

Grade 12 October Post-Secondary Information

1. Post-Secondary Institutions (PSI)

- Colleges
 - Universities
 - Trade Schools
 - Technical Schools
 - Specialized Schools: Cosmetics, Massage Therapy, Firefighting, Hair design, Art
- **All schools have websites. It is YOUR responsibility to ensure you meet entrance requirements and application deadlines.**

2. Educationplannerbc.ca

- **SEARCH, PLAN, APPLY**
- Search programs offered at BC public post-secondary institutions (PSI)
- Apply to 23/25 BC PSI. BCIT and Royal Roads not yet connected.
- Includes Trade Programs

3. Student Transcript Services (STS) – see attached

- ****Should be done ASAP if you are applying to a PSI****
- This is an online process which allows students to view their transcripts, scholarships and school marks and to send transcripts electronically to post-secondary institutions and employers.
- You **MUST** allow post-secondary institutions to view your transcript when you apply. They must be able to view your final transcript 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.

4. Application Process – You should be applying now.

- Ensure you meet entrance requirements. Most programs require or recommend specific grade 11 and 12 courses.
- Apply before the early application deadline. If you miss this deadline, you will have less chance of acceptance. Most noncompetitive entry programs follow the 1st applied - 1st qualified - 1st accepted format.
- We suggest you apply to more than one institution in case you are not accepted at your first choice, or if you are undecided at this time.
- Applications are online for all institutions. **You will need your PEN to apply.** This is a 9-digit number that is on all of your report cards. There may be an un-refundable application fee ranging from \$25.00 - \$175.00.
- Minimum marks are only a guide. Often the actual cutoff marks are much higher.

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. Conditional acceptance letters may not be sent until February or later. Final acceptance usually occurs after the Ministry transcripts are viewed by post-secondary institutions.
- 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 by the due date.

6. 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. This application requires a non-refundable application fee.

7. Post-Secondary Financial Support

- **Grants/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 the application criteria and academic standing.
- **Scholarships and grants/bursaries are only received 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 Dec. 15th, 2021 <https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Students/Districtawards/Pages/default.aspx#/>
The application is available online at 12:01am (midnight) the morning of Wednesday, January 12th, 2022 and closes at 11:59pm February 16th, 2022. We will have a meeting in January when the site opens.
**** Reference letters (see attached form) are needed for most awards. Start requesting these early.**
 - **Post-Secondary Institutions**-Most institutions have their own awards. Check websites.
 - **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.

- **Outside Awards**-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.
- **Student Loans/Grants**-These awards are provided by the Provincial and Federal Government. Loans must be repaid, with interest, after graduation from your post-secondary program. Studentaidbc.ca.
- **Websites:** Canlearn.ca
Studentawards.com
Scholartree.ca
Ministry of Education
PSBC

8. CLC/Capstone

All graduating students must meet with their supervising teacher to complete CLC12 A&B.

9. Participation in the CHSS Valedictory Ceremony

You must be passing every course needed for graduation by April 21st, 2022 in order to remain on the Grad List and be eligible 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 21st, 2022.