



## **\$CHOLARSHIP/BURSARY APPLICATON PROCESS**

### **Applying for EXTERNAL Scholarships/Bursaries (sponsored by private organizations)**

- **First, locate available applications. Most applications are now downloadable or can be completed online. To locate available scholarships, use the following sources:**
  - a. Check out Ms. Moorhouse's **external scholarship list**. (located on Career Centre website)
  - b. **Check your email!** – Ms. Moorhouse will email new scholarship opportunities.
  - c. Peruse Scholarship websites:
    - [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)
    - [www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)
    - [www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)
  - d. Listen to the Raven and check the Scholarship bulletin board.
  - e. Also, ask your parents if the company they work for offers scholarships for children of employees.
- **Identify external scholarships that you can apply for by reviewing the criteria.**  
Do you meet the criteria? For example: financial need, academic performance, community/school involvement, career plan, union affiliation, athletic ability, ethnic background etc...
- **Download the application, apply directly online or get a paper copy from Ms. Moorhouse.**  
Make sure that you identify the requirements of the scholarship. Do you need to complete an essay, have letters of reference, a transcript, etc.?
- **Make note of the deadline – make sure it is an application for the current year.**  
Does the application need to be received by the listed due date or can it be postmarked by the listed due date? Give yourself enough time to complete the application. Late applications are discarded by the scholarship donor.

**Finally, you are responsible for mailing/sending the application. Ms. Ward and Ms. Moorhouse are available to assist you with questions regarding any scholarship application.**

### **Applying for University/College ENTRANCE Scholarships**

- **Entrance Scholarships – scholarship application NOT required**  
All universities award entrance scholarships based on grades alone. You must first apply for admission to the university or college.
- **Major Entrance Scholarships – scholarship application REQUIRED**

Universities and colleges also award major entrance scholarships. These are based on excellent academic performance and outstanding leadership (community/school involvement). Go to the Financial Aid/Scholarship section of the post secondary website. Download the application if you fit the criteria. Identify the requirements of the scholarship. You are responsible for completing/sending the application. *Different deadlines* for each post secondary institution.

➤ **Major Entrance Scholarships Requiring School Nomination**

Some universities require school nomination before a student can apply. Students must see Ms. Ward or Ms. Moorhouse.

➤ **SFU & Douglas College**

Terry Fox has a process for students to follow who want to apply for **SFU** and/or **Douglas College** entrance scholarships. More info to follow in January for SFU and in March for Douglas College.

### **Applying for LOCAL Scholarships (sponsored by School and Local Community)**

- **Application process takes place in the Spring – more info to follow.**

### **Graduation Program Examinations Scholarships**

The Graduation Program Examinations Scholarship recognizes students' academic excellence in their provincial examinations from grades 10 to 12 (5 required exams).

A student will receive a \$1,000 Examinations Scholarship if he or she:

- Meets the basic eligibility requirements (must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, and be a BC resident and be an enrolled student).
- Fulfills the BC graduation requirements.
- Writes and passes one exam in each of the five (5) provincial exam categories from grades 10 – 12.
- Achieves at least a "B" (73% or above) final mark (provincial exam and school mark combined) in one of the Language Arts 12 (Communications 12, English 12, Français langue première 12, or English 12 First Peoples).
- Must have a final course mark (course and exam combined) for the exam to be counted towards the scholarship.
- Ranks among the top 5,000 scholarship students in BC (based on their percentage score).

A student will receive a \$2,500 Examinations Scholarship if he or she:

- Meets all the qualifications for the Graduation Program Examinations Scholarship.
- Ranks among the top twenty scholarship students in BC (based on their percentage score).

Provincial exam categories include: Language Arts 10, Science 10, Math 10, Social Studies 11 and Language Arts 12. Only one exam from each category can qualify.