

2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Each year R.C. Palmer Secondary awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving graduating students. In order to be considered for school-based and district scholarships, students must complete an online application between **April 4th and April 17th, 2025**. The School Scholarship Committee will make the award selections and all scholarship winners will be notified at the Valedictory Ceremony on June 5th.

These awards are donated from the school, the community, and the district. Students with a C+ average or better are encouraged to apply. Each Scholarship/Bursary has unique criteria. Some of the areas of consideration in the selection process include:

- Academic achievement
- Service or participation in school events
- Service or participation in community events
- Citizenship
- Individual character
- Commitment to learning
- Volunteer involvements
- Athletics involvements
- Fine Arts involvements
- Intent to study at a post-secondary institution
- A specific field of post-secondary study (eg. Trades, Sciences, Arts etc.)
- Gender (eg. Canadian Federation of University Women Scholarship)
- Financial need
- Family affiliation (eg. BCTF affiliation for the Richmond Teacher's Association Scholarship)
- Elementary School Alumni (eg. General Currie Elementary alumni for the General Currie Elementary PAC Scholarship)

Other public and private organizations also offer scholarships. Please check the scholarship bulletin board in the Counselling Centre or the Career Centre online link (palmer.sd38.bc.ca/students/career-centre) for other possible scholarship application information. Ms. Mayer, our Career Advisor, is a great resource if you need assistance with external scholarship applications.

Please see Ms. Gill if you have any questions about the online scholarship application process. To get to the scholarship application, visit palmer.sd38.bc.ca/students/scholarships and click on the link.

This application cannot be saved and returned to at a later date. Therefore, do not close the application or quit your browser before completing the application.

Information Needed to Complete On-Line Scholarship Application

Student Name

Student Address

Email Address

Birthdate

Student Number

Citizenship

Grade 11 Courses, School of Completion and Mark

Grade 12 Courses, School of Completion and Mark

The number of courses you are taking (include all Palmer & RVS courses)

Family Union Affiliations (BCTF or CUPE)? (If yes, which school or local?)

Elementary school attended for grade 7

School-Based Membership: Athletics, Clubs, and/or Other Participation (List activities, grades in which you were involved in the activity and approximate number of hours per month devoted to this activity (e.g. Grad Committee – Grade 12, 10 hrs/month). There is a maximum of 3 possible entries for this category.

School-Based Leadership Positions with Offices Held - List activities, grades in which you held a leadership position/role in the activity and approximate number of hours per month devoted to the activity (e.g. Student Council Treasurer – Grade 12, 15 hrs/month). There is a maximum of 3 possible entries for this category.

Community-Based Membership: Athletics, Clubs, and/or Other Participation (List activities, grades in which you were involved in the activity and approximate number of hours per month devoted to this activity (e.g. Richmond Hospital Volunteer – Grade 11, 8 hrs/month). There is a maximum of 3 possible entries for this category.

Community-Based Leadership Positions with Offices Held - List activities, grades in which you held a leadership position/role in the activity and approximate number of hours per month devoted to the activity (e.g. RYBL Coach, Grade 11, 10 hours/month). There is a maximum of 3 possible entries for this category.

Academic and Extra-Curricular Awards and Accolades – List the name and year of honours and awards you have received during your high school years starting in grade 8.

Employment History – List any paid jobs you have had and approximate number of hours per month you worked (e.g. Server – Pizza Hut – July 23- August 23, 20 hrs/month). There is a maximum of 3 entries for this category.

Educational Plans – College, University, Technical School, etc.) Include areas of specialization – be as specific as possible. For “Application Status” please enter where you are at in terms of your application status (applying later; awaiting acceptance; accepted).

Career Plans - What career are you planning? Be as specific as possible.

Financial Need? – Describe any situation at home that might impact your ability to go to Post Secondary.

District/Authority Scholarship Application

If you have not received a District/Authority nomination from a Palmer teacher *and/or* you are not self-nominating yourself you will now submit your application and you can **skip this question**. Students who have received a teacher nomination will have been notified by Ms. Gill via email.

This section is only to be completed by students who have been received a District/Authority nomination from a Palmer teacher *or* have self-nominated themselves because they fit the criteria detailed below. All nominees should know about their nomination status via email by April 3rd, 2025. **Not all students will complete this section.**

What is a District/Authority Scholarship?

In addition to school-based scholarships, schools nominate students to apply for District/Authority \$1250 scholarships in the following areas: Indigenous Languages & Culture, International Languages (French, Spanish and/or Japanese), Applied Design, Skills and Technologies (ie: Business, Technology, Home Economics, Information Communication Technology), Technical and Trades Training (ie: Coding, Woodwork, Culinary Arts, Automotive, Robotics), Physical Activity (ie: Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics, not limited to PE), Fine Arts (ie: Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music), and Community Service (Volunteer Activity-includes awareness of local, global, and cultural issues). In order for staff to nominate a student, the student must have clearly **showed an aptitude for one of these subject areas, as well as have a plan to pursue further studies in that area**. In order to receive the full value of this award, recipients must be enrolled in a recognized post-secondary institution or approved apprenticeship program and have a social insurance number.

Coursework in your Area of Interest – List courses you’ve taken, both in and out of the school, related to your area.

Extra-curricular Activities in your Area of Interest – List related activities you’ve engaged in outside of class time, both in the school and out in the community.

Evidence of Achievement – You will create a video (maximum length is 1 minute) showing **evidence of achievement** in your chosen area. Submit it to the Scholarship Committee by sharing it with Ms. Sidhu (ksidhu@sd38.bc.ca) via Google Drive.

When you are finished your application, please click the SUBMIT button.