



Dr. Charles Best Secondary School, SD43 Coquitlam

SCHOLARSHIP HANDBOOK

FINANCIAL AID & OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE GRADUATING CLASS OF
2024



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Financial Aid Information and Opportunities for the Students of Dr. Charles Best Secondary School 2023-2024

Stay tuned for new information! New scholarships and bursaries will be posted throughout the year!

- ❖ Join the Charles Best Career Centre Team! Team code: **gvrymg1**
- ❖ Check back often to the **Best Career Centre Website**
- ❖ Follow the Best Career Centre on **Instagram**.
- ❖ **Read the Informer!**



STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

For financial aid and applications to post-secondary institutions, students should research how the application process works. **It is the student's responsibility to check current deadlines and to check the appropriate websites for possible updated requirements, to complete necessary documentation and to make their submissions before the deadlines.** (However, do not hesitate to see Ms. Kaufmann with any question.)

SOME OPTIONS FOR PAYING FOR YOUR POST-SECONDARY

GOVERNMENT GRANTS & LOANS: Student grants and loans are granted based on financial need. While you don't have to pay back any grants received, loans must be paid back. **Repayment** begins upon completion of studies. Financial institutions also have student banking packages that include borrowing for educational purposes. Read more about Student Line of Credits here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-consumer-agency/services/loans/student-lines-credit.html>

- ✓ Use the [Student Aid Estimator](#) to calculate if you are eligible for government support.
- ✓ Canada Student Loan Program: Start applying in early June (year of grad):
<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/student-aid.html>
- ✓ BC residents can apply online at www.studentaidbc.ca.

SCHOLARSHIPS: These can be based on personal merit, academic achievement, extracurricular activities, athletic abilities, ethnic background, or any combination of these aspects. **Scholarships do not have to be repaid.**

- **Provincial scholarships** are administered by the government.
- **Entrance scholarships** are given to high school students entering a post-secondary school for the first time.
 - **Automatic Entrance Scholarships** (Students are automatically considered based on their grade average.)
 - **Major Entrance Scholarships** (Separate application required; usually awarded to students achieving high academic achievements throughout Grade 11 and 12 *in addition* to extra-curricular activities.)
- **External scholarships** are administered by an individual, business, organization, or trade union.
- **Local scholarships** are for students from a small defined area, e.g., you are not competing with students all across the country or province for the scholarship/ bursary. **** Learn more about local scholarships specifically for Best students at the next scholarship meeting, February 7, 2024. Mark your calendar now!**

BURSARIES: Bursaries are non-repayable grants made to students in need of financial assistance. Evidence of need may be required. Other criteria may be set by the donor. Many post-secondary institutions have designated Undergraduate Entrance Bursaries for students in financial need.

AWARDS: Awards recognize skill or accomplishment and may or may not be monetary.

SCHOLARSHIPS TIPS

- **Get motivated.** Searching for and applying to scholarships requires work and effort, BUT the costs of tuition and fees per year average between \$4,000 (some colleges) to \$8,000 (UBC). Books, meals, and housing will be extra. If you don't have lots of money sitting around, your options are taking out a loan, working extended hours, or finding scholarships.
- **Get organized.** Set aside some time every week to work on scholarships. Start a checklist and a folder where you keep track of scholarships you want to apply to, deadlines, references, etc.
- **Start with yourself.**
 - **Evaluate opportunities based on your neighbourhood, ethnic background, personal situation:** There are scholarships for students living in a certain community, scholarships for students of colour, scholarships based on cultural backgrounds (i.e., Iranian, or Korean heritage), scholarships for Indigenous students, financial aid for students who lost a parent, grew up in foster care or are dealing with disabilities or chronic illnesses. There are also scholarships for pursuing post-secondary studies in French!!
 - **Evaluate your activities:** Check out any organizations you are involved with for scholarships (your work, sports organizations, volunteering, Girl Guides, Cadets, church, your interest in STEM | Arts | Environmental Issues | Public Affairs, etc.)
- **Become familiar with the financial aid page of the school(s) to which you intend to apply.** Put the university's/ college's name into the search engine + "undergrad" + "financial aid" to find the page for that school. Here are some local sites to get you started:
 - SFU: <http://students.sfu.ca/financialaid.html>
 - UVic: <http://registrar.uvic.ca/safa/>
 - UBC: <https://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances>
 - Douglas College: <https://www.douglascollege.ca/current-students/advising-services/financial-planning/financial-aid-information/financial-aid>
- **Branch out to your family's involvements.**
 - Parents'/ guardian's/ grandparent's place of work, union, or any religious or ethnic organizations your family may belong to, neighbourhood associations, insurances, etc.
- **Talk to people you know:** Ms. Kaufmann, your counselor, teachers, family friends.
- **Read the Charles Best Informer daily.**
- **Check Career Centre team and the Career Centre pages on the school's website:** [Career Center](#) is under *Programs and Services*, then hit the *Financial Aid* button to navigate to that page.
- **Do some online research.**

Here are some online search engines for scholarships:

 - <https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/plan/finance/scholarship>
 - <https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>
 - <https://scholartree.ca/>
 - <https://studentawards.com/>
- **Complete a brag sheet** ([download here](#)). It helps you seeing your activities and accomplishments more clearly, and teachers/ supervisors may ask for it when you request a reference letter.

- **References:** You will need 2-3. Approach your referees early and discuss the possibility of them writing you a reference letter. Give them plenty of notice. Always provide referees with details. What kind of scholarships are you applying to? What are the criteria?
- **Be sure you have a social insurance number.** <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin/apply.html>
- Some **tips on how to write a scholarship essay**, what to consider when asking for references, etc. can be found on the Career Centre website under [Financial Aid > Related documents](#).

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION - PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

BC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

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. The awarded \$5,000 scholarship voucher can be used for tuition at a designated post-secondary institution or B.C. authorized trades training provider. You **must be nominated** by your secondary school to apply (**only one student/ school**). Follow the Career Centre Team or check the Career Centre website to find this year's BC Excellence brag sheet. Submit the brag sheet to Ms Kaufmann by January 7, 2024. If nominated you have until February 15 to apply. To start preparing, please see details below.

[Sample Application](#)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

[Meet basic eligibility requirements](#)

- Be eligible for a B.C. Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma); fulfill the requirements of the B.C. Graduation Program.
- Be graduating (between September 1 and August 31) during the same year the scholarship is awarded.
- Have at least a
 - Minimum "B" average in grades 11 and 12 courses required for graduation
 - Minimum "B" (73% or above) in Language Arts 12
 - Minimum "B" average, no more than one "C+" (67% or above), and no marks lower than "C+" in courses that fulfill graduation requirements for Science 11 or 12, Math 11, and Social Studies 11 or 12

More info: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/bc-excellence-scholarships>

PATHWAY TO TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

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 \$5,000 scholarship voucher to redeem when they are registered and attending an approved K-12 teacher education program at one of BC's nine Faculties of Education. Keep an eye on the Ministry website or follow the Career Centre team to know when the application window opens; deadline is usually February 15. [Sample Application](#)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA are the same as for the BC Excellence Scholarships, see above. *You may apply for the Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship and the BC Excellence Scholarship, but you can't win both.*

More info: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/pathway-to-teacher-education-scholarship>

BC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

BC Achievement Scholarships recognize **the top 8,000 graduates in the province**. The Ministry will determine recipients based on achievement in Grades 10, 11, and 12 courses that satisfy B.C. Graduation Program requirements, including elective courses. A cumulative average percentage will be calculated and form the basis for determining winners, who receive a \$1,250 scholarship voucher to use towards their post-secondary tuition. **Students do not apply for this scholarship (automatically awarded).**

DISTRICT/AUTHORITY AWARDS

There are 5,500 District/Authority Awards (DAA) distributed across school districts and independent school authorities. They **recognize graduating B.C. students for excellence in their chosen area of interest or strength**. Winners receive a \$1,250 scholarship voucher to use towards their post-secondary tuition. Students who win these awards will receive their voucher in the fall after graduation. **Information hasn't been updated yet for 2024, but last year our school was able to give away 36 District Authority Awards.*

You must meet criteria determined by the school's scholarship committee. Submit the Best Internal Scholarship Package to apply for a DAA. This requires a student show outstanding achievement in one or more areas:

Areas of Achievement and Examples	
Area of achievement	Examples
Indigenous Languages and Culture	Demonstrated at school or in the community
Fine Arts	Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music
Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies	Demonstrated achievement in <i>multiple</i> ADST courses: 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; +150 hours)	Includes awareness of local, global, and cultural issues
Technical and Trades Training	Automotive, Robotics, Coding, Woodwork, Culinary Arts

*** Applications will be available at our next scholarship meeting on **February 7, 2024 (part of the internal package)**.

YOUTH WORK IN TRADES \$1000 AWARD

Students who are eligible for the Youth Work in Trades Award will automatically be considered. There is no need to apply. Eligibility criteria:

- Registered with the Industry Training Authority as a Youth Apprentice
- Graduated with a Grade 12 Dogwood Diploma or Adult Dogwood
- Successfully completed WRK 11A, WRK 11B, WRK 12A, and WRK 12B
- Maintained a C+ average or better on Grade 12 numbered courses *
- Reported a total of at least 900 hours to the ITA by December 31 of the school year you are turning 19 **

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

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS/ UNIVERSITY SPECIFIC FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

There are **automatic entrance scholarships** (based on grade average, no application is required), **major entrance award** (application is required), and sometimes **faculty specific entrance awards** (separate application). Major awards are awarded to students with a high academic average who have been actively involved in their community.

Attend as many university information sessions/post-secondary events as you can. Recruiters can provide a wealth of information – if you ask the right questions. Some post-secondary webinars are specifically focusing on financial aid. Become familiar with the **school's financial aid page**, deadlines vary.

Info Sessions will be advertised in the Charles Best Career Centre Team (code: gvrymg1) and on the website, check back often. <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/ProgramsServices/career/Pages/Post-secondary.aspx#/=> You can also check your post-secondary school's website to see if they have info sessions scheduled.

- **For BC:** **EducationPlannerBC** is an invaluable source of information. You will use this to apply for all post-secondary institutions in BC (*except for BCIT*), but there are also Financial Aid tips (with links). Make yourself familiar with the website: <https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/go/plan/financial-resources>
- **For Ontario:** Apply early through **OUAC** to allow sufficient time to apply for financial aid offered by the schools you are applying to. You will need your student applicant account to be activated before you can start applying for entrance scholarships and bursaries. <http://www.ouac.on.ca>
- **American Universities and Colleges:**
 - If you haven't already, plan to write a SAT exam asap; visit <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/test-center-search>. Next available SAT exam is on November 4th (register by October 20th).
 - While many U.S. schools are now "test-optional", SAT results are often still required if the applicant wants to be considered for entrance awards. Carefully read through the individual school's website before deciding NOT to take the SAT.
 - Check the admission requirements of the school you plan to attend—they vary widely between schools!
 - Apply on <https://www.commonapp.org/>.
 - Go to <http://www.collegeboard.com> for SAT/Scholarships/Financial Aid/University Info
 - Another good resource will be **Education USA Canada**: <https://www.educationusacanada.ca/>

SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST AND TIMELINE (general guideline)

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

- Confirm you are taking the prerequisite courses for BOTH the institution and the program you wish to apply to.
- Ask your parent or guardian to check with their employers, unions, and any organizations, to which they belong, as to whether there are any scholarships or bursaries available through them.
- **Start a Financial Aid/Post-Secondary file now** - keep all information about post-secondary institutions and financial aid, start with this booklet. Add digital copies of reference letters, scholarship essays, etc.
- **Compile a list of application deadlines**, for both post-secondary institutions/ programs you are considering, *and* for scholarships you are aware of that fit your personal circumstances.
- **Prepare a brag sheet** with all your awards, extracurriculars, and other accomplishments. Teachers will request a brag sheet if you ask them about a reference letter. You can also use the brag sheet as an outline for updating your resume and for university application essays (i.e., UBC's personal profile). You can download a digital copy in word format on the [Career Centre Website](#) under "Financial Aid", scroll down to related documents.
- Decide who to ask for **reference letters**—a minimum of one academic reference and one work/volunteer is generally required. Start to gather these now - **do not leave this to the last minute**. It is polite to give references at least 2 weeks' notice.
- Keep copies of all reference letters if you are given access to them.
- Read all applications carefully; complete them accurately; proof-read and double-check, again, and get them in on time (watch for internal and external deadlines). Deadlines are non-negotiable.
- If applying to UBC, begin to compose your Personal Profile responses. Create your Education Planner BC account to see the word/ character limits for each question. December 1st is the deadline to apply to UBC if you wish to be considered for the Presidential Scholars Awards (access through the application for admission) and UBC Centennial Scholars Entrance Awards (separate application required). If you need to supply names of references for your UBC application or a scholarship application, be sure to ask for permission before giving their names and contact info.
- Students with marks in the 90s and extensive extracurriculars should check out SFU's Undergraduate Entrance Scholarships. Deadline to submit is December 15 – start working on your responses now.

Attend post-secondary information sessions & events

1. **Canadian Universities Event.** Representatives from participating universities will be ready to answer questions. Register now and plan to attend at least one of the events. <https://cuebc.org/events/>
 - Tuesday, October 3, 6.30-9 pm. Hilton Metro Vancouver. Open to everyone, incl. guardians.
 - Wednesday, October 4: 6-8 pm. Riverside Secondary School. Open to SD43 students and guardians.
 - Thursday, October 5: 6.30-9 pm. Surrey Sheraton Guildford. Open to everyone, incl. guardians.
2. **Post-Secondary BC Fair** (for grade 11 & 12 students). Connect with recruiters, gather information by attending info presentations, have access to viewbooks, and ask your questions. Thursday, November 2, 9-11 am at Dr. Charles Best Secondary.
3. **Recruiter visits at Best:** This is your chance to get your questions answered in a small group setting. Check out the list on the next page, mark your calendar and make sure to attend.
4. **University specific info sessions** will be advertised in the Charles Best Career Centre Team (code: gvrymg1) and on the Career Centre website under "Post-Secondary", check back often. Also, read the Informer! Attend as many sessions as you can, don't be afraid to ask questions. While many universities are back to on-campus Open Houses, faculty-specific events are often still offered virtually. Take this chance to inform yourself about your potential program of study; ask about scholarships. Many post-secondary schools run webinars specific to their entrance scholarships, make sure to attend for those tips and tricks. There's a long list of post-secondary events on the website, spanning over multiple pages. Additional events are constantly being added. <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/ProgramsServices/career/Pages/Post-secondary.aspx#/=>



Post-Secondary Info Session

at Dr. Charles Best Secondary (or within the district)

☐ University of Victoria

Wed, October 11, 3.15 pm, library

☐ University of Alberta

Tue, October 17, 3.15 pm, library

☐ SFU

Thu, October 19, 3.15 pm, library

☐ UVic Gustavson School of Business

Tue, October 24, 3.15 pm, library

☐ SFU Beedie School of Business

Thu, October 26, 3.15 pm, library

☐ University of Waterloo

Wed, November 1, 3.15 pm, library

☐ Post-Secondary BC Fair

Thu, November 2, block 1 & 2, around the school

☐ University of Guelph

Wed, November 8, 3 – 3.45 pm, main foyer

☐ UBC Sauder School of Business

Ambassador visit: Tue, November 21, 3.15 pm

☐ U of A: Campus Saint Jean

Wed, November 22, 3.15 pm, library

☐ University of Calgary

Thu, November 23, 3 – 3.45 pm, main foyer

☐ Western

Wed, November 29, 3 – 3.45 pm, main foyer

☐ Douglas College

Thu, November 30, 3.15 pm, library



**Please check back to the Career Centre website and the Informer often. Additional events may be added.*

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

- Check the financial aid web page of the schools you are thinking about attending. Scholarship deadlines often vary from the deadline to submit your application for admission. Bursaries (based on financial need) usually have different deadlines and different application procedures.
 - Note all the ones for which you are eligible. Pay attention to application procedures and due dates.
 - Make a list of these to keep in your file.
- Read the 'Best Informer' daily and check Career Center website/ Team regularly.
- If applying to **UBC**, keep working on your Personal Profile. **December 1st is the deadline to apply to UBC** if you wish to be considered for the Presidential Scholars Awards (access through the application for admission) and UBC Centennial Scholars Entrance Awards (separate application required).
- **SFU deadline to apply** for entrance scholarships is December 15.
- If planning to attend an **Eastern school, apply early**. U of T recommends applying by Nov 7. You will have to submit quite a few documents through the student portal AFTER you have submitted your OUAC application; applying early will allow plenty of time to complete your application before the official final deadline. Make sure to complete U of T's award profile (in your Join UofT account) for a chance to win scholarships.
- If you are an International Student or moved to Canada during your High School years, check the English Language Proficiency requirements for all schools you are applying to. Requirements may vary. If you have to take the IELTS or TOEFL check for deadlines.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

- Feb, Mar and April are busy scholarship months. Check the 'Best Informer', the Charles Best Career Centre website, and join the Charles Best Career Centre Microsoft Team, [Team code: gvrymg1](#).
- **Locally sponsored awards, scholarships and bursaries reserved for Charles Best grads will be available in February. Attend scholarship meeting #2 on February 7, 2024.**
- **Local post-secondary deadlines:**
 - UBC: General admission deadline is January 15, 2024.
 - SFU: General admission deadline is January 31, 2024.
 - UVic: General admission deadline is January 31, 2024.
 - Douglas: No general deadline (but check for your individual program). Apply early.**Make sure to check program specific deadlines; supplemental application deadlines vary, and some programs are filling up first come – first serve.**

MARCH AND APRIL

- You should be familiar by now with the financial aid web page of the school you are planning attend.
- **Our Local Scholarship package which includes the District Authority Awards is due by 9 am on Friday, April 5, 2024.**
 - Late applications will not be accepted.
 - If you need reference letters, ask for them at least two weeks before you need them. Please consider that teachers may not be accessible during Spring Break, so plan ahead. It is also a good idea to send a thank you note.
 - Please remember: If you need to supply names of references, be sure to ask for their permission before giving their names (e.g. teachers, ministers, community workers, employers, counsellors).

MAY AND JUNE

- Please let Mrs. Kaufmann know about any scholarships, bursaries and/or awards that you won so that we can acknowledge you at the commencement ceremony in June. We will set up an online form in April/May where you can submit your scholarship info.
- If you win a scholarship, bursary, or award - a letter of thanks to the sponsoring person, club or institution is an important communication of your appreciation.
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DR. CHARLES BEST SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP INFO FOR 2023-2024

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE LISTED BY DEADLINE.

Availability and amounts are subject to change. If you are interested in a scholarship, please double-check requirements and deadlines on the organization's website.

OCTOBER

LORAN AWARD - Tenable at 25 partner universities, the Loran Award is valued at \$100,000 over four years, including mentorship, funding for summer internships and participation in an extensive network of past and present scholars. In addition to the 36 Loran Awards, up to 124 finalist and provincial & territorial awards (\$5,000 or \$2,000 each, respectively) are awarded to promising candidates. The Loran Award is not a reward for past achievements, but an investment in a young person's potential future path of high impact. Criteria are force of character, service, and leadership potential. Must have minimum cumulative average of 85%. Open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents only. Deadline is October 11, 2023, before 5pm Pacific Time.

<https://loranscholar.ca/becoming-a-scholar/>

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO NATIONAL BOOK AWARD - The National Book Award Program recognizes and rewards the very best Canadian secondary school students, regardless of which university those students choose to attend. Every school across Canada can nominate one student. There is no monetary value linked to the award, but nominees will be invited to apply to the U of T National Scholarship Program. Criteria: Outstanding academic performance, original and creative thought, a passion for learning, and exceptional achievement in a broad context. Strong involvement in the lives of their schools and communities. Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or protected person. If you like to be considered for nomination, please submit your expression of interest (Book Award - Brag Sheet) by October 10, 2023, before 9 am. More info on [Career Centre website or team > search for National Book Award.](#)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Same criteria as for the Book Award. The National Scholarship (up to 15 available) covers full tuition, incidental and residence fees for up to four years of study. Finalists not designated as National Scholars receive Arbor Scholarships (up to 10 available) at a value of \$7,500 in the first year and \$1,500 per year for three additional years of undergraduate study. The scholarship is tenable only at the University of Toronto. It is not necessary that you have had applied for admissions when submitting the scholarship application. However, you must apply to UofT to be considered a scholar. Book Award nominees will be automatically invited to apply, but the application is generally open to anyone fulfilling the criteria. Deadline: October 19, 2023, before 9 pm. <https://future.utoronto.ca/national-scholarship/>

DR. M. WOSK ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AWARD - Eligible participants must have an interest in ecological issues and environmental preservation as well as the organizational and communication skills necessary to make a profound difference. Open to students and individuals aged 15-19 currently residing in the Metro Vancouver area. Value: up to \$3,000. Deadline: October 31, 2023. <https://www.pacificparklands.com/grants-and-scholarships/the-dr-mordehai-wosk-leadership-fund/>

UBC INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM – Open to high academic achievers who have demonstrated exceptional extracurricular activities, show a desire to create global change, and are dedicated to giving back to their schools and communities. 50 need-based scholarships are available. Must be an international student with financial need. Each school can nominate 3 students. Submit your brag sheet by October 13, 3.30 pm. [More info here](#). Deadline to apply to UBC is November 15, 2023.

NOVEMBER

U of T LESTER B. PEARSON INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP - Recognizing students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement and creativity and who are recognized as leaders within their school. Covers tuition, books, incidental fees, and full residence support for four years (37 available). School nomination required. Submit your brag sheet by Nov 13, 9 am. If you are nominated (only one/ school), you have until January 15, 2024 to apply for this scholarship. <https://future.utoronto.ca/pearson/about/>

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARSHIP AWARD – We can nominate 2 students. Find the special Queen's brag sheet on the Career Centre website, due back to Ms. Kaufmann by November 1. Must have 90% + average, planning to attend Queen's University, superior academic ability, creative and original thinking, proven leadership qualities. Apply for admission to Queen's via the Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC) before November 20 to ensure that you gain access to SOLUS to submit your scholarship application by December 8. For more information and for practice application go to <https://www.queensu.ca/studentawards/admission-awards/major-admission-awards>

TD CANADA TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP - Twenty TD Scholarships for Community Leadership are awarded to students in their last year of high school who have demonstrated leadership in improving their community: Students who are helping to support change, nurture progress and demonstrated consistent and outstanding dedication to solving a community problem or making their community a better place. Grade average 75%+. Each scholarship has a value of up to \$70,000, incl. tuition and living expenses for up to four years. Deadline is November 15, 2023, before 9 pm. www.tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship

DECEMBER

UBC PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS AWARD - Most prestigious awards available to students entering UBC. These include one-time awards of approximately \$5,000, and renewable awards of up to \$40,000 on the Okanagan campus, and \$80,000 on the Vancouver campus, each payable over four years. Criteria: Students who excel across the board and who have demonstrated academic and leadership achievements in the arts, community, athletics, and school. Must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents. Apply to UBC by December 1. On the application for admission there's a question if you want to apply for this scholarship. If you say "yes", you will have to explain in a short essay why you should be considered for the award. <https://you.ubc.ca/financial-planning/scholarships-awards-canadian-students/presidential-scholars/>

UBC CENTENNIAL SCHOLARS ENTRANCE AWARD – Intend is to financially support academically qualified students who show an interest in joining and contributing to the UBC community, but who would not be able to attend without significant financial assistance. Through the program, new students can access a variety of one-time and renewable awards of up to \$80,000 – an amount that covers the full cost of a degree and living expenses. Apply to UBC by December 1. You and your family must complete a separate application to

demonstrate financial need. The application also requires a reference from someone who is well acquainted with you and who can comment on your character, interest in UBC, and financial situation.

<https://you.ubc.ca/financial-planning/scholarships-awards-canadian-students/entrance-award/>

UBC BEYOND TOMORROW SCHOLARSHIP - Assisting Black Canadian students who are transitioning to UBC from secondary school or another post-secondary institution. The purpose of the program is to financially support academically qualified students who show an interest in joining and contributing to the UBC community at both the Vancouver and Okanagan campuses, but who would not be able to attend without significant financial assistance. Through the program, new students can access a variety of one-time and renewable awards of up to \$80,000. Must self-identify as Black (African, African American, African Canadian, Afro-Caribbean), strong academic student and meet all UBC admissions requirements. Must be Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or protected person in Canada. Apply to UBC by December 1.

<https://you.ubc.ca/financial-planning/scholarships-awards-canadian-students/beyond-tomorrow/>

SFU UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS- SFU recognizes high school students who demonstrate excellence in both their academic and extracurricular activities and who demonstrate potential to enrich the university community through ongoing academic and community contributions. Scholarships are available to domestic and international high school students admitted for the fall term to an undergraduate degree in any faculty. Amounts vary from \$10,000 to full tuition for four years. Minimum Requirement: 90%+ academic average when applying for admission. Separate application required! Apply by December 15.

<https://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid/entrance/highschool.html>

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY PRESTIGE AWARDS - All Prestige Awards are renewable. Must be Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident. Apply to UCalgary and submit application for the Prestige Awards by December 1, 2023. Multiple Prestige Awards available.

- Chancellor's Scholarships: Multiple awards at \$15,000 each;
- Seymour Schulich Academic Excellence Scholarships: A variable number of awards at \$26,350 each for students entering the Schulich School of Engineering;
- Ena Lee Leaders in Business Scholarship: Multiple awards at \$20,000 for students entering the Haskayne School of Business;
- Richard and Lois Haskayne Legacy Scholarship: One award at \$25,000 for students entering the Haskayne School of Business.
- Leader in Health Sciences: Multiple awards at \$15,000 each

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/awards-scholarships-and-bursaries/prestige>

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA SCHOLARSHIPS - There are admission-based scholarships for domestic and international students which do not require a separate application (based on your high school grade average), and also application-based scholarships. Fill out a single scholarship application and, based on your background, experiences, academics, and interests, and they will assess you for a match. Deadline: January 10, 2024.

- SCHOLASTIC DISTINCTION SCHOLARSHIP for high-achievers with admission averages of 95%+.
- ENTRANCE LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP for well-rounded students with admission averages of 80%+ and demonstrated leadership roles.
- FLY HOME AWARD: Out-of-province Canadian students with a strong sense of community could receive up to \$1,500 to help them stay connected to home.
- PRESIDENT'S INTERNATIONAL DISTINCTION SCHOLARSHIP: Valued at \$120,000 (payable over four years); recognizing students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement, creativity, and who are recognized leaders within their school.
- UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA INTERNATIONAL LEADER SCHOLARSHIP: Well-rounded leaders with superior academics could receive a scholarship ranging from \$5,000 – \$10,000.

<https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tuition-and-scholarships/scholarships-and-awards>

BURGER KING SCHOLARS PROGRAM – There's an employee's track and a general track which is open to all graduating high school students in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico. Must have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent. Must plan to enroll full-time for the entire year following graduation at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school in the U.S., Canada, or Puerto Rico. Deadline is December 15, 2023.

<https://burgerking.scholarsapply.org/information.php>

TERRY FOX HUMANITARIAN AWARD - Open to graduating students who have been involved in voluntary humanitarian activities (for which they have not been compensated). Must be in good academic standing; planning to study towards their first university degree or diploma at a Canadian post-secondary institution in the upcoming academic year. Valued at \$28,000 over 4 years. Canadian citizens or landed immigrants. Deadline is December 1, 2023. <https://terryfoxawards.ca/applicant-information/>

CMOLIK SCHOLARSHIPS - Awarded to youth who have faced adversity in their lives and demonstrated tenacity. Up to \$40,000 for books/tuition for an undergraduate degree or equivalent. Transportation and living costs are not eligible. Must be Canadian or PR, lived in Canada for 7+ years. Top grades through high school are not required, but must be capable of succeeding at the post-secondary level. Criteria are proven resilience in the face of adversity, positive work ethic, contributions to their community, clarity of their educational goals, focused commitment. **Nomination required, one student/school.** Submit the special Cmolik brag sheet to Ms. Kaufmann by January 7. If you are nominated, apply to the Cmolik Foundation by February 7, 2024.

<https://thecmolikfoundation.com/undergraduate/>

JANUARY

SCHULICH LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS - Schulich Leader Scholarships are Canada's most coveted undergraduate STEM scholarships. Up to one hundred are awarded to entrepreneurial-minded high school graduates enrolling in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math program at 20 partner universities across Canada. Half are valued at \$100,000 for engineering scholarships and half are valued at \$80,000* for science and math scholarships. Every high school in Canada can nominate one graduating student. Based on academic excellence, leadership, creativity. Canadian citizen or permanent resident. If you want to be considered for nomination submit your Schulich brag sheet by on January 7, 2024. If you are nominated, apply for the scholarship by February 20, 2024.

<https://www.schulichleaders.com/apply?section=student>

BC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP - 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. Each school can nominate 1 student. Submit a special BC Excellence brag sheet to Ms Kaufmann by January 7, 2024. If we nominate you, you will have until mid-February to apply for the award. Successful recipients receive a \$5,000 scholarship voucher that they can use to be reimbursed for tuition paid after they are attending a post-secondary institution that is designated by the Province of B.C. or a program provider that is approved by the Industry Training Authority. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/bc-excellence-scholarships>

CANADIAN WOMEN IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP - One award of \$1000 available for a female B.C. student enrolled in any year of study in secondary school who has been contributing to their school's leadership team or student council. Last year's deadline was in January, website hasn't been updated. Keep checking back. <https://fcm.ca/home/awards/canadian-women-in-municipal-government-scholarship.htm>

BEEDIE LUMINARIES - This scholarship program provides access to BC public universities, colleges and trade schools and enables promising Grade 12 BC students to achieve their dreams. 116 scholarships were awarded in 2023 (Up to \$40,000 per student / 4-year undergraduate degree, \$15,000 per student / 2-year college or trade-school diploma, "Stay on Track" student support, access to mentors, Summer paid internship opportunities). Must demonstrate financial need; educational goals, focused commitment and academic readiness, proven work ethic, grit and resilience in the face of adversity, community and home contributions and/or extracurricular activities. Application opens in November, deadline was January last year. Please check back to their website.
<https://beedieluminaries.ca/grade-12-scholarship/>

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – National Scholarships are designed to recognize all-round excellence. Based on outstanding academic performance, demonstrated ability for creative and innovative thought and a passion for the pursuit of learning. Recognizing exceptional achievement in extracurricular activities such as the arts and athletics / commitment to community service through ongoing contributions to school and community life. **School nomination is required** (up to 4 students/school plus 1 international student). If you want to be considered for nomination, submit a special Western brag sheet to Ms Kaufmann by January 7. Scholarship deadline will be in mid-February.
http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/scholarships_awards/national_scholarship_program.html

TRI-CITIES SOROPTIMISTS - BEA KELLY SOROPTIMIST AWARD – Acknowledging young women in Grade 12 who demonstrate that they make a difference in their community and/or school. Multiple awards at \$1,000 each. Current Grade 12 female student planning to attend an accredited post-secondary institution after graduation, lives or attends school in the Tri-Cities area. Deadline is January 15.
<https://soroptimisttricitities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/bk-award-application-writeable-2021.pdf>

TRI-CITIES SOROPTIMISTS: SPREAD YOUR WINGS AWARD – \$1,000 to support female immigrants or refugees who have arrived in BC in the last 5 years. You must be enrolled in or planning to attend a vocational/skills training program or undergraduate degree program. Deadline is January 15.
<https://soroptimisttricitities.org/our-programs/live-your-dream-awards-programs/>

UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH TOP SCHOLARSHIPS

12 of Canada's best and brightest future leaders are awarded one of U of G's top scholarships! Worth \$42,000 each (and incl. a research assistantship position), the following scholarships recognize academic excellence and leadership. Deadline is January 25, 2024.

- The President's Scholarships recognize students entering with a minimum of 90% admission average who have made significant leadership contributions to their schools and communities.
- The Lincoln Alexander Chancellor's Scholarships recognize indigenous students, students with a disability, or members of racial minorities. Same criteria as above.
- The Dr. Franco J. Vaccarino President's Scholarship is awarded to the top international student. It recognizes a student of academic distinction who has made significant contributions to their school and their community and demonstrates the potential to become a leader in society.

<https://admission.uoguelph.ca/topscholarships>

DB PERKS & LIFESAVING SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIPS - The DB Perks Scholarship aims to support and assist Lifesaving Society lifeguards and instructors trained and working in BC & Yukon who are pursuing post-secondary education. 3x \$1,000 available. Deadline to apply is 4:30 pm, January 31, 2024.
<http://www.lifesaving.bc.ca/db-perks-lifesaving-society-scholarships>

TCF REFUGEE AWARDS – 4 awards of \$3,000 each are awarded to a refugee who has shown courage and determination while adapting to a new language and new culture in Canada. Deadline is January 31.
<https://tealcharitablefoundation.ca/tcf-refugee-awards-list/>

DAVID LAM/BC TEAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER SCHOLARSHIP - The scholarship is valued at \$4,000. It recognizes an English language learner graduating from a BC secondary school who has combined academic competence with school and community service, and who wishes to further his/her education at a post-secondary institution in British Columbia. Must be documented permanent residents or citizens of Canada. Documented courses in English as an additional language at the secondary level (Grades 9 to 12), consistent improvement in academic courses at the secondary level. Deadline is January 31 of each year.
https://www.bctéal.org/award_scholarship/david-c-lam-ell-scholarship/

BC HEALTH SCIENCES ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES - Multiple available to HSA members or their kids under 25. HSA also provides two \$1500 bursaries to Indigenous students from BC who are continuing or proceeding in any HSA-related field. Applications are available in November and deadline is usually in January, website hasn't been updated yet. <http://www.hsabc.org/member-benefits/scholarships-and-bursaries>

SIKH HERITAGE BC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS - Five scholarships of \$1,500 are available to BC high school students that are attending a Post-Secondary Institute regardless of their ethnicity, religion, or status in Canada. Categories: Academic Achievement, Leadership, Community Service, Athletics, and Arts. In 2023, deadline was in January. Please check back to their website. <https://www.sikhheritagebc.ca/scholarship>

UGGLA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP - Ten scholarships are awarded each year to students who face significant financial barriers to participation in post-secondary education. This may include students who identify as Indigenous, Black, or a person of colour, students living with disabilities, LGBTQIA2S+ students, and students of all gender identities. This scholarship covers full tuition and fees for SFU, on-campus housing, meal plan, textbooks, and more. They usually run application workshops in the Fall. Deadline is January 22, 2024.
<https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/fees-scholarships/uggla.html>

FEBRUARY

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO FACULTY OF MATHEMATICS ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS – For applicants applying directly from high school to a full-time honours program in the Faculty of Mathematics (excluding Software Engineering (SE) and Computing and Financial Management (CFM)). Up to 16 scholarships at up to \$25,000/ each are available: CIBC National Scholarships and Mathematics National Scholarship. Deadline is usually in February, check back to website for updates. <https://uwaterloo.ca/math/future-undergraduates/funding-and-awards/faculty-mathematics-entrance-scholarships>

COQUITLAM FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES – Various scholarships and bursaries are available for Tri-Cities students, many based on financial need. Amounts vary. Apply between December 1st and February 15th. <https://coquitlamfoundation.com/bursaries/>

PATHWAY TO TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP - 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 \$5,000 scholarship voucher to redeem when they are registered and attending an approved K-12 teacher education program at one of BC's nine Faculties of Education. Must have min. of "B" average. Deadline is in February, check back for updates. <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/topic.page?id=61BA57D5EE90467F8C45EBC139DF2FFA>

KINSMEN BURSARY

\$1,000 bursaries are awarded to students based on demonstrated financial need, volunteerism, and knowledge of Kin Canada and the Kinsmen Club of Coquitlam. Deadline is February 1, 2024. <https://www.kincanada.ca/apply>

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION (BCSTA) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENT CITIZENSHIP - Each year BCSTA selects graduating BC public school students who have displayed exemplary citizenship within their school and community as recipients of the BCSTA Student Citizenship Scholarship. In 2023 three scholarships of \$500 each were available; deadline was in late February. Please check back for updated information.

<http://bcsta.org/resources-and-services/bcsta-scholarships/>

MANULIFE LIFE LESSONS SCHOLARSHIP

For students who've experienced the death of a parent or guardian with little to no life insurance. Awards are \$10,000/ each. The Scholarship Program helps combat the financial burden of paying for post-secondary education during an emotional time and recognizes the perseverance that so many youths show in such adversity. Apply by February 1, 2024.

<https://www.manulife.ca/personal/plan-and-learn/life-events/life-lessons-scholarship.html>

MARCH

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY

Entrance awards are given to new students to recognize and support achievement in academics, sports, and the arts. Some awards also look at financial need, and many awards are given for your commitment to community involvement and leadership. Capilano Excellence Scholarship (CAPX): up to \$56,000. 10 awards available.

Capilano Community Leadership Award (CCLA): up to \$2,500. 20 awards available to High School graduates.

Multiple other smaller awards available. Deadline is March 1, 2024. <https://www.capilanou.ca/admissions/fees--finances/financial-aid--awards/scholarships-bursaries--awards/future-students/>

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA PRESTIGE SCHOLARSHIPS - The **President's Scholarship** is awarded to one full-time undergraduate student in each of the direct-entry faculties. Value \$30,000 over 4 years. Applicants must be bilingual (English and French). The **Chancellor's Scholarship** is awarded to one student in each of the direct-entry faculties. Value \$26,000 over 4 years. Applicants of either scholarship must have an admission average of 92% or higher and demonstrate leadership qualities and a commitment to academic and extracurricular activities. Also available for Internationals. Separate application is required. Deadline is March 1. There are also various faculty specific scholarships. <https://www.uottawa.ca/study/fees-financial-support/scholarships-awards-overview>

CARLETON UNIVERSITY PRESTIGE SCHOLARSHIPS - Must have an admissions average of 90% or better plus have demonstrated leadership roles in their extra- curricular activities throughout school. One application form is used for all the prestige scholarships. Deadline is March 1, 2024.

<https://carleton.ca/awards/scholarships/entrance-scholarships-for-new-students/prestige/>

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA ADMISSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS – The University of Ottawa Admission Scholarship automatically provides between \$1,000 and \$4,000 to all eligible full-time students with an average of 80% or more who are studying in a direct-entry faculty. No application is required for this scholarship; all eligible students are automatically considered for this award.

<https://www.uottawa.ca/financial-aid-awards/scholarships-and-bursaries>

EAGLE RIDGE HOSPITAL AUXILLIARY BURSARY - Eagle Ridge Hospital Auxiliary awards two bursaries annually, each valued \$2,500, to graduating students in the Tri-Cities who are planning to pursue a career in the healthcare field. Deadline has been March 31 in the past, but website hasn't been updated yet. Check back for details.

<http://erha.ca/home/bursary/>

UNIVERSITY OF THE FRASER VALLEY ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS - If you are enrolling at UFV in the academic year immediately following your high school graduation, you may qualify for a UFV Entrance Scholarship award. Recipients are selected based on academic excellence, community/school involvement, volunteer experience, and leadership endeavors. A variety of different entrance scholarships is available, some are renewable. Amounts vary. Must submit a cover letter detailing your academic achievements, volunteer and/or leadership efforts and your educational goals, 1 - 2 current reference letters detailing your service and /or leadership activities, your most current transcript. Last year's deadline was in March, check back to their website for 2024 updates.
<https://www.ufv.ca/fineaid/awards/ufv-entrance-scholarships/>

RE/MAX "QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE" SCHOOL BURSARY PROGRAM - The Quest for Excellence Program recognizes the pursuits in leadership and community contributions of Western Canadian students. Students are to convey the contributions they have made to their communities in a short online essay, maximum 1,250 words. Key qualities students should demonstrate are leadership, motivation, and communication skills. Other attributes may include volunteering, participation in charitable events or fundraising, and contributions that enrich the lives of others and their communities. 40 x \$1,000. Deadline: March 13, 2024.
<https://blog.remax.ca/quest-for-excellence/?rmxv=1660084042>

BC HYDRO POWER PIONEERS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD - Up to twenty \$500 awards are available throughout British Columbia. Applicants have made outstanding contributions in their local community for a considerable amount of time or have initiated, organized, or contributed significantly to a one-time project. Deadline is March 31.
<https://www.powerpioneers.com/making-a-difference/bc-hydro-power-pioneers-community-service-award/>

BCRPVPA STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS - The British Columbia Retired Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association (BCRPVPA) awards up to nine (9) bursaries/scholarships, in the amount of \$1,000 each, to students in the year that they graduate from the BC public school system and who are continuing their education at an accredited post-secondary institution in CANADA. (Students planning a "gap year" should apply in the first year in which they register in a post-secondary program.) Applicants who are pursuing education in trades, technical and career fields, as well as those entering universities and colleges, are encouraged to apply. Applicants will be judged not only on their academic achievements but their demonstrated leadership and service activities both within the school and community. Financial need of applicants will also be considered. The deadline was in March last year. Check back to their website for updates <https://bcrpvpa.ca/scholarships/>

JONAH CHRISTENSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - This \$1,000 essay-scholarship was created in memory and in celebration of Jonah's kindness, curiosity, mischievousness, and energetic drive to live life to the fullest. The family hopes this annual award will encourage graduating youth to reflect on these qualities as they look toward their future endeavors. Deadline is March 31, 2024. <https://celebratethechild.me/jonah-christensen-memorial-scholarship/>

BCSSA (BC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION) SCHOLARSHIP – One award at \$1,000 is available for a Metro Vancouver graduating student who is planning to pursue post-secondary studies. Must have demonstrated exemplary service and leadership within the school and community to improve the quality of life for young people and others through volunteer work and other activities. Last year's deadline was in March, check back to website for updates. <https://bccsa.org/about-us/bccsa-grade-12-scholarship/>

BC SOCCER SCHOLARSHIPS – Multiple available for graduating students who will be pursuing post-secondary studies. Previously, applicants had to submit a video explaining their previous involvement with soccer and future plans. Last year's deadline was in April, check back in the New Year.
<https://www.bcsoccer.net/awards-scholarships>

DOUGLAS COLLEGE ENTRANCE AWARDS - Recognizing students who excel in their studies and contribute to their communities, including the promotion of social justice and/or truth and reconciliation. A variety of one-time scholarships of up to \$3,500, and renewable scholarships or awards of up to \$20,000, payable over four years, are available. In your application clearly illustrate your contributions to your school or community, the promotion of social justice, and truth and reconciliation. 2 letters of reference are required. If applicable, please outline your personal and/or family financial circumstances and why you feel you should be considered for awards that include a financial need component. Deadline is March 31. <https://www.douglascollege.ca/current-students/advising-services/financial-planning/financial-aid/entrance-awards-scholarships>

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY FIRST GENERATION SCHOLARS AWARD - For entering undergraduate students whose parent(s), legal guardian(s), or chosen family guardian(s) have never attended a post-secondary institution, either full-time or part-time, in Canada or anywhere in the world. Open to Canadian citizens, Permanent Residents, and Refugees. \$2,500/ each. Deadline is March 1, 2024. <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/first-generation-scholars-award>

GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA SCHOLARSHIPS – The National Scholarship program recognizes the achievements of members in Girl Guides of Canada, while supporting them as they pursue their educational goals and careers. Must be currently registered GGC members. Scholarships are open to girl and adult members who are pursuing post-secondary education at a recognized college, university, or vocational program. Website not updated, check back. Last year's deadline was in March. <https://www.girlguides.ca/web/GGC/Programs/Scholarships/GGC/Programs/Opportunities/Scholarships.aspx?key=2006fffd-4b2e-46dc-ab71-8105a6d17cef>

APRIL

SFU ENTRANCE BURSARIES FOR STUDENTS WITH FINANCIAL NEED - SFU offers several bursaries and awards to assist students for whom the cost of attending university would be a significant barrier to accepting their admission to Simon Fraser University. To be eligible, applicants must have a demonstrated need. Regular secondary school applicants must have grades in the 80% range for the faculty they have applied to (not rounded up). Only one application is required. Deadline: April 30th. https://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid/entrance/HS_Awards_Bursaries.html

UVIC ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS: SPECIFIC CRITERIA APPLICATION AWARDS - Entrance scholarships that are based on admission average and other criteria, read individual scholarship descriptions. Must be entering UVic directly from a Canadian secondary school, including international students who are completing a Canadian secondary diploma. Have an 85% admission average. Applications are accepted February 15 to April 30. <https://www.uvic.ca/registrar/safa/entrance-scholarships/specific/index.php>

CHARLENE REAVELEY BURSARY

Graduating students who have experienced the loss of a parent and/or a sibling are encouraged to apply for this \$1,000 award. Deadline is April 15 of each year. Students must be planning to pursue post-secondary studies the same year and must have been involved in their community. <http://www.crcs.ca/bursary-program/>

CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FOUNDATION (CSTF) BURSARIES - The CSTF offers financial support for students facing financial difficulties to help them pursue post-secondary education. Preference will be given to students who are the first in their family to pursue post-secondary education. 25 x \$6,000 were available last year. Last year's deadline was in April. <https://www.cstf.org/en/about-cst/awards>

ROBERT SIMMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Each year, the Coquitlam Optimist Club awards several \$500 scholarships to graduates of secondary schools in the Tri-Cities. The scholarships, named in memory of a long-time teacher and counselor in SD43, are awarded primarily based on the student's service to their communities. Students must demonstrate financial need. Last year's deadline was in April, and scholarship application had to be submitted to the Career Centre. Watch for announcements early in the year.

BC TECH SCHOLARSHIP - Students with a passion for technology, involvement in the tech community, or a desire to leave a mark in the tech sector are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. You must have been accepted into a publicly funded BC-based post-secondary institution in a technology-related program before the application deadline. 3x \$2,500. Deadline was April 15 last year, website not yet updated.

<https://wearebctech.com/>

BC HOUSING EDUCATION AWARDS – The Education Awards Program helps residents in a household directly receiving subsidy from BC Housing or receiving rental assistance through the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at the start of courses pursue their educational goals as a way to achieve success and personal growth. The bursaries and awards are for post-secondary education and training programs. 7 different awards are available, applicants must apply to each individual award they are eligible for. See website for details and application form - Deadline April 30th, 2 pm. <https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/tenants-programs-resources/education-awards-program>

BCIT PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

3 awards of \$3,000 each are reserved for SD43 students who have applied to a full-time program (technical, technology or trades foundation excluding apprentice). Check the Career Centre website in Jan/ Feb for updates. Deadline was early April last year.

BC PRINCIPALS'/VICE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS- The BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association annually awards up to 20 scholarships, in the amount of \$1000 each, to students who are graduating from the BC public school system and will proceed to a post-secondary institution. Criteria are academic excellence and demonstrated leadership within the school and community. Deadline was in April last year; please check back to their website. <https://www.bcpvpa.org/about-bcpvpa/supporting-students/scholarships>

BCGEU SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Awards of \$1,000 for part-time post-secondary studies or \$2000 for full-time post-secondary studies. Applicants must be a BCGEU member, or related to a current retired, or deceased BCGEU member or staff. Must be enrolled, registered, or planning to attend an eligible post-secondary institution. Check back to website for updated info early next Spring. www.bcgeu.ca/scholarships

PORT MOODY YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP - For students living in Port Moody. Criteria: Contributions to school and/ or community; demonstrating leadership; excellence in academics, athletics, arts or technical education; and good academic standing (letter grade average of B or better). Scholarship application was open February – April 1st last year. Website not yet updated, check back. https://www.portmoody.ca/en/city-services/port-moody-youth-scholarship-program.aspx?_mid =26547

HOCKEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS – Scholarships are awarded annually to BC Hockey registered members to give recognition to those who develop their academic career aspirations while at the same time nourishing their interest in hockey. Monetary awards vary from \$500 to \$2,000. To be eligible for a BC Hockey scholarship, an individual in his or her graduating year of high school and must be a current registered member or a former BC Hockey member playing in the Western Hockey League. Applicants are evaluated on academic achievement, sportsmanship, hockey participation and / or quality of contribution, as well as school and community participation and service. Scholarship application will open March 2024, website not yet updated. <https://www.bchockey.net/member-info/awards>

VILLAGE OF ANMORE - HAL WEINBERG SCHOLARSHIP – The Hal Weinberg Scholarship of \$1,000 is awarded annually to a Grade 12 student graduating from High School and continuing to post-secondary education. Must be an Anmore resident. Based on community volunteering, academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, and future plans. Deadline likely to be in April, check back for updates.

<https://anmore.com/community/scholarships-awards/hal-weinberg-scholarship-2/>

KPU SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS – Various scholarships and awards available (4 President's Scholarship valued at up to \$20,000 over four years, 12 Merit Scholarships at \$5,000/each, 12 Indigenous Entrance Scholarships of \$5,000 each, plus multiple donor-funded awards ranging \$1,000-\$4,000). Criteria are demonstrated leadership, community involvement and volunteerism. Min. academic average of 80%+. Last year's application deadline was in April; check back for updates. <https://www.kpu.ca/awards>

MAY

TREVOR LINDEN COMMUNITY SPIRIT SCHOLARSHIP – 4x \$2,500 are available for B.C. students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities and exemplary contributions and commitment to enriching the lives of others in the community. Must be entering their first year of post-secondary education. Criteria are school and community service, leadership, initiation of community development, affecting positive change, mentoring others, personal development and growth, good academic performance. Personal circumstances and/or challenges of each applicant will be considered. Applicants who possess personal qualities such as dedication, commitment to helping others and strength of character will also be considered. Last year's deadline was May 1, check back to website for updates. <https://www.nhl.com/canucks/community/lindenscholarship>

TED ROGERS FUTURE LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP - Valued at \$6,700 per year (up to four years) and awarded to 100 recipients annually for students attending a partner university to cover average tuition. Partner universities include UBC, University of Calgary, Waterloo, Toronto Metropolitan University, Polytechnique Montréal, and the University of New Brunswick. Must have demonstrated a strong commitment to community leadership. Preference will be given to students from equity-deserving groups (Women, Black, Indigenous Peoples, People of Colour, Persons with Disabilities, 2SLGBTQ+) who also demonstrate a financial need. Last year's deadline was in early May. Check back to their website for updates. <https://about.rogers.com/our-impact/ted-rogers-scholarships/>

BC ARTS COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS – The Scholarship Program supports the development of B.C.'s rich diversity of future artists and arts and cultural practitioners. Awards of up to \$6,000 per year are available to B.C. residents to attend full-time post-secondary arts training. Must be enrolled in a program of study that is: a fine arts diploma, degree or certificate program, or professional dance training, at a recognized college, university, institution, or academy, in any country in one of the recognized fields of practice. Deadline previously was in May, but website wasn't updated yet. <https://www.bcartscouncil.ca/program/scholarship-awards/>

DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS – Up to ten \$1,000 scholarships are available and will be awarded to applicants who have promoted diversity awareness and acceptance in their in their community and have not previously received the Joint Diversity Scholarship. This scholarship is available to students who are BC residents and are going to be pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited institution within the province of BC in the fall. Deadline is May 1. Check back later to see if this scholarship will be offered in 2024.

https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10369/joint_diversity_scholarship.php

BC SCHOOL SPORTS - Multiple scholarships are available ranging from \$750-\$1,500. BC School Sports Scholarships reward excellence in both scholastic and athletic pursuits. The successful applicants will be student-athletes who have balanced their high academic achievements with significant success as school athletes and contributions to their community. Last year's deadline was in May, check back for updates.
<https://www.bcschoolsports.ca/awards/scholarships>

CUPE LOCAL 561 GENERAL BURSARIES –For a graduating student who is a son or daughter of a member in good standing of CUPE Local 561 (i.e., School District #43 support staff) and who is entering a recognized institute of higher learning (i.e., colleges, universities, and accredited trade schools). Deadline May 1 – TBC, see Career Centre for an application form in the Spring.

CUPE LOCAL 561 ELIZABETH MCKNIGHT TRADES BURSARY/COLIN GRAY TRADES BURSARY- Open to CUPE 561 members in good standing and their children. Must demonstrate financial need, graduating from high school and entering an accredited apprenticeship training program or trades school Deadline May 1- TBC, see Career Centre for an application form in the Spring.

SD43 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION BURSARY – Available for graduating Indigenous students in the Coquitlam School District who have volunteered with Aboriginal focus, excellent academic standing, acceptance into a post-secondary institution. Deadline in May – TBC. Check with Career Centre in the Spring.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #133 EDUCATION FUND BURSARIES – For students residing in Port Coquitlam or Coquitlam, financial need, good grades, total family income cannot exceed \$70,000 annually. (There seems to be some flexibility regarding this amount.) No affiliation to the legion or military required. Check back to Career Centre team/ website early in the early Spring.

JIM HEBDEN CHEMISTRY BURSARY

The \$1000 bursary is presented annually by Western Campus Resources to a student who has performed service for their school and/or community while maintaining the grades in science that are necessary for success in post-secondary education. Criteria is completion of Chemistry 12 by the end of June and plans to continue the study of chemistry at a recognized post-secondary institution, whether it be toward a chemistry degree or in a field related to chemistry such as nursing or engineering. Requirements: Financial need, submission of a letter describing how the study of chemistry is essential to their educational and career goals. Last year's deadline was in May. Check back for updates. www.WesternCampus.ca

VANCOUVER KOREAN CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIP – Available to Greater Vancouver students who will be enrolled as a full-time student starting September. Must be either of Korean heritage (incl. international students of Korean heritage if pursuing their post-secondary education in the Greater Vancouver area) or non-Korean heritage students who will be pursuing academic studies related to Korea. Evaluation criteria are academic excellence, active involvement and leadership in the community, and financial need (Optional*). Last year's deadline was May 31, please check back for updates in the Spring. <https://vkcsf.org/pdd33/>

GRACE FAMILY NETWORK FOUNDATION – Three awards of \$500 each available for deserving high school graduates in financial need. Intended to encourage students who are pursuing a post-secondary education and who have demonstrated not only academic achievement but also interest in their communities. Essay required. Deadline was May 31 last year, website not yet updated. <http://www.gfnf.org/#scholarship>

JUNE

PROSPERA EDUCATION GRANTS Multiple awards available. Community Leadership Grants (\$5,000) are awarded to students who made outstanding contributions to our communities, led by example, and inspired true excellence. Local Impact Grants (\$1,000) are awarded to students who have shown dedication to pursue their field of study and advance their skill set. Must be entering or returning to post-secondary education in one of Prospera's trade areas: Metro Vancouver, Tri-Cities, Fraser Valley, Okanagan. Check back for updates in the New Year. Deadline was in June last year. <https://www.prospera.ca/Community/CommPrograms/SupportEd/>

CANADIAN IRANIAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP – The Canadian Iranian Foundation Scholarship is intended to assist immigrant students who wish to pursue their academic goals. The C.I.F Scholarship will be awarded to a well-rounded student who can best demonstrate academic excellence, the ability to integrate and participate within the community through volunteer and extra-curricular activities, and the need for assistance to pursue a higher education. Must be willing to volunteer at least 20 hours with the CIF. Deadline was June 15 last year, but website not yet updated. Value tba. Check back. <http://cif-bc.com/scholarship/scholarship/>

CTA - BARBARA VENGSHOEL SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to one SD43 student pursuing a career in Trades AND to one SD43 student pursuing a career in Fine & Performing Arts (\$500 each). Criteria: Satisfactory achievement in the areas of Trades or Fine & Performing Arts (based on courses taken in a graduation program), one page essay outlining why you want to pursue a career in Trades or Fine Arts. Financial need will be considered. Last year's deadline was June 1; check back to the Career Centre team/ website in the early Spring.

CONFRATELLANZA ITALO-CANADESE SCHOLARSHIP - Open to all students of Italian origin (i.e. as having at least one parent or grandparent of direct Italian descent) with an academic standing sufficient to qualify for entry into the post-secondary institution of their choice. The deadline was previously in June. Check back for 2024 updates. <https://confratellanza.com/scholarship-application/>

RETAIL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time or part-time at a Canadian college or university for fall entry (Letter of Acceptance is sufficient as proof.) to pursue retail, business, fashion, marketing or any other retail related post-secondary program. Must be currently working part-time or full-time within the retail industry. 20 scholarships ranging from \$1,000-\$5,000 are available. Deadline was previously in June. Website not yet updated, please check back. <https://www.retailcouncil.org/memberservices/retail-education/retail-as-a-career-scholarship-program>

CARLETON UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE AWARDS - If admitted to Carleton with an admissions average of 80 percent or better, you will automatically be considered for a renewable entrance scholarship (\$1,000 to \$4,000 for up to 4 years). To be considered for an entrance scholarship, the University's Admissions Services must receive your complete application for admission and all required grades (either directly or through the Ontario Universities Application Centre) by June 15. Entrance scholarship offers are not assessed or reassessed on final high school grades. <https://carleton.ca/awards/scholarships/entrance-scholarships-for-new-students/>

BOB CLARKE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - The scholarship provides up to \$2,000 towards tools or post-secondary education tuition leading to a career in the automotive industry and is awarded annually. To be eligible, applicants must have completed a secondary school automotive, ACE-IT or Foundation program by the end of the current school year. We are looking for those who have demonstrated a flair for, and a genuine interest in pursuing a career in the automotive trades and plan to enroll in a Red Seal apprenticeship. Last year's deadline was in June, check back for updates in the Spring. <https://arfi.ca/bob-clarke-memorial-scholarship/>

ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS - Up to 50 awards of \$1,000 to \$5,000 awards are available to Sea Cadets entering the first year of a post-secondary training program which leads to a degree, diploma or certification in a recognized profession. Deadline was June 30th last year, check back for updates in the Spring.
https://canadianseacadetscholarships.ca/?doing_wp_cron=1622492286.6385319232940673828125

ELMER HELM YOUTH FUND - Each year, the fund provides financial assistance to deserving students who wish to pursue post-secondary training in the artistic, academic or technical fields but who may otherwise not have the financial means. Criteria are academic success and contribution to the. Up to four Elmer Helm Youth Scholarships will be presented to new recipients (\$1,500). Last year's deadline was June 30.
<https://alexandrafoundation.org/youth-grants/elmer-helm-youth-fund-children/>

OPTERUS REBEL WITH A CAUSE AWARDS - Opterus is providing 2 scholarship awards at \$10,000 each for young women, between the ages of 16-28 and enrolled/will enroll at a Canadian post-secondary institution, who are pursuing a STEM or Arts educational path. The successful student will be pursuing a field of study that will help them in the future to create or contribute to a new mindset for a better world. Last year's deadline was in June, please check back for updates: <https://opterus.scholarshipscanada.com/index.do>

NELSON CIVIC LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP - Recognizing Grade 12 students for their work in the classroom and in their communities. Recipients of the award are young leaders of tomorrow, combining a commitment to community stewardship with academic achievement. Deadline was in June last year, check back in the Spring.
https://www.nelson.com/scholarship/?utm_source=Email&utm_campaign=Scholarship21&mc_cid=1856ec8ff1&mc_eid=7eb10b1bad

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS & GEOSCIENTISTS OF BC SCHOLARSHIPS - The Engineers and Geoscientists BC Foundation offers several entry scholarships to British Columbia high school graduates entering engineering or earth science programs at the University of British Columbia, University of Victoria, Simon Fraser University, British Columbia Institute of Technology, and the University of Northern British Columbia. The entry scholarships are awarded based on a combination of factors, including academic standing, extracurricular activities, financial need, and a student statement. Application forms available in the Spring. Deadline is usually in June, check back for updates: <https://www.egbc.ca/Member-Programs/Students/Scholarships/High-School-Scholarships>

HORATIO ALGER VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS – 25 x \$3,000 are awarded annually to eligible students across Canada. Applicants must be completing high school by July 1, planning to enroll in a 3-years or less career or technical degree/ certificate program. Demonstrated financial need and demonstrated perseverance in overcoming adversity. Deadline: June 15 of each year.
<https://horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships/about-our-scholarships-programs/vocational-technical-scholarships/>

JULY/ AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER

TED ROGERS ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS - The Ted Rogers Entrance Scholarship is aimed at students entering school, full-time to pursue a first bachelor's degree or first diploma program or first trades program at a Canadian university, college, or trades school to help close the gap between tuition and additional fees. Six hundred scholarships at \$1,000 each are available. Evaluation is based on academic performance, but preference may be given to students from equity-deserving groups. In 2023, the deadline was in September (for 2023 grads – so keep this on your agenda for next year.). <https://about.rogers.com/our-impact/ted-rogers-scholarships/>

BILL 7 AWARD - For individuals with demonstrated financial need after accessing available public financial support. To be eligible, individuals must also meet ALL of the following three criteria: Attending or accepted by a

Post-Secondary Educational Institution in the Province of Ontario, pursuing FIRST post-secondary program of study, identify as lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, two-spirited or queer (LGBTQ). Last year's deadline was in August, check back for updates early in the Spring. <https://bill7award.ca/apply/>

NUPGE SCHOLARSHIPS - To apply you must be a child or grandchild (including foster child or foster grandchild) or a legal ward of a current or retired member of a Component or a Component's affiliate of the National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE). Multiple scholarships available, individual eligibility criteria vary. Deadline was in August last year. Please check for updates in the Spring. <https://scholarships.nupge.ca/>

PLEASE NOTE:

Some scholarships were not current when this package was updated – deadlines will not be available until later in the year. Check scholarship websites for updated information.

**THIS LIST IS MERELY A GUIDELINE:
STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING ALL INFORMATION AND ADHERING TO ACTUAL
REQUIREMENTS. THERE ARE MANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES AVAILABLE.
THIS DOCUMENTS IS ONLY A STARTING POINT.**

Most universities, colleges, and trades schools have their own scholarships & bursaries with their own criteria and deadlines. Only a few have been listed here to give you an idea. You should be checking wherever you apply to study! Some post-secondary institutions have outstanding automatic entrance scholarships which are solely based on grades. Other universities may award extensive bursaries for students with financial need – often accessible by completing an “awards profile” within the student’s applicant’s portal. Make sure you are familiar with your post-secondary institution’s financial aid pages.

For updated dates and deadlines, as well as more scholarship opportunities, remember to check frequently:

- The website for the scholarship in question
- University/ College website for the school you are applying to
- Charles Best Career Centre team: code gvrymg1
- Career Centre pages on the Charles Best school website
<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/programsservices/career/pages/default.aspx#/=>
- Charles Best Daily Informer
- Scholarship search engines