BOLD IDEAS PAY OFF FOR AWARD PARTICIPANT

Jasleen Bahia

Before last year, Jasleen Bahia had a passion for speech and debate, but it wasn’t until after graduating from elementary school in Vancouver’s Britannia Elementary that she made her mark in the competitive world of public speaking. It all started when her English teacher, Hilda Koo, told her about the award and encouraged her to participate in order to make new friends and improve her public speaking skills.

Bahia was exposed to the Award at the age of 11, where she had the opportunity to join the British Columbia Youth Volunteer Program, a group that promotes volunteering and community service.

The Award is divided into three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold, each offering a unique experience. Participants are encouraged to choose activities that align with their interests and develop new skills. The Bronze level offers participants the opportunity to engage in community projects and participate in workshops or training sessions, while the Silver level focuses on hands-on community service and leadership projects. The Gold level challenges participants to achieve a well-rounded experience that includes both community service and personal development.

Jasleen Bahia’s journey with the Award started in 2012, when she applied for the Silver level. She was selected as one of the 14 young Canadians who would be interviewed as part of the Award. The Award encouraged her to pursue her passions and take on new challenges.

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