

**The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award – Canada
Alberta, Northwest Territories and Nunavut**

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HRH The Prince Edward visits Calgary next week – presents Awards to 150 Young Albertans

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CALGARY - His Royal Highness, The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, will be in Calgary on Friday June 24 to preside over The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Gold Ceremony. He will be accompanied by Her Honour, Lois Mitchell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta and His Honour, Mr. Mitchell.

The 150 recipients of this Award represent young Albertans from communities across the province.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award program came to Alberta, Northwest Territories and Nunavut 40 years ago, as a tool to enhance the lives of youth and benefit local communities. Al-Karim Khimji, President of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award for this region said "Not all learning happens in the classroom and our aim is to help equip youth aged 14 to 24 for success in life."

Candace Denison, Regional Executive Director said "The Award program is designed to encourage experiential learning and participation in physical fitness, volunteer service, cognitive skills, and outdoor adventure. The time commitment develops habits necessary for a healthy lifestyle."

The Ceremony will be held at Canada Olympic Park and will conclude with a youth performance event featuring current Award participants exhibiting talents in music, sport, arts, and science for HRH The Earl of Wessex.

Information about the Ceremony, recipients and performers is available at: www.facebook.com/dukeofedAB

About The Duke of Edinburgh International Award Program

The goal of The Award is to ensure that the program is available to all young people, whatever their background or situation. The Award is now actively being pursued by young people with special abilities and challenges, together with youth in rural areas, inner city youth, aboriginal youth, and young people in the youth justice system. Today, there are 50,000 young Canadians participating in the program and 6,000 youth from Alberta.

NOTE TO MEDIA: Accredited media is welcome to broadcast and cover both events. Profiles are available about many of the recipients. For details and access information, please contact:

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