerable difference in the community • Being a role model for youth and encouraging their involvement in community service 	<p>Environmental Leadership</p> <p>This category recognizes youth who have made an <u>outstanding leadership contribution</u> in one of the two communities of Langley.</p> <p>Criteria considered includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking a <u>leadership role</u> in the effective implementation of an environmental initiative • Committed involvement on environmental issues in the community • Empowering and increasing the capacity and leadership skills of peers to be involved in environmental activities
<p>Youth Leadership</p> <p>This category recognizes youth who have made an <u>outstanding leadership contribution</u> by motivating and empowering young people in one of the two communities of Langley.</p> <p>Criteria considered includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking a <u>leadership role</u> in their endeavor • Creating or significantly supporting opportunities for youth to participate in a program, event, initiative, council or group • Mentoring and being a role model to youth in school or community activities 	<p>Leadership Beyond Adversity</p> <p>This category recognizes youth who have overcome difficult circumstances, reached personal goals and who have gone on to take a <u>leadership role</u> in one of the two communities of Langley.</p> <p>Criteria considered includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having made a positive impact in the community in a <u>leadership role</u> • Emerged as a leader in school or community activities while learning to overcome difficult challenges



Arts and Culture Leadership

This category recognizes youth who have made an *outstanding leadership contribution* in the local arts and cultural community (including performing, visual and literary arts organizations and events) in one of the two communities of Langley.

Criteria considered includes:

- Taking a leadership role in their endeavor
- Creating or significantly supporting opportunities for youth to participate in arts and cultural activities, events and organizations
- Empowering youth to enhance their skills and abilities in the literary, performing or visual arts
- Being a role model for youth involved in the arts and cultural activities

Sports Leadership

This category recognizes youth who have made an *outstanding leadership contribution* as an athlete or coach in one of the two communities of Langley.

Criteria considered includes:

- Taking a leadership role in their endeavor
- Leading, supporting and mentoring youth to participate in a sport
- Empowering youth to enhance their skills and abilities in a sport
- Being a role model for youth in a sport

Cultural and Diversity Leadership

This category recognizes youth who have made an *outstanding leadership contribution* in the two communities of Langley, with particular emphasis on enhancing awareness and acceptance of those who might otherwise be marginalized because of their race, culture or other forms of diversity.

Criteria considered includes:

- taking a leadership role with the implementation of culture, diversity and inclusion awareness training or learning activities/events
- the endeavor/event has the potential to significantly impact the greater community, or the community from which it originated
- being a role model for youth and encouraging their involvement in promoting culture, diversity and inclusion



Eligibility Criteria & Other Information

Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible for the SASSY Awards Langley, nominees must be:

1. Between the ages of 15 to 21 as of March 10th, 2023
2. A resident of Langley and/or a person who has made a significant contribution within either the City or Township of Langley.
3. Applicants cannot be one of the winners of any category in any of the previous years.
4. Runners up (those finishing second or third in a previous year) as well as all others may apply.

Please contact info@sassyawardslangley.ca with any questions.

Other Information

- In addition to the nomination form, a personal interview will be requested at the discretion of the Selection Committee.
- Three individuals in each category will be interviewed (these three will be shortlisted directly from their application forms), so remember, first impressions of the application count.
- The top three in each category will be asked to provide proof of age (birth certificate, passport or driver's license) and a photo if they are selected for an interview at James Hill, Saturday, April 1st.
- The Selection Committee is comprised of members of the four Rotary Clubs of Langley as well as individuals involved in youth programs, other community organizations as well as prominent community members. The Selection Committee will screen all applications received and recommend its three selections in each category to the Langley SASSY Award committee. Interviews of these three recommended individuals will take place in the morning Saturday April 1st, and from these interviews, a winner and 2 runners up will be selected.
- It may be helpful to read page 10 for a brief overview. Please email any questions to us.
- The SASSY Awards Langley Committee of the four Langley Rotary Clubs reserves the right to seek additional applications at any time and the right to decline applications/nominations.
- All decisions of the SASSY Awards Langley Committee are final.
- The SASSY Awards Langley Selection committee reserves the right to move the applicant/nominee to the most applicable award category or competition.
- Applicants may be video-taped during final interview process. (page eight).
- All finalists must attend the Awards Show to receive their awards.





NOMINATION/APPLICATION FORM

- An applicant *may apply/be nominated in ONLY ONE CATEGORY.*
- Please print clearly, otherwise it may be hard or impossible to contact you.

Section 1: Applicant Information

Category <i>(Please select one)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Service (local & international) <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural and Diversity Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Beyond Adversity <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Culture Leadership
Nominee's Name	
Address	
City & Postal Code	
Phone #	
Email address <i>(Print clearly)</i>	
School, if applicable	
Age of nominee	Date of Birth





Section 2: Applicant's Achievements

The applicant (the person being nominated) is to provide an overview of the **leadership activities** they have made in Langley, relevant to the award category, and how the applicant has **fulfilled the relevant selection criteria**. Please type on a separate piece of paper with the applicant's name on top. One page please.

The nominator and reference are asked to describe the **personal character qualities and demonstrated leadership qualities** of the applicant/nominee that have led to their successful activities. Please type on a separate piece of paper with the applicant's name on top. One half page please.

Section 3: Letters of Recommendation

**Please attach two letters of recommendation (One can be from the nominator).
Please ensure that the following information is accurate, as we may need to contact these individuals.**

#1 Recommended by	
Phone #	
Email address	
Relationship to Applicant/Nominee	

#2 Recommended by	
Phone #	
Email address	
Relationship to Applicant/Nominee	





SASSY is committed to giving back to our community on your behalf. Please select one of these charities as your preference.

Foundry Langley

<https://foundrybc.ca/langley/>

Our mission is to support young people in living a good life. This mission was co-created by a diverse group of youth, families, caregivers, staff and service providers across the province. Foundry is a province-wide network of integrated health and wellness services for young people ages 12-24.

The integrated services make it possible for young people to access five core services in one convenient location: mental health care, substance use services, physical and sexual health care, youth and family peer supports and social services.

Langley Big Brother/Big Sisters

<https://langley.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca>

They enable life-changing mentoring relationships to ignite the power and potential of young people. Since 1974, they have been matching children with adult role models in professionally supported mentoring relationships that help them achieve their biggest possible futures. There are 6 different models of mentoring that are offered to boys and girls including one on one and in-school mentoring.

Canuck Place – Abbotsford

<https://www.canuckplace.org>

Although not specifically in Langley, it is the closest hospice for children in the Fraser Valley (Abbotsford), therefore it is a critical resource for Langley families.

Canuck Place Children’s Hospice opened its doors in November 1995, responding to the need for pediatric palliative care.

The program includes pain and symptom management, medical respite, education and art, music and recreation therapy, end-of-life care, and grief and bereavement counselling, all at no cost to families.





PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION:

I give permission for my child to submit this application and participate in the processes of SASSY Awards Langley. To the best of my knowledge, all information submitted is correct.

Parent/Guardian's name

Parent/Guardian's signature

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

All Langley School District students, regardless of age, are required to have signed parental/guardian permission.

• By submitting this application, I agree that members of Rotary and Rotaract Clubs in Langley may contact me, or the applicant, in regard to the SASSY program and other Rotary opportunities and business.

• I/We, the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of aforementioned child, hereby give permission for The Rotary Clubs of Langley to take and use publicity photographs and/or video of my/our child, including use of his or her name, in conjunction with his or her participation in the SASSY AWARDS for the purposes of publicity, marketing, and advertising of the SASSY AWARDS in both print and web-based formats, which may include press releases or other media exposure. I/we further give permission for such photographs and/or video, including use of my/our child's name, to be combined with other images, text and graphics, and for such images to be altered or modified in any way and at the discretion of The Rotary Clubs of Langley for the purpose of better being able to publicize, market, and advertise the SASSY AWARDS. This grant of permission extends to the storing of such images in a database maintained by the Rotary Clubs of Langley for the aforementioned purposes only. I/we understand that I/we may revoke this grant of permission at any time, in writing to any of the Rotary Clubs of Langley and that no remuneration will be received in exchange for this grant of permission.





Checklist for application submission:

- ❑ Please ensure all email addresses are **CLEARLY** printed
- ❑ 2 reference letters – half page each
- ❑ Letter from applicant – one page please
- ❑ Page 7 has been marked with your charity of choice
- ❑ Please only submit Application form pages 5 to 9 from this package
- ❑ If your application has been selected to go into the judging round (top three in each of the seven categories at James Hill on April 1st), you will be required to bring a picture of yourself (to be used at the awards show) and photo ID (Driver's License, Birth Certificate or Passport) to verify your age.

Please do not leave it until the last minute to submit your application. Technical issues can arise.

