



Dr. Charles Best Secondary School, SD43 Coquitlam

SCHOLARSHIP HANDBOOK

FINANCIAL AID & OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE GRADUATING
CLASS OF 2025



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

2024-2025

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

- ❖ 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. No application required.)
 - **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 from across the country or province for the scholarship/ bursary. **** Learn more about local scholarships specifically for Best students at the next scholarship meeting, February 12, 2025. 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, i.e. community involvement/ leadership. Most 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 for scholarships requires work and effort, BUT the cost of tuition and fees per year averages between \$3,500 (some colleges) to \$7,500+ (UBC). Costs may be significantly higher for specialized programs, i.e. Engineering, Business, Musical Theatre, and out-of-province institutions. 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>
 - Some universities require students to complete "awards-profiles" instead of submitting separate applications.
- **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, credit unions, etc.
- **Talk to people you know:** Ms. Kaufmann, your counselor, teachers, family friends.
- **Read the Charles Best Informer daily.**
- **Check 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 see 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 for? 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 the school to apply (**only one student/school**). Check the Career Centre website later this Fall to find this year's BC Excellence brag sheet. Submit the brag sheet to Ms Kaufmann by Monday, December 9th, 2024, 9 am. We will let the nominated student know after Winter Break. The application deadline is in February.

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 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. Deadline is usually February 15, tba. [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 are recognizing **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 2025, but last year our school was able to give away 40 (!!) 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. Students are required to 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 (Foods, Textiles), Information 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 12, 2025 (part of the internal package)**.


YOUTH WORK IN TRADES \$1000 AWARD

Students who already have a paid job in trades and complete coursework online through Coquitlam Open Learning can potentially receive a \$1,000 award that can be used towards trades training (or potentially for tools). Please contact Ms Horvath with the SD43 Trades & Career Programs department. More info here: <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/CareerPrograms/Pages/SSA.aspx#/=>

are you **WORKING** in a trade?

- Earn high school credits
(up to 4 courses, 16 credits, for graduation)
- Qualify for a \$1,000 award
- Accumulate certification hours
- Get paid

Complete this quick survey:



ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS/ UNIVERSITY SPECIFIC FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

There are **automatic entrance scholarships** (based on grade average, no application is required), **major entrance awards** (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. Post-Secondary institutions also offer bursaries for applicants with demonstrated financial need. Sometimes there are separate applications, sometimes you must complete a general awards profile (usually available through the applicant's portal).

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 on the Charles Best Career Centre 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](https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/go/plan/financial-resources) is an invaluable source of information. You will use this to apply for all post-secondary institutions in BC, 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](http://www.ouac.on.ca) 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 the SAT exam asap; visit <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/test-center-search>.
 - While many U.S. schools are currently still "test-optional", SAT results are often 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/>

DR. CHARLES BEST SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP INFO FOR 2024-2025

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE LISTED BY DEADLINE.

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

OCTOBER

U of T LESTER B. PEARSON INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP - Recognizing international students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement and creativity and who are recognized as leaders within their school. It covers tuition, books, incidental fees, and full residence support for four years. School nomination required. Submit your brag sheet by Sun, October 6 to skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca. [More info.](#)

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 15, 2024, before 5pm Pacific Time. <https://loranscholar.ca/becoming-a-scholar/>

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 aged 15-19 currently residing in the Metro Vancouver area. Value: up to \$1,000. Deadline: October 31, 2024. <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, nominated by the school. Submit your brag sheet by October 14 to skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca. [International Scholars - UBC | Undergraduate Programs and Admissions](#)

NOVEMBER

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 11. Must have 90% + average, plan to attend Queen's University, 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. More info: <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 13, 2024, before 9 pm. www.tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship

DECEMBER

UBC PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS AWARD - Most prestigious awards available to students entering UBC. One-time awards of \$5,000, and renewable awards of up to \$40,000 on the Okanagan campus, and \$80,000 on the Vancouver campus (over four years). For students who excel across the board (93%+) 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, they ask whether you want to apply for this scholarship (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 – For students who demonstrated academic excellence but have financial need. Up to \$80,000. 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, incl. 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 with financial need, meeting all UBC admissions requirements. Canadian citizens, permanent resident, or protected person. 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. Up to \$40,000 over 4 years. Minimum Requirement: 90%+ academic average. Separate application required, due December 15. Apply to SFU early to gain access to the scholarship application. <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 early and submit application for the Prestige Awards by December 1, 2024. Multiple Prestige Awards available, \$15,000 - \$25,000. <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/awards-scholarships-and-bursaries/prestige>

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. 100+ scholarships awarded (up to \$44,000 per student / 4-year undergraduate degree, \$22,000 per student / 2-year college or trade-school diploma, mentorship, Summer paid internships). Must demonstrate financial need; grade average 75%+, educational goals, 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 is December 16, 2024. <https://beedieluminaries.ca/grade-12-scholarship/>

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 16, 2024. [Burger King Scholars \(burgerkingfoundation.org\)](https://burgerkingfoundation.org)

TERRY FOX HUMANITARIAN AWARD - Open to graduating students who have been involved in voluntary humanitarian activities. Must be in good academic standing; planning to pursue 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 PR. Deadline is December 1, 2024. <https://terryfoxawards.ca/apply/>

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 (posted later in the Fall) to Ms. Kaufmann by December 9th, 2024. <https://thecmolikfoundation.com/undergraduate/>

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. Valued at \$5,000. **Each school can nominate 1 student.** Submit the special BC Excellence brag sheet (will be posted to Career Centre site > Financial Aid section) to Ms Kaufmann by Mon, December 9th, 2024.

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. **Must be nominated by the school** (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 Monday, December 16. Check back to the Career Centre website later this Fall. http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/scholarships_awards/national_scholarship_program.html

JANUARY

SCHULICH LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS - 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 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 (posted later this Fall) to Ms Kaufmann by on January 6, 2025. <https://www.schulichleaders.com/apply?section=student>

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 application-based scholarships. Fill out a single scholarship application and, based on your background, experiences, academics, and interests; they will assess you for a match. Deadline: January 10, 2025 (apply early to U of A to gain access) [Entrance Scholarships | Undergraduate Admissions + Programs \(ualberta.ca\)](https://ualberta.ca/entrance-scholarships-undergraduate-admissions-programs)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCHOLARS PROGRAM – At U of T, students are automatically considered for a variety of admission awards when they apply to the University. There are also admission awards that require students to complete a separate application or awards profile. Apply to U of T early to get access to their awards profile and complete all required steps by January 31.

CANADIAN WOMEN IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP - One award of \$1,000 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>

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://soroptimisttricitie.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://soroptimisttricitie.org/our-programs/live-your-dream-awards-programs/>

UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH TOP SCHOLARSHIPS

10 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), these scholarships recognize academic excellence and leadership. Applicants have grades above 90% and made significant leadership contributions to their school or community. One award is reserved for the top international student (Dr. Franco J. Vaccarino President's Scholarship). Deadline is January 27, 2025. <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, 2025.
<http://www.lifesaving.bc.ca/db-perks-lifesaving-society-scholarships>

TCF REFUGEE AWARDS – 4 awards of \$4,000 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 resident or citizen 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.bctea.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 the 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 2024, the 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 was in January last year. <https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/fees-scholarships/uggla.html>

FEBRUARY

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 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. The deadline is in February, check back for updates. <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/topic.page?id=61BA57D5EE90467F8C45EBC139DF2FFA>

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. The deadline is February 14. <https://uwaterloo.ca/math/future-undergraduates/funding-and-awards/faculty-mathematics-entrance-scholarships>

KIN CANADA 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, 2025. <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 2024 three scholarships of \$750 each were available; the deadline was in February last year. 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. The deadline was in February in the past but it looks like the application doesn't open until Feb 2025. <https://www.manulife.ca/personal/plan-and-learn/life-events/life-lessons-scholarship.html>

MARCH

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. Please see Ms Kaufmann if you are unsure about some of these topics! 2 letters of reference are required. If applicable, please outline your personal and/or family financial circumstances and why you feel you should be also 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>

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 offer of admission. 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). Deadline: March 31. https://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid/entrance/HS_Awards_Bursaries.html

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY

Entrance awards are recognizing and supporting 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 smaller awards available. Deadline is March 1, 2025. <https://www.capilanou.ca/admissions/fees--finances/financial-aid--awards/scholarships-bursaries--awards/future-students/>

UNIVERSITY OF THE FRASER VALLEY ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS - 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. <https://www.ufv.ca/fineaid/awards/ufv-entrance-scholarships/>

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>

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

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, 2025. <https://carleton.ca/awards/scholarships/entrance-scholarships-for-new-students/prestige/>

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. The deadline has been March 31 in the past, but website hasn't been updated yet. Check back for details. <http://erha.ca/home/bursary/>

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 9, 2025 <https://blog.remax.ca/quest-for-excellence/?rmxv=1660084042>

BC HYDRO POWER PIONEERS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD - Up to twenty \$500 awards 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. The 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 graduating students 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 will be considered. Deadline is in March. <https://bcrpvpa.ca/scholarships/>

JONAH CHRISTENSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - This \$1,500 essay-based 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, 2025. <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://bcssa.org/about-us/bcssa-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. [Awards & Scholarships | BC Soccer Association](#)

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 was in March last year; please check back to their website later this Fall. <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/first-generation-scholars-award>

VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENTRANCE AWARDS – Entrance awards of \$2,500 are available for domestic students based on the student's contributions to school, community, or their families, evidence of the student's career and academic aspirations, and demonstrated perseverance and resiliency. Apply by March 31. <https://www.vcc.ca/applying/registration-services/entrance-awards/entrance-awards/>

ICON x KPMG SCHOLARSHIP FOR BLACK HIGH SCHOOL GRADS – 15 outstanding black high school students across Canada may be eligible for a \$5,000 scholarship and a 6-week paid Summer Internship. Last year's application deadline was in March, keep checking back. icontalent.org

APRIL

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 from February 15 to April 30. <https://www.uvic.ca/registrar/safa/entrance-scholarships/specific/index.php>

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. 14 x \$7,000 were available last year. Last year's deadline was in April. <https://www.cst.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 students' service to their communities. Students must demonstrate financial need. Last year's deadline was in April, and scholarship applications had to be submitted to the Career Centre. Watch for announcements early in the year.

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). The bursaries and awards are for post-secondary education and training programs. 7 different awards are available, applicants must apply for 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 apprentices). Check the Career Centre website in Jan/ Feb for updates. Deadline was early April last year.

**BCIT also has entrance awards that any eligible candidate can apply to directly. In the past, the deadline was in April. <https://www.bcit.ca/financial-aid/awards-scholarships-bursaries/entrance-awards/>

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. The deadline was in April last year; please check back to their website. <https://www.bcpvpa.org/about-bcpvpa/supporting-students/scholarships>

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. The deadline is April 15 of each year. Students must be planning to pursue post-secondary studies the same year and must be involved in their community. <https://www.crcs.ca/bursaries>

BCGEU SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Awards of up to \$2000 for 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 the 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. <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 plans for the future. Deadline is likely to be in April. <https://anmore.com/community/scholarships-awards/>

KPU SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS – Various scholarships and awards available (6 President's Scholarship valued at up to \$30,000 over four years, 18 Merit Scholarships at \$7,500/each, 3 Indigenous Entrance Scholarships of \$7,500 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>

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 April, check back to website for updates. <https://www.nhl.com/canucks/community/lindenscholarship>

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 April, but website wasn't updated yet. <https://www.bcartscouncil.ca/program/scholarship-awards/>

MAY

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). Worth \$350 each. 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. Valued at \$500 each. 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. 5 x \$1,000; doesn't require financial need. Deadline in May – TBC. Check with Career Centre in the Spring.

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/>

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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 was in May last year, check back. 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>

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 Spring.

JIM HEBDEN CHEMISTRY BURSARY

\$1000 bursary, presented annually by Western Campus Resources. Criteria are school/ community service, 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/>

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. The deadline was May 31 last year, website not yet updated. <http://www.gfnf.org/#scholarship>

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. The deadline was in May last year. <https://www.prospera.ca/Community/CommPrograms/SupportEd/>

JUNE

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 for at least 20 hours with the CIF. The 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 updates. <https://confratellanza.com/scholarships/>

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. Various scholarships ranging from \$1,000-\$3,000 are available. The 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/awards/>

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 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/>

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>

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-year 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/>

HORATIO ALGER SEASPAN VTE SCHOLARSHIPS – 55 x \$3,400 are awarded to eligible students in British Columbia. Applicants must have completed high school by July 1, be enrolled or applying for a course that leads to 3-year or less career or technical degree/certificate program at a not-for-profit institution in the Fall. Must demonstrate financial need (\$100,000 or less annual net income per family is required) and demonstrate perseverance in overcoming adversity. Deadline was in June last year. <https://horatioalger.ca/vte-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. It's very easy to apply, so apply anyway! In 2024, the deadline was in September (for 2024 grads – so keep this on your agenda for next year.).

<https://about.rogers.com/our-impact/ted-rogers-scholarships/>

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://nupge.ca/scholarships/>

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 DOCUMENT 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