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***FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES BOOKLET***

*Scholarships – Bursaries – Awards –  
Student Loans*

*2019 - 2020*

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# FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

IF YOU APPLY, the four main sources of financial aid available to you are:

*Scholarships & Awards* | *Bursaries* | *Grants* | *Student Loans*

## DIFFERENT SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID:

### A. SCHOLARSHIPS

Although many scholarships are based heavily on academic achievement, many have other criteria, which play a large role as well. A combination of the following is also considered:

- Community activities
- Leadership qualities
- Athletic ability
- A commendable character
- Ethnic background
- Special needs
- Specific area of study
- Career plan
- Parents' union affiliation

#### **What types of scholarships are available and who administers them?**

There are **entrance** scholarships to colleges/universities (administered by them), **external** scholarships (administered by an individual, organization, or trade union), **provincial** and **district** scholarships (administered by the government and school district), and **local** scholarships (administered by Kelly Road Secondary).

### B. BURSARIES

Bursaries are a non-repayable sum of money that are given **based primarily on financial need** yet considers academic achievement and other criteria. Usually official documentation affirming your financial situation is required.

### C. GRANTS

Grants are a non-repayable sum of money that is given based primarily on financial need, yet considers academic achievement. Government grants are available.

### D. LOANS

Money borrowed by students demonstrating financial need, which must be repaid. A full financial statement is a necessary part of the application form. Students may get a loan from the government or a bank.

### E. AWARDS

Monetary awards made in recognition of achievement and significant individual contributions to the school, cultural, and athletic development of school/community.

## TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

### A. EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS/BURSARIES – *Sponsored by Private Organizations*

Businesses, unions, fraternal lodges, etc. sponsor these awards. In some cases, a parent or grandparent must be a member or an employee of the sponsoring organization.

- Check with parents to see if their employer, union, club, etc. offers scholarships or bursaries.

### B. LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS/BURSARIES – *Sponsored by Local/Community Organizations*

Your school and/or the sponsoring organization administer these awards. Most are open to all graduating students. An information package on all these scholarships and bursaries will be **available in February**.

### C. ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS – *Administered by Post-Secondary Institutions*

- **Automatic Entrance Scholarships:** *No application required.* Based on GPA of grade 12 courses used for admission.
- **Major Entrance Scholarships:** *Application required.* To be eligible, students should have achieved A's in most grade 11 and particularly grade 12 courses. A transcript, letters of reference, and an essay are required. These are awarded to high academic students who have been involved in their school and/or community.

### D. PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

#### BC Excellence Scholarships – *Nomination/Application Process*

There are 55 BC Excellence Scholarships available to recognize well-rounded B.C. graduates. Winners will have demonstrated service and leadership, both at school and in their communities, and shown aptitude and commitment to their chosen career paths. They will receive a \$5000 scholarship voucher to use for post-secondary tuition.

Nomination and Application:

1. Students must be nominated by their secondary school in order to apply for this scholarship. **Only one student from each school may be nominated.** Students must confirm their nomination by having their school principal sign and date the verification section of the application form. See your counsellor for details.
2. The application package (PDF), includes a written statement worth 60% overall, and the resume worth 40% overall. It must be completed online in the mandatory format, printed, signed, and submitted by mail. Incomplete application will not be accepted.
3. **Completed applications** must be sent to the Ministry by **Feb 14, 2020**.

Provincial Scholarship Program  
Ministry of Education  
PO Box 9886 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9T6

Selection of winners will be finalized after **August 31, 2020**

Eligibility:

Nominees must

- Meet basic eligibility requirements
- Be in their graduation year with graduation to occur by August 31 of the school year in which they are nominated
- Be eligible for a BC Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) by August 31 of the school year in which they are nominated
- Have at least a:
  - “B” (73% or above) in their Language Arts 11 final mark
  - “B” average in final course marks that fulfill graduation requirements of Science 11 or 12, Math 11, and Social Studies 11 or 12, with no more than one “C+” (67% or above) final course mark, (marks lower than “C+” are not accepted)
- Maintain a “B” average or better in grades 11 and 12 final course marks required for graduation
- Write and pass a Language Arts 12 provincial examination

**You cannot win both a BC Excellence Scholarship and a Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship**

Nominees’ application package (PDF) must include:

- Resume in the mandatory format
- Two reference letters, one from your community and one from your school
- A written statement, maximum 500 words, which must describe:
  - What led you to your most relevant community service, volunteer activity, and/or leadership role, and
  - What you learned from this experience, and
  - How this experience will benefit you in your chosen career path

Schools will be notified in June if their nominee is a conditional winner. Winners will be notified directly in September when eligibility is confirmed. They must redeem their voucher within 5 years of graduation. Expiry dates are shown on the vouchers.

### **BC Achievement Scholarships – *No application Required***

BC Achievement Scholarships recognize the top 8000 graduates in the province. The Ministry will determine recipients based on achievement in grade 10, 11, and 12 courses that satisfy *BC Graduation Program* requirements, including elective courses. Grad Transitions will not be included.

A cumulative average percentage will be calculated and form the basis for determining winners, who receive a \$1250 scholarship voucher to use towards their post-secondary tuition.

Eligibility:

Recipients must

- Meet basic eligibility requirements
- Fulfill graduation requirements of the *BC Graduation Program* by August 31 of the student's graduating year
- Have at least a "B" (73% or above) in their Language Arts 12 course
- Write and pass a Language Arts 12 provincial examination
- Have no more than one Transfer Standing (TS) or Standing Granted (SG) indicator among course marks used for the calculation of winners, excluding Language Arts 12, which must have a percentage score

### **District/Authority Scholarships - Application**

There are 5500 District/Authority Scholarships distributed across school districts and independent school authorities that recognize graduating B.C. students for excellence in their chosen area of interest or strength. Winners receive a \$1250 scholarship voucher to use towards their post-secondary tuition.

Application:

- Apply through the District website in January

Eligibility:

You must meet the basic eligibility requirements and:

- Meet criteria determined by the Kelly Road Scholarship Committee, which requires a student to demonstrate outstanding achievement in any of the following areas:

<b>Area of achievement</b>	<b>Examples</b>
Indigenous Languages and Culture	Demonstrated at school or in the community
Fine Arts	Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music
Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies	Business, Technology, Home Economics, Information Communication Technology
Physical Activity	Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics, not limited to Physical Education
International Languages	International Languages Curriculum or External Assessments, including AP and IB courses
Community Service (Volunteer Activity)	Includes demonstration of local and global issues and cultural awareness
Technical and Trades Training	Carpentry, Automotive, Mechanics, Cook Training

- Fulfill the B.C. graduation requirements of either the *BC Graduation Program* or the Adult Graduation Program by August 31<sup>st</sup> of your graduating year

## Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarships – Application

The pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship is awarded to 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment and aptitude for a career path in K-12 teaching. Winners receive a \$5000 scholarship voucher to redeem when they are registered and attending an approved K-12 teacher education program at **one of B.C.'s nine Faculties of Education**.

Application:

1. Complete the application package (PDF), including the written statement worth 60% overall, and the resume worth 40% overall. It must be completed online using the mandatory format, printed, signed, and submitted by mail. *Scoring guides (PDF) are available for reference*. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
2. **Completed applications** must be submitted to the Ministry no later than **Feb 14, 2020**

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Eligibility:

Applicants must

- Meet the basic eligibility requirements
- Be in your graduation year with graduation to occur by August 31 of the school year in which you apply
- Be eligible for a B.C. Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) by August 31 of the school year in which you apply
- Have at least a:
  - “B” (73% or above) in your Language Arts 11 final mark
  - “B” average in final course marks that fulfill graduation requirements of Science 11 or 12, Math 11, and Social Studies 11 or 12, with no more than one “C+” (67% or above) final course mark, (marks lower than “C+” are not accepted)
- Maintain a “B” average or better in grades 11 and 12 final course marks required for graduation
- Write and pass a Language Arts 12 provincial examination

**You cannot win both Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship and a BC Excellence Scholarship**

Your application package must include:

- Resume in the mandatory format
- Two reference letters, one from your community, and one from your school
- A written statement, maximum 500 words, which describes why you want to be a teacher

Winners must redeem their vouchers within 7 years of their high school graduation. The expiry dates are shown on the vouchers. When redeeming, winners must provide a letter from their Faculty of Education confirming their enrolment in the K-12 teacher education program.

#### **E. AMERICAN COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES**

1. Must write the SAT Exam early in the fall
2. Apply individually to each institution
3. Go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for SAT/Scholarship/Financial Aid/University Info

#### **F. SECONDARY SCHOOL APPRENTICESHIP SCHOLARSHIPS**

To qualify for the \$1000 Secondary School Apprenticeship Scholarship a student must be a registered trainee/apprentice with the Industry Training Authority (ITA).

Other qualifications include:

- Meet graduation requirements/complete all 4 SSA courses which includes
  - 480 hours of paid employment in an approved trade
  - Maintain a C+ average in grade 12 courses
  - Have at least 900 hours registered with the ITA by Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of your graduation year or 6 months after graduation

**\*Note:** A student participating in the SSA program is required to be registered with the school district (in an SSA course) and the ITA (have a trade worker number) no later than one month prior to graduation. (Talk to the Transition Coordinator)

#### **G. B.C./CANADA STUDENT LOANS/GRANTS**

Canada & B.C. Student loans are repayable sums of financial assistance. You do not have to repay a Grant. There are loans for full-time and part-time students.

B.C. residents can apply online at [www.StudentAidBC.ca](http://www.StudentAidBC.ca)

Go to [www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca) and visit the Student Loan Estimator to calculate how much you may be eligible for.

If necessary, apply each year you intend to study. You do not have to begin repaying your student loan until 6 months after you have graduated from your program of studies.

You can begin applying for a B.C./Canada student loan/grant in **June 2020**.