



Maia Vezina Educational Award

Maia Vezina, born January 23, 1994, was born in Dawson City, Yukon. At age 5 her family moved to Nelson, BC, where Maia thrived in school and in the arts. Maia is a graduate of L V Rogers Secondary School, class of 2012. She attended the University of Calgary, graduating in 2018 with a double major in English and Education.

In 2013 Maia suffered injuries to all four limbs due to a crash with a drunk driver. Three months later she returned to university in a wheelchair to continue her studies, managing one course that year. A five year program became a six year program and a very happy graduate walked the carpet to accept her two diplomas.

Maia had a dream to work with gifted children and develop a curriculum based on emotional intelligence. She lived her first dream upon graduation, becoming a teacher for a mixed aged class of gifted young children at the Eaton Arrowsmith private school in Vancouver.

Maia tragically passed away on May 26, 2023, at the age of 29.

Maia's family is proud to establish this Award in support of future local educators.

To qualify for this \$500 award the applicant must:

- be a graduating student from LV Rogers, Nelson,
- be planning to attend a post-secondary program in the field of Education,
- provide a minimum 250 word essay describing their reason for wanting to pursue their dream of becoming an educator and their goals for the future.

To apply for this award please provide your name, the learning institute and program you are planning on attending, along with your essay, to **pathenman00@gmail.com** Please put Maia Vezina Educational Award in the subject line of the email.

Deadline to apply: May 1st 2024