

Post –Secondary Information – October 2020

Agenda

1. Welcome to your last year at CHSS

2. Educationplannerbc.ca / Postsecondary BC.ca

- Search, plan and apply
- All BC public universities and colleges
- Currently 21 of 25 BC post-secondary institutions accept their applications through this site. UBC and UVIC will be added next year.

3. Post-Secondary Institutes (PSI)

- Colleges
- Universities
- Trade Schools
- Technical Schools
- Specialized schools: Cosmetics, Massage Therapy, Firefighting, Hair design, Animation, Sound Technology, Military

****Start doing your research now. All schools have websites. It is YOUR responsibility to ensure you meet entrance requirements and application deadlines.**

4. Application Process – you should be applying now.

- Ensure you meet entrance requirements – for many programs certain high school courses are required or recommended.
- Apply before the early entry deadline. If you miss this deadline, you will have less chance of acceptance.
- We suggest you apply to more than one institution in case you are not accepted at one, or if you are undecided at this time.
- For all institutions, you apply online. **You will need your PEN number to apply.** This is a 9 digit number that is on all of your report cards. There may be a non-refundable application fee ranging from \$25.00-\$175.00.

5. Acceptance

- Some institutions will send out acceptance letters immediately, others will send out conditional acceptance, waiting for your final grades before issuing final acceptance. Some may not send out conditional acceptance letters until Feb. or later. Final acceptance usually occurs after the Ministry transcripts are received by the post-secondary institution in August. **Don't assume the process has been completed just because you have received conditional acceptance.**

- There is a date by which you must respond to your acceptance letter. If you are still considering that institution, to accept a seat you must pay a non-refundable deposit (\$100-\$500) by the due date.

6. Student Transcript Service (STS) – see attached

- This is an online application for students to view their school marks, scholarships and transcripts, and to send transcripts electronically to post-secondary institutions or employers.

****If you are attending a post-secondary institution YOU MUST send your transcript electronically in order to complete your application.**

- Students access the Student Transcript service from the Ministry of Education's Transcript and Certificate website at <http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca>.
- Be sure to check "when ready" when sending transcripts

7. Residence Accommodation

- If you wish to live in Residence, you must apply for a room. The application deadline is often earlier than the institution deadline (usually by Dec.). This application requires a non-refundable application fee.
- Most first year students wanting to live on campus housing are given a double room. But there are exceptions. Unless you want a roommate, apply for a single room.

8. Post- Secondary Financial Support

Bursaries

- Awarded on the basis of financial need and academic standing. Financial need is given the most weight; however, the student must also meet post-secondary entrance requirements and have acceptable grades.

Scholarships

- Awards based solely on application criteria and academic standing.

*Scholarships and bursaries are ONLY given after proof of post-secondary enrolment and attendance is presented to the donor.

Sources:

CHSS – In school awards are given during the Graduation Ceremony. Applications are available in April.

School District #57 – The District offers many scholarships and bursaries. Information will be posted on the District website on December 14th. The application is available on line at **12:01am (midnight) the morning of Thursday, January 7th and closes at 11:59pm on Thursday, February 18th, 2021.** We will have a meeting in January when the site opens.

You can go to the site and have a look, but you cannot apply yet. The application is on line at <http://scholarship.sd57.bc.ca>.

*Reference Letters (see form) are needed for most awards. Collect these early.

Post-Secondary Institutions – Most institutions have their own awards. Check website.

Ministry of Education – District/Authority Scholarships are worth \$1250.00 and are given out in September after graduation. **Every graduating student should apply for the District/Authority Scholarship. It is part of the SD57 awards application.**

- Other Ministry of Education awards are available. Check the website. Submit completed applications to your counsellor.

Outside Scholarships – many of these are from corporations, foundations, organizations and unions. Ones that arrive in counselling are put on the announcements and posted on the bulletin board in the counselling area.

Websites:

Canlearn.ca

Studentawards.com

Scholartree.ca

Ministry of Education

PSBC

Student Loans – Provided by the Government of Canada. These loans must be repaid, with interest, upon graduation from your post-secondary program. For information go to canlearn.ca.

9. CLC/Capstone

All graduating students must meet with Ms. Trabant to complete CLC.

10. Participation in the CHSS Valedictory Ceremony

You must be passing every class needed for graduation by **April 23rd, 2021** in order to participate in the Valedictory Ceremony. If you are completing a course through distance education that is required for graduation, the course must be 2/3 complete with a passing grade by April 23rd, 2021.