

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

DISTRICT PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP

- a project based scholarship that students commit to in spring of their grade 11 year, or the fall of their grade 12 year. The projects are skill based ie: art, drama, woodworking, music, athletics, etc. Student put in a minimum of 100 hours on their project, researching the chosen topic, tracking their thinking in a journal and creating a final presentation. Throughout the time students are working on a specific area of expertise, fine tuning their skills into a final product of some sort.

PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- BC Achievement Scholarship (\$1250)
 - No application required
 - Given to the top 8000 graduates in the province
 - Based on grade 10, 11 & 12 marks.

PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- BC Excellence Scholarship (\$5000)
 - Application Required
 - www.gov.bc.ca/scholarshipsprogram
 - Nomination by Principal
 - Given to 55 students who have demonstrated service and leadership both at school and in their communities
 - Shown aptitude and commitment to their chosen career paths

PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- Pathway to Teachers Education Scholarship (\$5000)
 - Application Required
 - Given to 20 Outstanding Graduates
 - Must demonstrate a commitment and aptitude for a career path in K-12 teaching
 - See BC Teacher Regulation website for a list of approved programs.
(www.bcteacherregulation.ca)
 - For application form see
www.gov.bc.ca/scholarshipsprogram

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- the completion of one application form opens the student up to hundreds of scholarships offered by organizations and people in our community. These are not just for students with high marks. Community service, extra curricular activities and need are other key criteria. The application is available on the school district website for about one week during the month of March. Dates to be announced.

POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION SCHOLARSHIPS

- when applying to a post secondary institute, look for the scholarship section - often found under **financial aid**. These scholarships are offered based on marks. Some of these scholarships are automatically given to students, others will need a separate application. Read instructions carefully. For some of the major awards you will need a nomination from the school. See your counsellor about this.

BURSARIES

- usually available through the financial aid button through post secondary institutions. Often students will receive a bursary when applying for a student loan. The bursary offsets the amount of the loan that the student needs to repay.

MISCELLANEOUS SCHOLARSHIPS

- ◉ available on many different web sites.
Some are posted on the scholarship board in the counselling area. Also, check out the school district web site.
- ◉ Take time to look through a variety of sites to see which scholarships match your skills.
- ◉ Scholarship Website Search Engines - a way to match student skill sets and interests with specific scholarships. This makes looking for specific scholarships much easier.
 - Google scholarship search engine Canada

SOME AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

- ◉ TD Trust(academics, leadership, community service)
- ◉ Loran (high academics, leadership, community service)
- ◉ Remax Quest for Excellence - \$1000
- ◉ www.keytoscholarships.com
- ◉ Scholartree.ca
- ◉ Yconic
- ◉ Schulich scholarship (math/science)

HOW AND WHEN TO START APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

THE EARLIER THE BETTER

- ◉ Some scholarship deadlines are approaching in mid October. If you are not organized and already working on them you are probably too late.
- ◉ If you want to get a lot of scholarship money you need to treat the application process like a job.
- ◉ Many scholarship applications ask for a reference. When asking for a reference from a teacher or employer, make sure you give them at least two weeks before you need it.

PERSONAL ESSAY

- Many scholarship applications ask for a personal essay of about 350 words. The focus of this essay will vary somewhat depending on the focus on the scholarship; however, if you have a basic essay written it is easy to make slight changes to meet the criteria for different scholarships.
- Completing a brag sheet will help you think about all the achievements you have made. It can also be used when asking for references.

BRAG SHEET

- ◉ Academic Achievements:

- ◉ Grade Point Average:
- ◉ Years on Seaton's Honour Roll
- ◉ Career Prep
- ◉

- ◉ Timetable for the Year:

- ◉

- ◉ Athletic Achievements:

- ◉ At Seaton: (In High School)
- ◉ Outside school:
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- ◉ Extracurricular Achievements:

- ◉ School Clubs or Activities (level of achievement, years participated...)
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- ◉ Outside of school Clubs or Activities (level of achievement, years participated. . .)

- ◉ Awards:

- ◉ Hobbies & Interests

- ◉ Goals

- ◉ Personal:

- ◉ Academic:

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- ◉ Leadership Roles and/or Service Roles

- ◉ At Seaton:

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- ◉ Outside school:

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BRAG SHEET

- ◉ Volunteer Work
- ◉ At Seaton:
- ◉ Outside school:
- ◉ Special Training
- ◉ Received at Seaton:
- ◉ Received at work or in the community:

- ◉ Abilities, Strengths, and Skills (in detail)
- ◉ eg. Time management, setting goals, setting high standards, making commitments, honesty, follow through....

- ◉ This is a helpful tool to give to any person who you ask to write a reference letter for you as well.

IMPORTANT DATES

◉ September

- Register for SAT if you plan to go to a university in the USA.
- Start your scholarship searches, write your personal essay, think about who you will ask to write a reference letter for you.
- Get your BCeID through the Ministry Web Site
- Make sure you have breadth and depth in your timetable

◉ October

- Attend the PSI Day October 3rd
- Decide where you want to apply
- Read application requirements carefully and start completing the applications as soon as they open.
- Counsellor meetings re: grad and next step.
- Ask for reference letters - give at least 2 weeks notice.

TIPS FOR UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

- Key words:
 - Prospective students
 - Undergraduate Degree
 - Admissions
 - Program of study, Programs
 - Program requirements, Admission requirements
 - Financial Aid, Scholarships

Every University has a slightly different way of setting up their web sites. This can be challenging to figure out. You need to read carefully, take time to look through the prospective student information, watch the on line tutorials if they have them.

○ November

- Work hard to keep your marks as high as possible
- Make sure you have a SIN #
- First Nations students check into financial assistance through your band office
- Continue with your colleges and university applications .
- If applying to UBC check into the dates re: the Major Entrance Scholarship

○ December

- Finish completing applications for the schools you are interested in attending

○ January

- Prepare for exams

○ February

- All applications for BC universities and colleges must be sent in. (maybe even sooner)

○ March

- PSI form must be completed (online)
- Keep an eye on any correspondence from Post Secondary

○ April

- Keep focused - the end is near
- Keep your marks as high as possible

○ May

- Graduation ceremonies

○ June

- Final exams
- You are done and ready to move to the next phase in your life.

QUESTIONS

- What is the first thing you need to do to get organized?