



Specialist High Skills Major Excellence Awards

Waterloo Catholic District School Board

Description:

One award will be presented to the deserving student from each Secondary School who has demonstrated motivation and change and has grown both personally and academically as a result of their involvement in the Specialist High Skills Major Program.

Award:

- The recipient will receive a framed certificate and monetary award
- Total award value is \$250, donated by Hotzone Training Consultants
- The school will receive a plaque recognizing the student

Selection Criteria:

Students who are applying for the award must:

- Be 100% on track in the SHSM program including Course and Certification completion, and SPCC (Sector Partnered Contextualized Component) completion;
- Earn their red seal in the current school year;
- Be attending Graduation.

Essay:

Students are required to submit a short essay (1-page max.) and photo of themselves (preferably from their Co-op placement) and describe how their involvement in SHSM has affected their life. Students will provide examples of how they have accomplished the following criteria in their short essay submission:

1. *Personal Growth* – how has your experience in the SHSM program positively impacted your individual confidence, maturity and affirmation of your career choice?
2. *Focused Career Goals* – How has the SHSM program helped you develop skills and experience in your future career/pathway through completion of the SHSM components?
3. *Advocacy for the SHSM Program* – How have you helped to promote the SHSM program within the school community? Are you a great representative of the program? Describe how you have encouraged other students in the Specialist High Skills Major program.

Submission Process:

Students must submit their short essay by email to the SHSM Lead Teacher at their school. SHSM Lead Teacher will select the award winner and notify the winning student during the graduation ceremony.

Due Date: April 30th