



## **VOLLEYBALL BC - RAY LEPP SCHOLARSHIP**

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## ABOUT RAY LEPP

Ray Lepp was a founding member of Volleyball BC, formerly the BC Volleyball Association (BCVA), in 1965, and continued as a Board Member until 1978. He held the positions of President or Vice President for 10 of his 22 years on the board.

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 low, he worked tirelessly to increase interest in the sport. Some of the major programs for the BCVA included recruiting international coaches to BC, the Winfield Volleyball Camp, and the Pacific Rim Championships.

Ray was certified as a National Official before the Pacific Rim Championships and travelled to the tournament as the head of the delegation for the Pacific Rim program. During the 1960's and 1970s, 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 fundraise money for the Estonia National Team, who was touring BC, and whose flight was suddenly stopped in Toronto. With the funds raised 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.



## 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 player: \$2000

1 award to a male player: \$2000

## SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Committed to a year of eligibility for volleyball at a BC Athlete Assistance funded post-secondary institution for the 2022-2023 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 eligible.
4. Have excelled at Volleyball BC's Youth Provincial Championships 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 email at [td@volleyballbc.org](mailto:td@volleyballbc.org):

1. Cover letter that outlines how the above criteria are met.
2. Letters of reference in support of this application.
3. Copies of university/college acceptance letter and/or transcripts to verify status as a student.

**Please submit your application by October 31, 2023.**

Successful applicants will be notified in late fall/early winter.