



# 2021 Ray Lepp Volleyball Scholarship



The following awards are designed to encourage and recognize volleyball and personal excellence in British Columbia.

1 Award to a Female: \$2000

1 Award to a Male: \$2000

## Ray Lepp Scholarship Selection Criteria

1. Committed to a year of eligibility for volleyball at a BC Athlete Assistance funded post-secondary institution for the 2021-2022 season.
2. Demonstrate significant potential, preferably showing promise to compete at the national team level.
3. Have been a contributing member to the Team BC Provincial team for which they are/were age eligible.
4. Have excelled at Volleyball BC's Youth Provincials and the BC High School Championships.
5. Be a positive role model for other athletes.

## Application Procedure

Please send the following to the Volleyball BC Selection Committee (via [td@volleyballbc.org](mailto:td@volleyballbc.org)) by October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021:

1. Cover letter of application with reference to the criteria above.
2. Supporting letters of reference (2 minimum, 5 maximum).
3. Copies of university/college application acceptance letter and/or transcripts to verify your status as a student.

## Award Presentation

Funding is awarded during a presentation in Fall/Winter 2021, after the recipient has demonstrated they have met the award's criteria.



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## About Ray Lepp:

Ray Lepp was a founding member of Volleyball BC (formerly BC Volleyball Association) in 1965, and continued as a Board Member until 1978. He was the President and/or Vice President for 10 of his 22 years a Board of Director. In his early years Ray played volleyball in Estonia in a very strong school and club system. Having recognized that the profile of volleyball in Canada was lower he worked tirelessly to increase interest in the sport. Some of the major programs for the Association included recruiting international coaches to BC, the Winfield Volleyball Camp, and the Pacific Rim Championships.

Ray was certified as a National Official during the time of the Pacific Rim Championships and travelled to the tournament as head of delegation for the Pacific Rim program. During the 1960's and 1970's, Ray coached the UBC Men's Volleyball Team for a total of 10 years. At one time, six players on the Canadian National Team had been coached by Ray at UBC.

In 1989, Ray helped to fundraise some money for the Estonia National Team, who was touring BC, and whose flight was suddenly stopped in Toronto. With the raised funds and Ray's personal contribution, the team made it to BC. With Ray's passing, he donated funds through his will to provide a permanent endowment that would support this scholarship in perpetuity.