# **Awards Categories and Selection Criteria**

**Arts and Culture Leadership**

This category recognizes youth who have made an outstanding impact on the local arts and culture community (including performing, visual, and literary arts, organizations, and events). Candidates will be scored on the following criteria:

* Creating or significantly supporting opportunities for youth to participate in the arts and culture community
* Endeavoring to ensure opportunities for youth in the Arts are sustainable and ongoing
* Making, through their efforts, a significant difference within the Arts and Culture community
* Being a role model and mentor for youth, (embodying “service above self”), and encouraging/increasing their involvement in service to the Arts and Culture community
* Providing ongoing leadership, direction, encouragement, and support of others in the Arts and Culture community

**Community Service**

This category recognizes youth who have made an outstanding contribution to the local community.

Candidates will be scored on the following criteria:

* Starting or significantly supporting a local charity(s), organization(s), or initiative(s)
* Contributing to make the charity(s), organization(s), or initiative(s) sustainable and ongoing
* Making, through volunteer efforts, a considerable difference in the local community
* Being a role model and mentor for youth, embodying “service above self”, and encouraging/increasing their involvement in community service
* Providing ongoing leadership, direction, encouragement, and support of others

**Youth Leadership**

This category recognizes youth who have made an outstanding contribution by motivating and empowering other young people.

Candidates will be scored on the following criteria:

* Creating or significantly supporting opportunities for other youth to participate in a program, event, project, council etc.
* Contributing to making the opportunities for other youth sustainable and ongoing
* Motivating and empowering other youth to take on leadership roles
* Acting as a mentor for youth, embodying “service above self” while increasing peer involvement
* Providing ongoing direction, encouragement, and support of other youth

**Environmental Leadership**

This category recognizes youth who have made an outstanding contribution to the protection and/or sustainability of the environment.

Candidates will be scored on the following criteria:

* Creating or significantly supporting, and developing or sustaining, the effective implementation of an environmental initiative
* Contributing to make environmental initiatives sustainable and ongoing
* Making a positive, valuable, and considerable impact on the environment
* Serving as a role model and mentor for youth, embodying “service above self”, and encouraging/increasing their involvement in environmental issues
* Providing ongoing leadership, direction, encouragement in support of youth and the environment

**Overcoming Adversity**

This category recognizes youth who have overcome difficult circumstances to show leadership and have a significant impact on others.

Candidates will be scored on the following criteria:

* Having overcome a significant personal challenge(s)
* Making, through volunteer efforts, a considerable difference in, or positive impact on the local community or member(s) of the community
* Acting as a role model and mentor, embodying “service above self”, to encourage, inspire, motivate others
* Providing ongoing leadership, direction, encouragement, and support of others

**Sports and Recreation Leadership**

This category recognizes youth who have made an outstanding impact on the local sporting or recreational community (e.g., soccer basketball, hiking, sailing, fitness) as a leader, athlete, coach, manager, etc.

Candidates will be scored on the following criteria:

* Creating or significantly supporting opportunities for participation in sport/recreation for all abilities regardless of age
* Endeavoring to ensure the opportunities for participation in sport/recreation are sustainable and ongoing
* Make a positive, valuable, and considerable impact on the skill development, ability, and attitude of others in sport/recreation
* Acting as a role model and mentor (on or off the court/playing field), embodying “service above self”, to motivate or inspire participation in sport and recreation
* Providing ongoing leadership, direction, encouragement, and support of sport/recreation for all abilities regardless of age

# Eligibility Criteria & Other Information

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for a SASSY Award~~s~~, nominees/applicants must be:

1. Between the ages of 15 to 21 as of March 6, 2022\*
2. A resident, enrolled in a school, or working in Surrey or White Rock\*
3. If selected as a FINALIST, provide a self-made video, outlining their accomplishments.

\*Proof of eligibility may be required to validate final nominees