



Dear Fellow Duke of Edinburgh Community!

My name is Stephanie Pye and I am writing to you about an incredible scholarship opportunity for Alberta residents between the ages of 16 and 17 and-a-half, to study in an international setting for 2 years. A few years ago, when I began my Duke of Edinburgh Award journey, I fell in love with the values and ideals the program promoted. You probably already know that The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award was co-founded by Kurt Hahn, the German educationalist. But did you also know that Kurt Hahn, based on his belief in the power of education to change the world, also founded a network of international high schools? And did you know that the Alberta Government provides eight full scholarships annually for students to attend one of these seventeen schools, United World Colleges, around the world? I was pretty excited when my teacher told me about this, so I decided to give it a shot and apply, and two years later I am currently studying abroad on a full scholarship at UWC Adriatic in beautiful northern Italy. The opportunities I had at the school to regularly volunteer, keep active, and keep up my sewing allowed me to finish my hours for my gold award!

I am sharing this opportunity because it is truly life changing and unfortunately not that many people know about it! The selection process happens once a year, with the application opening in August and closing in November. Generally students are in grade 11 when they apply, and if selected, will spend two years completing the International Baccalaureate diploma at a UWC anywhere from Vancouver Island, the USA, Hong Kong, Norway, Wales, Italy, India and so many more!

If this sounds interesting to you I would highly recommend checking out this website for tons more information on UWC, the UWC values, and any other questions you might have:

<http://www.ca.uwc.org/>

For more information about the scholarship the Alberta government offers (Grant MacEwan United World College Scholarship), check out this website:
<https://studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships/alberta-scholarships.aspx?SK=211>



Finally, if you have any questions that you would like to ask me as a current student and soon to be alumna, feel free to email the Canadian UWC National Committee at nationalcommittee@pearsoncollege.ca and request that your email be passed along to Stephanie Pye!

So, if you would like to attend an international school promoting values like international and intercultural understanding, personal responsibility and integrity, compassion and service, and action and personal example on a scholarship covering tuition, room and board, and trips home for two years, apply to UWC! Or if you know a student who would be interested, please pass along this information to them (even if they are too young, it is never too early to start dreaming!) so they can research further about this opportunity.

Ciao!
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