

# **TERRY FOX SECONDARY SCHOOL**

## **Financial Opportunities Booklet**

**(Scholarships/Bursaries/Awards/Student Loans)**

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# TERRY FOX SECONDARY SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Show Me the Money \$\$\$

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 **local** scholarships (administered by Terry Fox 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 student demonstrating financial need, which must be repaid. A full financial statement is a necessary part of the application form. Student 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, 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.

Scholarship databases:

<https://scholartree.ca/>

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

### **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 the spring.

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

- **Automatic Entrance Scholarships** (based on GPA, no application required)
- **Major Entrance Scholarships** (application required)  
To be eligible, students should have achieved A's in most grade 11 and particularly grade 12 courses. Usually, 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 Required**

Please see website for details: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/bc-excellence-scholarships>

The BC Excellence scholarship is awarded to 55 well-rounded high school graduates who have demonstrated service and leadership, both at school and in their communities, and who show aptitude for 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.** Please listen to announcements to find out more about nomination process. Students must confirm their nomination by having their school principal sign and date the verification section of the application form.

2. **Completed online applications** must be sent to the Ministry TBD, visit website late Fall 2021

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

Please see website for details: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/bc-achievement-scholarships>

The BC Achievement scholarship recognizes the 8,000 graduates with the top academic achievement in the province.

For the purpose of this scholarship, academic achievement is based on the subset of grades 10–12 courses that are **used to meet graduation requirements** (including electives). Most students graduate with more credits than required; only the courses used to meet graduation requirements are considered. Furthermore, the flexibility in the BC curriculum means that this subset of courses varies among graduates.

Recipients receive a \$1,250 scholarship voucher that they can use to be reimbursed by the Ministry of Education for tuition paid after they are attending a [designated post-secondary institution](#) or B.C. [authorized trades training provider](#).

### **District/Authority Scholarships – Application Required**

**\*This will be part of local scholarship package, provided to graduating students in the spring**

Please see website for details: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/district-authority-scholarships>

The District/Authority scholarship is awarded to 5,500 high school graduates who have demonstrated excellence in their chosen area.

The Ministry of Education sets basic eligibility requirements and general guidelines; local scholarship committees determine awarding criteria and select their conditional recipients.

The Ministry confirms that the selected students have meet basic criteria and then sends these confirmed recipients a \$1,250 scholarship voucher that they can redeem with the Ministry after they are attending a [designated post-secondary institution](#) or [B.C. authorized trades training provider](#).

<b>Area of interest</b>	<b>Examples</b>
<b>Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies</b>	Business, Home Economics, Media Arts, Technology, Tourism
<b>Community Service (Volunteer Activity)</b>	Includes awareness of local, global, and cultural issues
<b>Fine Arts</b>	Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts
<b>Indigenous Languages and Culture</b>	Demonstrated at school or in the community
<b>Languages</b>	External Assessments or Languages Curriculum, including AP and IB courses
<b>Physical Activity (and Health)</b>	Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics
<b>Technical and Trades Training</b>	Coding, Culinary Arts, Mechanics, Robotics, Woodwork

## **Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarships – Application required**

Please see website for details: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/pathway-to-teacher-education-scholarship>

The Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship is awarded to 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment to and aptitude for a career in K-12 teaching.

Recipients receive a \$5,000 scholarship voucher that they can use to be reimbursed by the Ministry of Education for tuition paid after they are attending an approved K-12 teacher education program at [one of B.C.'s nine Faculties of Education](#).

Online applications open in late Fall 2021

Note: students may apply for both the Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship and the [BC Excellence scholarship](#) but can be awarded only one.

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

1. Write the SAT Exam early in the fall
2. Apply individually to each institution
3. The CommonApp is a good resource and research tool (<https://www.commonapp.org/>)
4. Go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for SAT/Scholarships/Financial Aid/University Info

### **F. Youth Work in Trades Program**

Please see website for details: [https://www.sd43.bc.ca/CareerPrograms/Pages/SSA.aspx#/="](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/CareerPrograms/Pages/SSA.aspx#/=)

Youth WORK in Trades isn't a traditional high school course. Students in this program already have a paid job with an experienced tradesperson and complete the coursework online through Coquitlam Open Learning.

Students that work in an apprenticeable trade with a certified tradesperson, can:

- gain high school credits (up to 16) that count towards graduation;
- learn and apply specific skills while getting paid;
- earn hours towards trade certification;
- qualify for a \$1000 award from the Ministry of Education (check website to see how you can qualify)

### **G. BC/CANADA STUDENT LOANS/GRANTS**

Canada & BC 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.

BC residents can apply online at [www.StudentAidBC.ca](http://www.StudentAidBC.ca). 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 BC/Canada student loan/grant in **June 2022**.

Check school website

Under Quick links> Career Resource> Scholarships & Financial Aid

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