



# Awards & Mentorships

JA British Columbia (JABC) is proud to offer a number of awards to recognize outstanding performance in a JA program. We give away thousands of dollars worth of awards each year, thanks to the generosity of our donors and supporters. High school and post-secondary students who have taken a JA program are encouraged to apply. Learn more at [jabc.ca/awards](https://jabc.ca/awards).

## Individual Awards

### ❖ Student Awards for Oratory & Presentation Skills

This award recognizes achievement in the development of speaking and presentation skills. It is open to senior-secondary or post-secondary students who have participated in a secondary school JA program within the past five (5) years. Up to four students will be awarded \$2,500 each, to further their post-secondary education. Award winners will be invited to present their speeches at the annual BLBC Hall of Fame Gala Dinner and Induction Ceremonies on May 30, 2023.

[Apply by March 31, 2023](#)

### ❖ Junior Entrepreneur Award

This award is open to executives of a student company in JA Company Program who have taken the program in the 2022-23 school year. Up to four (4) students who have demonstrated outstanding business acumen, growth or leadership will be awarded \$2,500 each. Student executives must be nominated by their JA Company Program mentor(s) or host teacher(s).

Award winners will be invited to present their speeches at the annual BLBC Hall of Fame Gala Dinner and Induction Ceremonies on May 30, 2023. [Apply by March 31, 2023](#)

### ❖ Dr. Donald Rix Inspiring Business Excellence Scholarship

This award recognizes a self-identifying Indigenous OR rural (outside Metro Vancouver, Fraser Valley and Greater Victoria) OR new immigrant student (born outside Canada) Junior Achiever who has demonstrated significant growth in business skills, learning skills, leadership skills and/or entrepreneurial skills. The winning student will receive a \$2,500 scholarship towards post-secondary education. [Apply by May 5, 2023](#)

### ❖ Jan Bell-Irving Award for Women's Leadership

This award's purpose is to inspire and encourage young women to lead at the highest levels, with heart. The Jan Bell-Irving Award recognizes a female Junior Achiever who demonstrates the ambition to lead and the ability to do so with collaboration and kindness. The winning student will receive \$2,500 to further their post-secondary education. [Apply by May 5, 2023](#)

### ❖ JABC Basin Impact Award

This award recognizes two students from the Columbia Basin who have demonstrated how a JA program significantly improved their work readiness skills and positively impacted their future. (For Columbia Basin region, [see Columbia Basin Trust Region Map](#).) Two winning students will receive \$1,250 to invest in their future. [Apply by May 5, 2023](#)

*This award is generously supported by Columbia Basin Trust.*

JA Student Companies can complete one application to apply for both awards  
These are exclusive for students who have participated in JA Company Program in 2022-23.

## ❖ Student Company of the Year Award

This award recognizes excellence in teamwork and cooperation, and outstanding planning, operation and performance of a JA Student Company. The winning JA Student Company will receive \$3,000 for the team. The team will also be entered into the national JA Canada Company of the Year award. The National award winner will represent JA Canada at the international JA Americas Company of the Year competition. [Apply by May 5, 2023](#)

*This award is generously supported by CIBC.*

## ❖ Celebrate Entrepreneurship Provincial Award

This award recognizes the JA Student Company that demonstrates the most innovation in their business. Innovative products, services or business models will be judged by a panel of experts. The winning JA Student Company will receive \$3,000 for the team. [Apply by May 5, 2023](#)

*This award is generously supported by the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation.*

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## Other Award Opportunities

### ❖ Ingenious+ Youth Challenge

Ingenious+ gives youth in Canada, 14-18 years old, the opportunity to innovate for a chance to win up to \$10,000 in cash awards PLUS mentorship opportunities to grow their ideas! Innovation is simply doing something better to make an impact. Learn more at [ingeniousplus.ca](https://ingeniousplus.ca)



### ❖ JA Canada National Awards

JA British Columbia students are also eligible for JA Canada National Awards. Learn more at [jacanada.org/awards-and-scholarships](https://jacanada.org/awards-and-scholarships)

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## Mentorships

### ❖ Creative Destruction Lab-Vancouver (CDL-Vancouver)

An engaging learning experience for female-identified students 14-18 years of age who have a curiosity for STEM-related topics and a keen interest in how science and technology are transforming the world and the opportunities available to the next generation of leaders. Learn more at [createdestructionlab.com/program/apprentice-program](https://createdestructionlab.com/program/apprentice-program)

### ❖ Minerva BC Learning to Lead

A leadership program open to Grade 10-12 girls, transgender, and non-binary youth. Participants gain confidence through a series of interactive workshops and activities. Learn more at [minervabc.ca/learning-to-lead](https://minervabc.ca/learning-to-lead)

**For more information on these opportunities, including requirements and application links, visit [jabc.ca/awards](https://jabc.ca/awards)**