



THE FRANK DEMARIS VOLUNTEER SPIRIT AWARD

The Canada Cup Organizing Committee is proud to announce the continuation of a dear tournament award. In 2022, we lost one of our long-time committee leaders when Frank Demaris passed away at the age of 92. In his memory, Frank's family has established a \$2,500 award to be granted to a player in our tournament who demonstrates outstanding volunteer involvement in their respective community – whether it be softball or other endeavors.

CRITERIA

- ✓ Applicants must be born in 2005 or 2006.
- ✓ Must be on a 2024 Canada Cup Youth Roster.
- ✓ *Must be a citizen of British Columbia and be registered with Softball BC.*
- ✓ Must demonstrate a record of good citizenship as a volunteer in their community.
- ✓ Exemplify outstanding community involvement.
- ✓ An intention to attend a post-secondary college, university, or vocational school.

Specifically, this scholarship is not evaluated on the following criteria:

- Athletic excellence
- Academic excellence
- Financial Need

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application procedure for this award is as follows:

- Maximum two (2) applications per team.
- Applications should be emailed to Canada Cup through the Head Coach/Manager of each team.
- If more than two applications are from the same team, Head Coach/Manager should only send in the two most outstanding applications.
- The Selection Committee will review all applications and may reach out to athletes to clarify information.

- The Winner of the Frank Demaris Volunteer Spirit Award will be announced at the Championship Final of the Futures Gold Division – July 7, 2024.
- Email application and references to:
info@canadacup.com

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Monday, June 24, 2024



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PLAYER INFORMATION

Name: Makaila Victoria Schneider Date of Birth: April 9, 2006
(First) (Middle) (Last) (Month /Day /Year)
Address: 6260 Reid Road City: Chilliwack Prov.: BC
Postal Code: V2R 2M4 Phone: 778-580-5509 Email address: schneidermakaila@gmail.com

White Rock Renegades
ASSOCIATION NAME: _____ TEAM NAME: Renegades 06A
COACH NAME: Daniella Vilio COACH EMAIL: Daniellavilio@gmail.com

PARENT INFORMATION

PARENT'S NAME: Malea Schneider PARENT'S NAME: Mathieu Schneider
Address: 6260 Reid Road City: Chilliwack Prov.: BC

EDUCATION

High School: Yale Secondary Grad Year: 12 GPA: 3.9

Intended College/University/Vocational School: Salt Lake City Community College

Course of studies: Education/Business Degree/Certificate: Bachelor of General Studies

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Please attach a separate type-written page

Please be specific and list the name(s) of organizations and/or activities in which you have been involved, your motivation, and the personal benefits you received. Please include volunteer and community work and any special awards you have received.

THE FRANK DEMARIS VOLUNTEER SPIRIT AWARD application

Dear Frank Damaris Volunteer Spirit Award Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in the Frank Damaris Volunteer Spirit Award Committee scholarship and outline some of my leadership accomplishments.

Over the past five years, I have been a proud member of the White Rock Renegades 2006 team. This sport has taught me work ethic, dedication, leadership, teamwork, and adaptability on and off the field. This team has taught me how to adapt to diversity and stick together no matter what obstacles are presented. It has also taught me how to apply these valuable characteristics to other aspects of my life.



My whole life, I have wanted to make a positive difference in other people's lives. I started out doing this by working extremely hard at practices and games, cheering everyone on, and setting big goals so I could become good enough to be a leader on and off the field. To be the best team player I could be.

While this has been very rewarding, I knew I wanted to do more. I wanted to do something that was even more impactful outside of my life circle.

After much continuous brainstorming about how to accomplish this, it finally came to me. This idea quickly became one of my most significant accomplishments and contributions to others, which was very fulfilling.

I set a challenge and a goal for myself to raise money for the children's hospital.

I created, organized, and ran a 24km run in 24 hours solo, raising \$1,750 for B.C. Children's Hospital.

My inspiration: When I was five years old, I was brought to Children's Hospital with a severe lump in my neck. I couldn't sleep or move my upper body, and I was very sick. I remember going and being very scared when I was told I was going to have to sleep overnight at the hospital and be in quarantine until they could find out what it was.

The first night, I was scared. The hospital accommodated me to have a big enough bed so my parents could sleep in the room with me. It helped make me feel less scared and it made a world of difference. The following day, we were informed I would have to spend many more nights there until they could find everything out and fully treat me.

Once they diagnosed me with a lymph node infection and I was put on medication through IV and more, after some time passed, I was able to have enough energy to play in the playroom. Every day, over my 13 days there, I would play in that playroom for endless hours with my parents, sister and grandparents. It made my visit a lot easier, it made me feel safer, and it really helped me pass the time.

Throughout my life, I have always reflected on this time and experience with gratitude. I am very grateful that I had the care required to heal me and not get worse, as well as the playroom space. This experience and the genuine support and care I felt from the staff there are hard to express in words. I knew in my heart that one day, I would give back.

When I came up with my fundraising idea, I knew the money would have to go to the children's hospital.

How I executed my fundraising plan at first by;

- By setting up a GoFundMe profile
- I Advertised on Instagram & Facebook (I made separate accounts so that people could be updated and be more involved) and asked others to share
- I was interviewed by the local radio station, and they made announcements for me leading up to and through the event.
- I announced it at my school through media, the radio and talking to classes.
- I spread the word to everyone I encountered.

On the first day, I received nearly \$500 in donations from family and friends. I was scared no one else would donate after that; however, when I began to share my account and my story, I started to get others (outside of my circle's) attention. I started to receive many more donations every day. I was over the moon when I made \$500, but that soon turned into \$1000, then \$1200, and then \$1500. I could not believe that I had not even run my 24 hours yet, but I already had \$1500 in donations.

The day finally came when I set out to run. I had a plan and stuck to it so I could complete my goal. I would run 1km, then wait fifty-five minutes and then run my next five km. I did this for a whole twenty-four hours. By the very end, I had made \$1800 in donations.

The feeling I felt inside was overwhelming; I could not believe that my idea and goal came together and that I, with the help of others, was able to give back to the hospital after everything they did for me. I knew that this would make a BIG difference for many more children for many more years.

Through this experience, I learned about my strengths, the support of others who I did not know, and the support of my family and friends. It proved to me my capabilities when I put my mind to something. **Most importantly, I learned how amazing it felt to give and work hard to give back.**

I carry those twenty-four hours with me every day, not because they were hard but rather because I now know that I have what it takes to make a difference in others' lives. I can apply this to any aspect of my life, including school, softball, and volunteering in and outside of my community. I hope to one day do something even larger than this, making another positive impact in many people's lives.

My history with leadership: I have taken leadership classes every year from the start of middle school until the end of high school. I know what it takes to be a leader, and I strive to be a positive leader every day.

I take great pride in being authentic and following my passions. This is why I have volunteered with my school and multiple other local charities, including, but not the only organizations, The Gleaners, Big Red Foundation, and the Christmas Bureau. I want to continue to use my spare time to help others in small and in significant ways to be myself with setting goals to create an impact in everything I do.

Over the past four years, I have been a part of Yale Secondary's leadership class. In this class, I have been taught the value of true originality, generosity, kindness, hard work and, of course, leadership. As the majority of the assignments are to help and give to the school and community, you get to decide how you want to do this. This class has given me so many opportunities to make a difference, and I feel as though I made a significant contribution to my community and school by being a part of this class of leaders. My many hours volunteering at Gleaners, Special Olympics softball, The Christmas Bureau, Big Red Mental Health Society, Canada Cup and more organizations help demonstrate my commitment to my community and other communities outside of mine.

On top of community events, I also spent a large amount of my time before and after school helping set up events like Live to Give, Sports Banquets, School Breakfasts, helping host The Yale Idol and other fun events. Web leading demonstrates my contribution to my school. All of these events allowed me to step outside of my comfort zone, meet new people, and become very involved in my community and school.

When I hosted the Yale Idol event in grade eleven, I had to organize the stage setup, create posters, make announcements on our school's social media, and host the contestants competing to win. These events are just some small examples of the things

I did and learned with my leadership in the school and community. Yale is one of the most positive, loving, and connected schools in and outside of its community.

In Grade 9, I received the “Yale Secondary Top Grade 9 Leadership Award” trophy. This was very unexpected but so impactful. While I did not need an award to give to others, it was nice at such a young age to be recognized in many different ways for volunteering and making a difference in others' lives over and above the obvious of just the overall feeling of “goodness.”

I know I will always continue to find ways to give, help others, and make a difference in ways that are considered normal and in ways outside of our everyday lives.

Thank you for considering my application. I appreciate you taking the time to read my story and my supporting letters and documents to help you identify my overall character.

Makaila Schneider





Yale Secondary

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Doug Primrose and I am a teacher at Yale Secondary School in Abbotsford, British Columbia. I have been teaching for twenty-five years in Abbotsford, with the last seventeen at Yale Secondary. During my teaching at Yale, I had the pleasure of working with Makaila Schneider in various capacities in school.

Makaila is an exceptional student that works very hard and receives very high grades. She has been an honour roll student in all her years at Yale maintaining an average of over 90% in her Senior courses. She is able to keep these high grades while being very active in school events and sports. She is part of our school softball academy which blends sports with her academic courses. To be part of the academy students must keep high grades and show commitment to school and sport. Makaila is a high-level softball player who will be continuing to play at the university level after high school.

Makaila not only excels in the classroom at Yale, she also is also heavily involved in creating a positive school culture. She is an integral part of the student leadership program. She is a Grade 12 Leader, which is a group in charge of planning events and being mentors to all the other leadership students in the school. She is an exceptional leader due to her strong work ethic, commitment, and being a positive role model in the school. Makaila has collected food and money for the Abbotsford Food Bank, volunteered at Gleaners, assisted at a charity golf tournament, and volunteered at the Christmas Bureau. In grade 10, Makaila also organized her own charity run where participants ran 24km in 24 hours.

One of Makaila's greatest contributions was her efforts in our school's Community Fundraiser called "Live to Give". This was an evening fundraiser at the school that raised \$14,000 last year for The Cyrus Centre, who provide support for at risk youth in Abbotsford. This year she helped raise \$16,000 for the BC Children's Hospital Foundation. Makaila worked very hard planning and running this event which was a huge success.

Makaila Schneider is a well-rounded student at Yale Secondary. She does well academically and is vital in creating a positive school culture. It amazes me how she can be involved in so many events and organizations, while at the same time maintaining her high academic average. She is courteous and respectful to all her peers and teachers. Makaila is a leader and will excel in whatever she chooses to do in her future endeavours.

Thank you and if you have any further questions please call me at (604)308-0676.

Yours truly,

Doug Primrose

September 15, 2022

Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Makaila Schneider

I have both coached against the aforementioned and been her head coach on different occasions during the past 5 years and therefore have some experience in commenting on her abilities, attitude, work ethic and values.

The first impression you receive when you meet her is her energy level. It is high, almost electric, contagious and always

enthusiastic. She takes that to both practice and games. She is focused in practice and when learning. She is aggressive and fearless on the diamond, never afraid to extend herself in the field, on the bases and at the plate.

She is a technically sound hitter with

good plate coverage, the ability to hit with power to all fields and knows the strike zone well. She understands situational hitting, can shorten her swing and has the ability to bunt. Her speed sometimes allows her beat out infield hits as well as leg out triples. She is also adept at stealing bases.

Her natural abilities extend to her above average speed and quickness. She possesses a strong efficient throwing motion as well as a short fast transition. Her footwork and extemporaneous athletic ability allow her to throw on the move accurately. She defends her position well whether it be 3B, SS or CF, partly due

to athleticism and partially because of high softball IQ and her tendency to prepare well.

She places high importance on practice and preparation. She spent more of her own time perfecting her fundamentals, developing her strengths and eliminating her weaknesses, taking input and criticism, asking questions and clarifying and comprehending feedback intelligently, than any other player in her age group.

She is so coachable and an excellent teammate. Her game and practice commutes are especially long. She comes from a smaller community well outside the Lower Mainland. She has had to persevere and endure this regimen her entire career without complaint.

Finally she thinks the game well both situational and pragmatically. Her focus and conscientiousness eliminates mental errors.

In summary, I strongly respect this player and I believe she has not reached her potential to this point. The more she continues to be challenged, the more growth she will achieve.

Sincerely Jack Hopwood

Former Head Coach 2006A White Rock Renegades, 2000A White Rock Renegades, 1995A Richmond Islanders 37-1708
King George Boulevard Surrey BC Canada V4A 478 Email: jack.hopwood@shaw.ca Cell: (778) 888-6218

Shaun Blais
Renegades Sports Association
1201-11295 Pazarena Place
Maple Ridge BC V2X 4K9

To Whom it may concern,

I have had the pleasure of coaching, working with and watching Makaila Schneider since 2018. Her dedication on and off the field is second to none, leads by example, always there to pick a teammate up and is relentless with her determination to improve. She is easily one of the most athletic players I have coached and she has developed into an amazing athlete and individual.

Makaila has proven that she is capable of achieving any goal that she sets out through her impeccable work ethic, fantastic attitude and ability to overcome any challenges set in front of her. Even during the pandemic Makaila took it upon herself to send in videos of her training so that she can get instruction to improve. She is a leader, role model and overall joy to coach.

In summary, I am confident that Makaila's skills and abilities would be a valuable asset. I would highly recommend her to any program as an exceptional addition. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Shaun Blais

604-401-9654

Oct 01, 2022

To whom this may concern,

Makaila is a hard working athlete. She has a passion for the game that is truly unique. It was such a pleasure to be one of her coaches. She understands the value in hard work, commitment and being accountable. She never stops demonstrating, through her actions, that hard work is needed to be put in, in order to truly "earn it." She has a great attitude and is a fantastic teammate. She is the type of athlete that her teammates love to have and her coaches take pride in coaching.

Makaila asks great questions to ensure that she is understanding what is asked of her. She grasps on to new concepts very quickly. She takes initiative to set stations up, get warmed up before her sessions and to help others out when they need it. She is respectful, showing great eye contact and shows a great willingness to learn and to absorb information.

Mak has a great support system in place. She has parents that truly understand the game and what it takes to allow their daughter to not only progress but also to shine. Makaila would be a fantastic addition to any team.

Coach Danielle Ashworth
604-309-4577

September 19, 2022

Chilliwack Minor Fastpitch
Chilliwack, British Columbia
Canada

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

It is my honor to be writing this letter for Makaila SCHNEIDER.

Makaila SCHNEIDER made it very easy to coach through years 2016 to 2019 in the Valley Venom U12 and U14 rep program. Ms. SCHNEIDER was not only punctual to every practice and game but was the first athlete to be assisting with gear, clean up and set up.

Throughout the 3 seasons, Makaila SCHNEIDER was a leader on the team. Other teammates looked up to her and she consistently proved herself to the Coaching staff with her positive attitude and work ethic. Makaila's mental fortitude continued on and off the field as she continued to train on her own time. On the field her positions included pitcher, short stop, utility. Her athleticism and skills were exemplary, always attentive, asking questions and could implement the drill with ease, in-turn able to execute during game time. Off the field Ms. SCHNEIDER took the mental preparedness training seriously and attended every session.

With Makaila's athleticism, skills, work ethic, team mentality, positivity and drive, she is an asset to any team.

Kind regards,

Kurtis and Lori Guthrie
Head Coach 2004 - 2019
(604)701-2096

FOUR YEAR HONOUR ROLL

2023- 2024

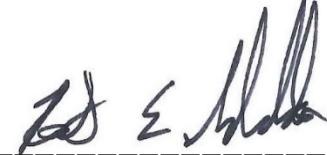
Each year Yale Secondary School recognizes the Grade 12 students who have achieved the Honour Roll status each semester since their grade 9 year. Congratulations on your outstanding performance throughout your High School years.

THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

Makaila Schneider

IN JUNE 2024

Principal: Mr. Robert Sloboda
Vice Principal: Mrs. Michelle Middleton
Vice Principal: Mr. James Maclaren



Principal

<https://gofund.me/56b7e098>

Makaila

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\$1,750 raised of \$1,500 goal
31 donations

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Makaila's 24Km in 24hrs for BC Children's Hospital



Makaila Schneider is organizing this fundraiser to benefit BC's Children's Hospital Foundation.
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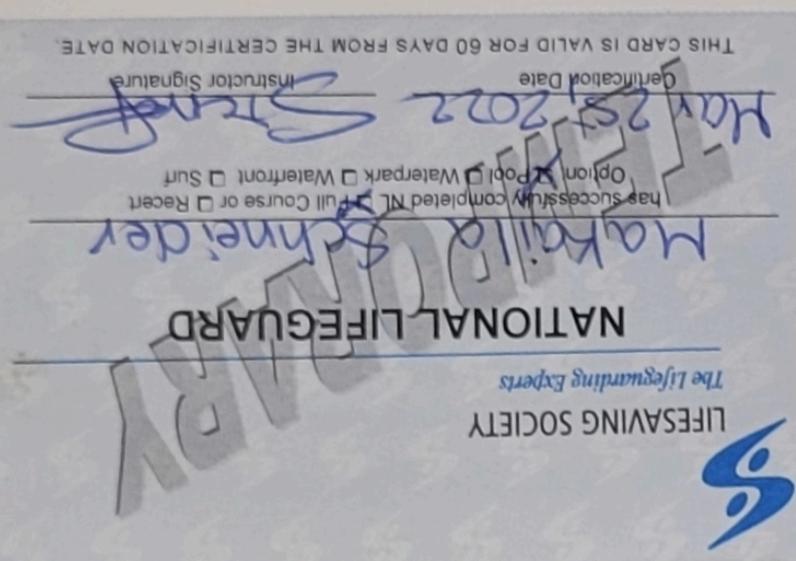
March 25th, 2021 by Makaila Schneider, Organizer

Thank you to all my generous supporters. I have closed the campaign and together we raised \$1,750 for BC children's hospital exceeding the original \$1500 goal!

I have been discussing with BCCHF and they will allocate all of the proceeds to one of the games rooms which was my goal. This makes me very happy to know that others families may have an improved experience during their unfortunate time.

Makaila Schneider

Keep this card in a safe place.



Thank you for taking the time to become educated in lifesaving and first aid.

This card is valid for 60 days from the certification date. If you have not received your permanent card within this period, please contact the Lifesaving Society BC & Yukon Branch at 604.299.5450 or via email at awards@lifesaving.bc.ca.

The Lifesaving Society issues a permanent wallet card upon receipt of a completed test sheet from the instructor or host Affiliate.

For more information on Lifesaving Society training programs please visit www.lifesaving.bc.ca.

National Lifeguard is valid for 2 years from the date of certification.

Congratulations on achieving the Lifesaving Society's National Lifeguard certification. As a lifeguard, your primary function is to prevent water-related injuries.



Certification Number: 5174515
Member Code: SCMN09

MAKAILA SCHNEIDER

has successfully completed

Airway Management & Oxygen Administration

25-Mar-2022

Certification Date

25-Mar-2025

Expiry Date

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Lifesaving Society - B.C. & Yukon Branch

Approved WorkSafeBC First Aid Training Agency

Congratulations on achieving the Lifesaving Society's Airway Management & Oxygen Administration certification. Keep this certificate in a safe place. Alterations, including lamination, void this certificate.

For more information on Lifesaving Society training programs please visit www.lifesaving.bc.ca.

Thank you for taking the time to become educated in first aid!

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Approved WorkSafeBC First Aid Training Agency



Certification Number: 5174515
Member Code: SCMN09

MAKAILA SCHNEIDER

has successfully completed

Bronze Cross

18-Mar-2022

Certification Date

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Lifesaving Society - B.C. & Yukon Branch

With your Bronze Cross you can be hired as an Assistant Lifeguard! For the purposes of employment as an Assistant Lifeguard your Bronze Cross is valid for 2 years and must remain current. Please ask your facility for more information.

The prerequisites for National Lifeguard are Bronze Cross, Standard First Aid and 15 years of age. By regulation in B.C., you must be 16 years of age to be employed as a lifeguard.

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AMOUNT \$1,750

DATE APRIL 19/21

FROM MAKAILA SCHNEIDER
24 KM IN 24 HOURS

Helping kids shine.

MAKAILA SCHNEIDER

