



Dr. Charles Best Secondary School, SD43 Coquitlam

# SCHOLARSHIP HANDBOOK

FINANCIAL AID & OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE GRADUATING  
CLASS OF 2026



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# Financial Aid Information and Opportunities for the students of Dr. Charles Best Secondary School 2025-2026

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 [@bestcareercentre](#) 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 requirements, to complete necessary documentation and to make submissions before the deadlines. Deadlines listed in this document are subject to change! *(Do not hesitate to see Ms. Kaufmann with any questions.)*

## 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 but they are interest free. **Repayment** begins upon completion of studies.

- ✓ Use the [Student Aid Estimator](#) to calculate if you are eligible for government support.
- ✓ BC residents should apply online in June of their graduation year: [www.studentaidbc.ca](http://www.studentaidbc.ca).
- ✓ Additional grants available for students with a disability
- ✓ Tuition waivers for Youth in Care/ Former Youth in Care
- ✓ Details here: <https://studentaidbc.ca/explore/grants-scholarships>

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS** also have student banking packages that include borrowing for educational purposes. Those come with interest fees that are due monthly while still in school. Read more about Student Line of Credits here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-consumer-agency/services/loans/student-lines-credit.html>

**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. (Pre-)Selection for some provincial awards is done at the school level: District Authority Scholarships, BC Excellence Scholarship.
- **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 CBSS students at the next scholarship meeting, February 18, 2026. 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 \$7,000+ (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.
- **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, other required documents, 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/go/plan/financial-resources>
  - <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 will likely ask for it when you request a reference letter.

- **References:** You will need 2-3, one must usually come from a teacher. Approach your referees early and discuss the possibility of them writing you a reference letter. Give them plenty of notice (min. 2 weeks). 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 \$5,000 scholarship voucher can be used for tuition at a *designated* post-secondary institution or B.C. authorized trades training provider. **Requires nomination** by the school (**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 Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The application deadline for the (1) nominated student will be in early February.

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

##### Meet basic eligibility requirements

- Be eligible for a B.C. Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma); fulfill graduation requirements
- 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 SCHOLARSHIPS

There are 5,500 District/Authority Awards 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. Vouchers are good for 5 years and can be “cashed in” after providing proof of enrolment/ tuition payment at a [designated post-secondary institution](#).

### How to apply for the District Authority Scholarships?

Every year, B.C. schools receive an allocation of District Authority Scholarships. In the past, our school had 35 – 40 awards available. These awards are included in our school’s internal scholarship package (to be released in February 2026). You must meet criteria determined by the school’s scholarship committee; students are required to show outstanding achievement in one or more areas:

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 Business, Technology, Home Economics (Foods, Textiles), Information Technology ( <i>must have completed at least 2 courses in one subject area at the grades 11 or 12 level</i> )
Physical Activity	Athletics, Gymnastics, not limited to Physical Education
International Languages	International Languages Curriculum or External Assessments, including AP and IB courses, language programs in the community
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 18, 2026**.

## 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#/="](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:** [Education Planner BC](#) 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 the Ontario Universities Application Centre ([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>

# DR. CHARLES BEST SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP INFO FOR 2025-2026

## 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

**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. Must be an international student with significant financial need, **nominated** by the school. Submit your brag sheet to [skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca) and please also come talk to Ms Kaufmann by October 10 for equal consideration. [International Scholars - UBC | Undergraduate Programs and Admissions](#)

**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. Criteria are force of character, service, and leadership potential. Must have minimum cumulative average of 85%. Open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents only. Apply by October 16, 2025, before 5pm Pacific Time. <https://loranscholar.ca/becoming-a-scholar/>

**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 October 22, 2025, before 9 pm. [www.tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship](http://www.tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship)

**DR. M. WOSK ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AWARD** - Must have an interest in environmental preservation and ecological issues, as well as organizational and communication skills necessary to make a difference. Open to students aged 15-19 currently residing in the Metro Vancouver area. 3 x \$1,000. Deadline: October 31, 2025. <https://www.pacificparklands.com/grants-and-scholarships/the-dr-mordehai-wosk-leadership-fund/>

### NOVEMBER

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO WOLF'S SCHOLARSHIP** – New! Funding all four years of undergraduate studies at the St George campus. Applicant must have 90%+, must be going into the Faculty of Arts & Science. Criteria include leadership, resilience, drive, initiative, character, creativity, curiosity etc. Apply by November 10. [More info.](#)

**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 Sun, November 9. 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. Scholarship deadline is traditionally in early December. More info: <https://www.queensu.ca/studentawards/admission-awards/major-admission-awards>

## 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 (personal profile will be used for evaluation purposes). <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/>

**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY PRESTIGE AWARDS** - Various renewable awards, \$15,000 - \$25,000. Must be Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident. Apply to UCalgary early and submit award application by December 1. <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/awards-scholarships-and-bursaries/prestige>

**SFU UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS** - Recognizing 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. 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. Must have 90%+ academic average. Due December 15. Apply to SFU early to gain access to the scholarship application. <https://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid/entrance/highschool.html>

**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, 2025. <https://terryfoxawards.ca/apply/>

**BEEDIE LUMINARIES** - 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 and paid Summer internships). Must demonstrate financial need; grade average 75%+, educational goals, academic readiness, proven work ethic, and resilience in the face of adversity. Community and home contributions are considered. Deadline was December 16, 2024, check back for 2025 updates. <https://beedieluminiaries.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 15, 2025. [Burger King Scholars \(burgerkingfoundation.org\)](https://burgerkingfoundation.org)

**CMOLIK SCHOLARSHIPS – We can nominate 1 student.** 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. 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. Submit the special Cmolik brag sheet (posted later in the Fall) to Ms. Kaufmann by December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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

**BC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP – We can nominate 1 student.** 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. Submit the special BC Excellence brag sheet (posted later in the Fall) to Ms Kaufmann by Sun, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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

**UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Nomination required.** Recognizing all-round excellence. Based on outstanding academic performance, demonstrated ability for creative and innovative thought and a passion for the pursuit of learning. Requires exceptional achievement in extracurricular activities such as the arts and athletics / commitment to community service through ongoing contributions to school and community life. **We can nominate up to 4 students plus 1 international student.** If you want to be considered, submit a special Western brag sheet (posted later in the Fall) to Ms Kaufmann by Sunday, December 14. [http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student\\_finances/scholarships\\_awards/national\\_scholarship\\_program.html](http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/scholarships_awards/national_scholarship_program.html)

## JANUARY

**SCHULICH LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS – We can nominate 1 student.** 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. Based on academic excellence, leadership, creativity. Must be Canadian citizen or permanent resident. If you want to be considered submit your Schulich brag sheet (posted later this Fall) to Ms Kaufmann by on January 4, 2026.

<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, 2026 (apply early to U of A to gain access) <https://www.ualberta.ca/en/admissions/tuition-and-scholarships/entrance-scholarships/index.html#application-based-scholarships>

**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 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 \$1,500 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/our-programs/live-your-dream-awards-programs/>

**TRI-CITIES SOROPTIMISTS: SPREAD YOUR WINGS AWARD** – \$1,500 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 23, 2026. <https://www.uoguelph.ca/admission/undergraduate/funding/>

**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, 2026.

<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. Must be Canadian citizen or PR, must be pursuing post-secondary education in British Columbia. Requires 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/](https://www.bctea.org/award_scholarship/david-c-lam-ell-scholarship/)

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

**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 19, 2026.

<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, financial need is considered. Amounts vary. Apply between December 1<sup>st</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup> (deadline TBA). <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>

### **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 was February 1, 2025, TBA for 2026. <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 2025 three scholarships of \$750 each were available; the deadline was in February last year. <https://bcsta.org/bcsta-student-citizenship-scholarships/>

## MARCH

**DOUGLAS COLLEGE ENTRANCE AWARDS** - Recognizing students who excel in their studies and contribute to their communities. Various one-time scholarships of up to \$3,500, and renewable scholarships or awards of up to \$20,000, payable over four years. The number of applicants has been declining lately. 2 letters of reference are required. Financial need would be considered but is not required. Deadline is March 31, 2026. <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](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, 2026. <https://www.capilanou.ca/admissions/fees--finances/financial-aid--awards/scholarships-bursaries--awards/future-students/>

**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, 2026. <https://carleton.ca/awards/scholarships/entrance-scholarships-for-new-students/prestige/>

**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 ADMISSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS** – Automatic entrance scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$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. <https://www.uottawa.ca/financial-aid-awards/scholarships-and-bursaries>

#### **MANULIFE LIFE LESSONS SCHOLARSHIP**

For students who've experienced the death of a parent or guardian with little to no life insurance. Recognizing the perseverance that so many youths show in such adversity. The deadline was March 31st, 2025. Awards are \$10,000. <https://www.manulife.ca/personal/plan-and-learn/life-events/life-lessons-scholarship.html>

**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"** – Recognizing 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. 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 6, 2026, 9 pm. <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/our-community/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. 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 was March 31 last year, please check back. <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 is encouraging graduating youth to reflect on these qualities as they look toward their future endeavors. Deadline is March 31, 2026. <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. Based on 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/>

**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/>

## **APRIL**

**SD43 DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS** - Various scholarships, including various Indigenous awards, ranging from \$500 to \$1,500, are available to all graduating SD43 students. The awards are administered at the district level, and a district scholarship committee is overseeing the evaluation of the applications received. Complete one online application to be considered for all awards you are eligible for. Last year's deadline was in early April. TBA

**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>

**BC HOUSING EDUCATION AWARDS** – Designed to help 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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 Feb – April 1, 2025. Check back. <https://www.portmoody.ca/resident-services/grants-and-funding/youth-scholarship-program/>

**HOCKEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS** – Scholarships are recognizing BC Hockey members 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, 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 \$3,000 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. Last year’s deadline was April 18, TBA for 2026. <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/>

**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 April 25, check back for 2026 updates. <https://www.bcschoolsports.ca/awards/scholarships>

## MAY

**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 May 2, please check website for 2026. <https://www.cst.org/en/about-cst/awards>

**CUPE LOCAL 561 BURSARIES** –For graduating students who are 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). \$500 - \$650. Deadline May 1, 2026. <https://cupe561.ca/resources/scholarships/>

**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. Available to BC residents who are going to be pursuing post-secondary education in B.C. Deadline was in May last year, check back. [https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10369/joint\\_diversity\\_scholarship.php](https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10369/joint_diversity_scholarship.php)

**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. Contact the legion about deadlines. <https://pocolegion.ca/?p=415>

### **JIM HEBDEN CHEMISTRY BURSARY**

\$1000 bursary, presented annually by Western Campus Resources. Criteria are school/ community service, financial need, and maintaining the grades in science that are necessary for success in post-secondary education. Must be in the process of completing Chemistry 12 and planning to pursue a program that also teaches chemistry, whether it being studying toward a chemistry degree or in a field related to chemistry such as nursing or engineering. Last year's deadline was in May. Check back for updates. [www.WesternCampus.ca](http://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 students of non-Korean heritage 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 website for updates. <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

**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/vte-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 is June 15. <https://horatioalger.ca/vte-scholarships/>

**HORATIO ALGER SKILLS & TRADES SCHOLARSHIPS** – 70 x \$9,000 are awards to B.C. high school grads who are applying for Fall 2026 in a vocational or technical certificate program with direct pathways to employment. Must demonstrate critical financial need and demonstrate perseverance in overcoming adversity. Deadline is June 15. <https://horatioalger.ca/vte-scholarships/>

### **CTA – EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS**

4 x \$1,500 Equity Scholarship will be awarded to SD43 students who identify as Indigenous, Black, a person of colour, LGBTQ2S+, or a person with a disability. Deadline is June 1. <https://www.coquitlamteachers.com/forms-scholarships/scholarships/>

### **CTA – TRADES & ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS**

2 x \$1,500 will be awarded to students in SD43 pursuing a career in **Trades** or a career in **Visual Arts or Fine & Performing Arts**. Deadline is June 1. <https://www.coquitlamteachers.com/forms-scholarships/scholarships/>

### **CTA - BARBARA VENSHOEL SCHOLARSHIPS**

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: Achievement in the areas of Trades or Fine & Performing Arts (based on school courses), one page essay outlining why you want to pursue a career in Trades or Fine Arts. Financial need will be considered. Deadline is June 1. <https://www.coquitlamteachers.com/forms-scholarships/scholarships/>

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS & GEOSCIENTISTS OF BC SCHOLARSHIPS** - The Engineers and Geoscientists BC Foundation offers several entry scholarships to B.C. 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. Criteria include academic standing, extracurricular activities, financial need, and a student statement. Application was available April – June 2025, check back: <https://www.egbc.ca/Member-Programs/Students/Scholarships/High-School-Scholarships>

**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, Carleton must receive your complete application for admission and all required grades by June 15. Entrance scholarship offers are not assessed or reassessed on final high school grades. <https://carleton.ca/awards/awards/>

**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/>

**CANADIAN IRANIAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP** – The Canadian Iranian Foundation Scholarship is intended to assist immigrant students who wish to pursue their academic goals. Awarded to a well-rounded student who can best demonstrate academic excellence, the ability to integrate and participate within the community through volunteer and extracurricular 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/>

**RETAIL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** – Applicants must be enrolling 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 working within the retail industry. Scholarships ranging from \$1,000-\$3,000. 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>

**BOB CLARKE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** - Up to \$2,000 towards tools or post-secondary education tuition leading to a career in the automotive industry. To be eligible, applicants must have completed a secondary school automotive, Train in Trades or Foundation program by the end of the current school year. Must demonstrate 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. <https://arfi.ca/bob-clarke-memorial-scholarship/>

**OPTERUS REBEL WITH A CAUSE AWARDS** - 2 scholarship awards at \$10,000 each for young women, between the ages of 16-28. Must be enrolled/will enroll at a Canadian post-secondary institution, 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>

## **JULY/ AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER**

**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/>

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

**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 such as  
<https://scholartree.ca/>  
<https://yconic.com/>  
<https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>