

# Rick Hansen SCHOOL PROGRAM

## AWARDS



### Goal:

The goal of the Rick Hansen Awards Program is to help schools across Canada encourage and recognize student activities that demonstrate social responsibility, goal accomplishment, and overcoming obstacles and to give certificates of recognition to students displaying one or more of the qualities exemplified by Rick Hansen and his work: **determination, inspiration, courage, leadership, teamwork, and *making a difference in the lives of others.***

### Objective:

The objective of the yearly Rick Hansen Awards Program is to actively encourage students, youth groups and schools to develop, implement and recognize exemplary initiatives within their school and the community in which they live.

### Criteria:

Students in grades 4 to 12 are eligible to receive awards.

In order to maintain the integrity of the awards and to ensure that the program does not become too idiosyncratic, school selection criteria should be guided by the general criteria provided in the goals and objectives stated above. In all cases, the award should be used to recognize students who have contributed significant service to the school and/or community – students ***making a difference in the lives of others.***

### Commitment from Participating Schools:

Each school participating in the Rick Hansen Awards Program would be responsible to:

- Form a Rick Hansen Awards Committee;
- Plan a student assembly or smaller assemblies to show the motivational 6 minute Rick Hansen Awards Program introductory video early in the school year;
- Tell the Rick Hansen Story, where appropriate, and encourage students to never give up on their dreams;
- Establish appropriate school-based criteria to select those students and/or groups who would be given Rick Hansen Awards for their accomplishments; and for exhibiting one or more of the qualities of determination, inspiration, courage, leadership, teamwork, and making a difference in the lives of others;
- Select the students who will receive Rick Hansen Awards;



- Plan a school assembly or event to be held in May or June, to present the Rick Hansen Awards to the student recipients; show the Rick Hansen Awards Program congratulatory video, and;
- Share information with the Rick Hansen Foundation in June, in a brief survey which will include the names of the student recipients and a short description of the school-based criteria that was used to select the student recipients.

### ***Commitment from the Rick Hansen Foundation:***

The Rick Hansen Foundation would assist each participating school in the following ways:

- Provide schools with two videos featuring Rick Hansen; one to begin the Program and encourage students to participate and ***make a difference in the lives of others***, and one to finish the Program, congratulate students on their efforts and encourage them to ***never give up on their dreams***. The videos include footage from the Rick Hansen Man In Motion World Tour and other Rick Hansen activities;
- Provide materials that tell the Rick Hansen Story and information on the Rick Hansen Foundation;
- Provide Rick Hansen Certificates of Recognition to each participating school to be presented to students selected for an award by the school Committee;
- Create a record of participating schools;
- Send thank you letters to participating schools; and
- Include information about the schools participating in the Rick Hansen Awards Program on the Rick Hansen website.

### ***To Register or Learn More:***

Contact [schools@rickhansen.com](mailto:schools@rickhansen.com) or **1.800.213.2131**. Visit [www.rickhansen.com/schools](http://www.rickhansen.com/schools).

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