

Donalda Smith Excellence Bursary Award

Background

The Donalda Smith Excellence Bursary Award is an annual monetary award of \$300 established in Donalda's memory. Donalda was very much a part of Synchro Canada's grassroots. In the mid 50's, she began fundraising in Vancouver for her daughter's club. She later became a Synchro Canada Judge and eventually served as an International Technical Chairperson and assisted in updating the FINA manual. Donalda Smith was the President of Synchro BC in 1980.

In honour of Donalda, this award recognizes excellence on the part of an athlete and their coach.



Donalda Smith at her 90th birthday celebration with athletes from the Coquitlam Coralinas

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants wishing to be considered for this bursary award must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a resident of BC and registered member of a Synchro BC member club for a minimum of two membership years prior to this application;
- Be a member in good standing with Synchro BC and the applicant's member club;
- Applications are open to national stream athletes with priority given to Senior athletes and their coach.

General Rules

- Athlete must be competing in the year prior to the award, but could be retired when the award is presented.
- The award will be presented at an appropriate event.
- There is no limit to the number of times the award can be won by an individual athlete or coach.
- The award will be split between the athlete and the coach. 75% (\$225.00) will be presented to the athlete and 25% (\$75.00) to the coach.
- If there is a tie, the bursary amount will be split appropriately.

Application Process

This bursary is awarded on a results-based calculation procedure. The applicant with the highest total will be the bursary recipient. No application is required.

The Executive Director will carry out the calculation process and make a recommendation to the Awards Committee, with final approval by the Synchro BC Board of Directors. Decisions of the Board of Directors are final.

Award Calculation Procedure

- a. If a BC athlete attends National Team Trials or leaves BC to directly (not through another province) be part of a National Team, the following is implemented:

ACHIEVEMENT	POINTS
Member of Senior National Team	60
Member of Junior National Team	50
Member of Youth National Team	40
Invitation to and attended NT Selection/Training Camp	30
Invitation to and attended NT Regional Audition Camp	25

- b. If there are no BC athletes on a National Team and/or that have competed at National Team trials, the following procedure and calculation of points is implemented:
- i. The award goes to a registered National Stream athlete with priority given to Senior athletes
 - ii. Points are based on the National Championships (Canadian Open and Espoir) and allocated equally per routine according to the following results among BC athletes:

1 st place	12 points
2 nd place	11 points
3 rd place	10 points
4 th place	9 points
5 th place	8 points
etc	
 - iii. The athlete with the highest score receives the award
 - iv. Format for calculating results:

Athlete	Solo		Duet		Team		Combo		Total
	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	

Previous Bursary Award Recipients

Season	Athlete	Coach	Club
2017-2018	<i>Kendall Stirrat</i> <i>Claire Hein-Salvi</i>	<i>Kara Kalin</i> <i>G. Higgs & A. Aref'yeva</i>	<i>Pacific Wave Synchrono</i> <i>Burnaby Caprice</i>
2016-2017	<i>Kendall Stirrat</i> <i>Luiza Vasylyeva</i>	<i>Kara Kalin</i> <i>Tara Gant</i>	<i>Vancouver Pacific Wave</i> <i>Victoria Synchrono</i>
2015-2016	<i>Stefanie Dickinson</i>	<i>Kara Kalin</i>	<i>Vancouver Pacific Wave</i>
2014-2015	<i>Liza Leusenko</i>	<i>Kara Kalin</i>	<i>Vancouver Pacific Wave</i>
2013-2014	<i>Olivia Zawadiuk</i>	<i>Susan Kemper</i>	<i>BC Aquasonics</i>
2012-2013	<i>Erin Williams & Natasha Heine</i>	<i>Susan Kemper</i>	<i>BC Aquasonics</i>
2011-2012	<i>Liza Leusenko</i>	<i>Kara Kalin</i>	<i>Vancouver Pacific Wave</i>
2010-2011	<i>Liza Leusenko</i>	<i>Kara Kalin</i>	<i>Vancouver Pacific Wave</i>
2009-2010	<i>Olivia Zawadiuk</i>	<i>T. Matson & S. Kemper</i>	<i>BC Aquasonics</i>
2008-2009	<i>Veronica Winter</i>	<i>Susan Kemper</i>	<i>BC Aquasonics</i>
2007-2008	<i>Veronica Winter</i>	<i>Jen Jacklin</i>	<i>BC Aquasonics</i>
2006-2007	<i>Sandy Gill</i>	<i>Susan Kemper</i>	<i>BC Aquasonics</i>

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