2024/2025 Scholarship Meeting 1 Wednesday, October 10, 2024

Financial Opportunities

- 1. Scholarships & Awards
- 2. Bursaries
- 3. Loans

Scholarships & Awards

Applicants receive money for their education. Scholarships are awarded based on a variety of criteria:

- academic excellence
- athletic abilities
- leadership qualities
- service to the community.

You do not need to be a top student to qualify for scholarships!

Bursaries

Bursaries are awarded based on financial need & other criteria. Usually, official documentation confirming your financial situation is required.

Loans

Money borrowed by student demonstrating financial need, needs to be repaid. For example: from bank or government

Post Secondary Entrance Scholarships

- Many post-secondary institutions offer entrance scholarships.
- Common criteria: GPA, community involvement, essay
- Remember that each institution sets its own criteria and that its website is the most reliable source of information.

Examples of Entrance Scholarships

- 1. UBC Presidential Scholars Awards (students who excel across the board & demonstrate academic & leadership achievements in arts, community, athletics, school)
- 2. UBC Centennial Scholars Entrance Awards (strong academic student, financial need)

Application deadline and apply to UBC by: December 1, 2024

https://you.ubc.ca/financial-planning/scholarships-awards-canadian-students/presidential-scholars/

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

SFU Undergraduate Scholars Entrance Scholarships:

- Have grades in the 90% range, in courses required for admission to primary program
- Meet <u>admission requirements</u> to primary program choice in any SFU faculty
- Demonstrate excellence in both academic and extracurricular activities
- Two references, etc.
- For domestic and international students
- Application deadline: December 15, 2024
- See website for full criteria

<u>Undergraduate Scholars Entrance Scholarships (USES) - Financial Aid and Awards Simon Fraser University (sfu.ca)</u>

Douglas College Entrance Scholarship & Awards

- recognize students who excel in their studies and contribute to their communities, including the promotion of social justice and Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation within their schools and/or communities.

Entrance Scholarships: Students must have a minimum admission GPA of 3.5 and significant contributions to their school or community.

Entrance Awards: Students must have a minimum admission GPA of 3.0 and significant contributions to their school or community

Application deadline: March 31, 2025

https://www.douglascollege.ca/current-students/advisingservices/financial-planning/financial-aid/entrance-awardsscholarships

2. Local Scholarships/Bursaries

These awards are provided by organizations in our local community/ school district. The scholarship application package for Terry Fox will be available in the spring.

3. External Scholarships/Bursaries

These scholarships are administered by thirdparty organizations and may be need or merit-based.

Example: TD Scholarships for Community Leadership (Deadline: November 13, 2024)

Apply online: https://www.td.com/ca/en/personal-banking/solutions/student-banking/community-leadership-scholarship-for-canadians/

4. Provincial Scholarships

Awarded by the Province of British Columbia:

BC Achievement Scholarships

District/Authority Scholarships

BC Excellence Scholarships

Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarships

BC Achievement Scholarships

Award: \$1,250

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

-For the purpose of this scholarship, academic achievement is based on the subset of grades 10–12 courses that are **used to meet graduation requirements** (including electives).

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Students do not apply for the BC Achievement scholarship. If a student is eligible, their grades will be automatically considered.

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

(Last year's info)

District/Authority Scholarships

- Award: \$1,250
- Apply with local scholarship package (Spring)
- Graduates who demonstrate outstanding achievement in their chosen area (Applied Design, Community Service, Fine Arts, Indigenous languages & culture, languages, Physical Activity, Technical &trades)
- https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/district-authority-scholarships

BC Excellence Scholarships

- The BC Excellence scholarship is awarded to 55 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 or area of post-secondary study.
- One student nominated from each school. Look out for nomination process announcement
- Application deadline Feb 2025, check for exact date
- See website for details: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/bc-excellence-scholarships

Note: students may apply for both the BC Excellence scholarship and the <u>Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship</u> but they can only be awarded one.

Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarships

- The Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship is awarded to 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment to and aptitude for a career in K-12 teaching.
- Apply online.
- Application deadline Feb 2025- check exact date, application opens late Fall 2024
- See for more details:
 - https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/pathway-to-teacher-education-scholarship
- Note: students may apply for both the Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship and the <u>BC Excellence scholarship</u> but can be awarded only one.

Student Loans

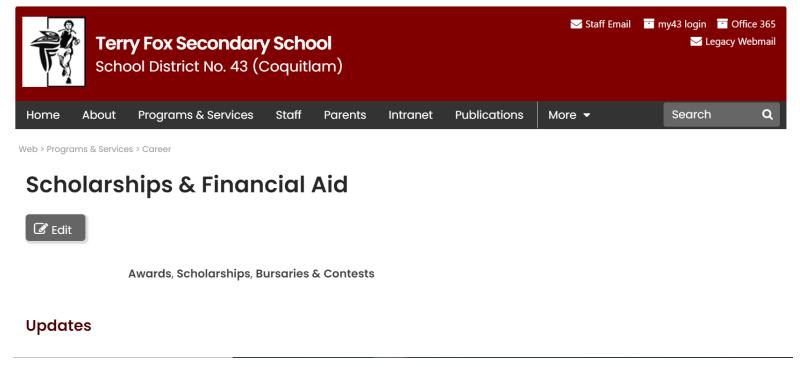
- Student loans are granted based on financial need, and repayment begins upon completion of studies.
- For information or to apply, go to https://studentaidbc.ca.
 Usually applications available in early June.

Many financial institutions also have student banking packages that include borrowing for educational purposes.

2 kinds of Scholarships

- 1. Students can apply directly
- 2. Nomination Required internal application process (usually short paragraph of how criteria is met)

Terry Fox website > programs > career > scholarships & financial aid



Join Career Centre Connect Team, Team Code: ettd1hn, scholarships & awards channel



NEW 2020-2021-Sending transcripts to post secondary schools.pdf
Student transcript service instructions
When choosing send options, please remember to leave the send option (and the date) as the default.

Personal "Brag Sheet"

Letter of Reference Aid for Scholarship Applications & Nominations

Personal Contact Information

Current Date:	Grade:
First Name:	
Last Name:	

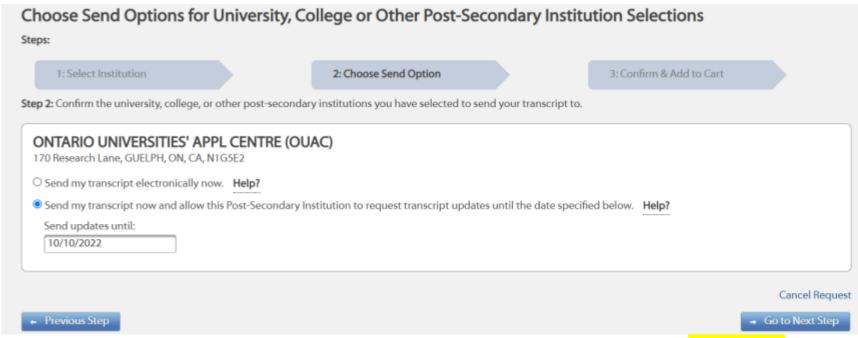
Academic Record

Personal Email Address:

Scholarship Application Etiquette

- 1. Meet the criteria.
- 2. Allow referees at least two weeks time.
- 3. Submit applications by deadlines.
- 4. Include everything requested.
- 5. Proofread your application.
- 6. Thank the people who helped you.

SENDING TRANSCRIPTS THROUGH STS



When you are sending transcripts to any post-secondary, DO NOT CHANGE THE SEND OPTION (AND THE DATE). The right one is the one that is auto selected.

Please double check when this is due for the schools you applied to

https://www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca/

Student transcripts service help videos

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/educationtraining/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates/help

Post Secondary BC Mini Fair

Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Terry Fox Commons

Come and chat with representatives from 17 BC post-secondary schools! (including BCIT, Douglas, SFU, UVic)