

# **APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

## **Helpful Hints**

Start researching scholarship options during grade 11 as the scholarship process begins early in your grade 12 year. Visit the scholarship and calendar sections of Ms. Mayer Career Centre Website:

<https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/y4q4m6k/Pages/default.aspx> and Ms. Mayer Career Centre Facebook Page

- Volunteer on a regular basis, as many scholarships require a strong/consistent history of involvement as part of the eligibility
- Each award has unique criteria. You may have to complete an essay and/or provide school transcripts and references
- Consider a variety of smaller scholarships/awards as they may attract fewer applicants
- Have an updated resume and cover letter, that you can change for a specific scholarship
- Dedicate a specific time each week for your scholarship research
- Pay close attention to application deadline date/time, particularly if sending hardcopy documents

## **Types of Scholarships/Awards**

### **1) Post-Secondary Scholarships** (from the Institutions applied to):

These scholarships are contingent on accepting the offer of admission for that specific institution. The applications for these scholarships may be:

- Automatic (you are not required to submit a separate scholarship application) such as an Entrance Award
- General scholarship - applications may be required
- Faculty specific (e.g. only for Engineering students)
- Based on financial need (bursary)

### **2) Community, Provincial and National Scholarships** – (out-of-school scholarships)

Many groups offer scholarship/bursary opportunities to high school students such as unions, clubs, businesses, associations, sports groups, organizations and so on. Students should consider their individual situation to see if any opportunities are available through their skills, involvement or family. Criteria for each of these opportunities varies including artistic ability, academic performance, community service, leadership, athletics, financial need, etc.

- Nominated Scholarships (each school may nominate a limited number of students) and then the student applies. (very competitive, and usually a large scholarship amount)

## **Find a Match**

Some websites will match a student with a variety of awards in their database. Register online for this option at

[https://yconic.com/?redirect\\_from=studentawards](https://yconic.com/?redirect_from=studentawards)

<http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>

**3) In-school Scholarships** (only for our school's Gr. 12 students) These scholarships are school specific, from government, organizations and individuals who donate and make specific requirements for recipients. Students apply through the school's website, completing one form for a variety of scholarships. These will be available Mar/Apr each year.

## **4) Student Loan Information ~ StudentAid BC**

Applications for full-time and part-time studies will be available early-June, for classes that start in September. (Depending on family situation, students may receive some loan and some grant.) Be Prepared.....You can get ready now by registering with StudentAid BC and creating a StudentAid BC Dashboard

Account. <https://studentaidbc.ca/news/general/important-information-students-applying>

Questions? Toll-free Canada/USA: 1-800-561-1818, Monday to Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm PST.