

## Volunteering & Professional Networking

**NOTE: This is effective from the second Applicant Intake Window 2026 onwards and the approved networks may change over time.**

### How to get points for volunteering

If an applicant wants to receive the volunteering points they must demonstrate the following on their application:

- At least 5 different occurrences of Volunteering over a 3-month period AND
- Have accumulated at least 10 hours of volunteering AND
- The hours must be proven with official certificates and documents AND
- A contact to verify the volunteering hours must be supplied.

Kindly note, the RCIP Team may conduct a review of the volunteering documents and speak to the contact listed. If claimed volunteer hours are proven to be misleading or fraudulent, the RCIP team reserves the right to reject the entire application and potentially take action against all relevant parties under the community program integrity policy.

### How to get points for being part of a professional network

Applicants can only receive points for a professional network if:

- They are a confirmed member of a preapprove professional network AND
- They have been a member of this network for at least 6 months AND
- The network operates in the North Okanagan-Shuswap AND
- Confirmation of attendance can be provided

Here is the list of approved professional networks:

- Rotary	- Business Network International
- Toastmasters	- Junior Chamber International (JCI)
- Vernon Women in Business	- Chamber of Commerce
- Young Okanagan Professional Collective	- Formal CPA groups
- Salmon Arm Innovation Centre	- Shuswap Women in Business
- Shuswap Construction Industries Professionals	