WHAT’S NEXT?

Plan your graduation and your life after high school no matter what you choose to do!

A Transition Guide for Students at Maplewood Alternative High School
WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT YEAR?

If you are undecided about what’s next after high school, research and commit to a plan! No one can “take a year off”; SCHOOL, WORK, TRAVEL – or a combination of these three – will be a significant part of the next 12 months of your life! Make a quality plan now while you have the support of your teachers, parents, and counsellors. **Whatever your decision, you need a plan!**

### SCHOOL
If you are planning to go to SCHOOL, consider the following:

1. **What should I study?** Determine what you like and what you are good at. Use the internet.

2. **What school should I go to?** Consider local options because you can live at home. Look at schools with programs of interest. Consider schools in cities where you have extended family. Consider where you want to live. Research school reputations.

   *Remember:* You can often transfer from one school to another.

3. **How long do you want to go to school?** Do you want to complete a Certificate (1yr), Diploma (2yr), or a Degree (4 yr) program? Consider the options at Colleges, Universities, Technical Institutes and Private Schools.

4. **What do I NEED to get into the school I want for the program I want?** Look online! Be thorough! Every school is different!

5. **When do I need to apply?** Check online for the deadline. Apply ASAP to first come, first served programs like OC. Apply on the school’s website or at [applybc.ca](http://applybc.ca) (the online application portal for most BC Post Secondary Institutions)

6. **How do I know if I’m accepted?** The school(s) will contact you by letter or email and give you a temporary student ID number. Check your email! Many schools only use email and you don’t want to miss these messages! Follow the individual school instructions you receive.

7. **What else do I have to do?**
   a. Apply online for housing and awards.
   b. Complete a “Post Secondary Institutions Choices Form” online. (Ministry of Education website)
   c. Visit the campuses if you can to help you make a final decision as to what school to goto.

8. **How do I finalize my application?** Follow instructions from the school for self-reporting of grades online and any other school specific details.

9. **How do I choose my post secondary classes?** Consult an advisor at the post secondary institution. School counsellors don’t know what courses you should take! Register online for courses later in spring as instructed.

10. **What about athletic scholarships?** Email the coach of your sport to find out about tryouts and about financial awards.

11. **Going to school in another country?** Do your research! Ask questions!

12. **Do you want to combine SCHOOL with TRAVEL?** Many post secondary institutions will help you organize a travel study opportunity. That’s right! You can go to school in another country and pay Canadian tuition. They also have someone to help you find somewhere to live. You do have to pay for your own flights and living expenses. Contact your post secondary institution to find out what opportunities they offer.
WORK

If you are planning to WORK, consider the following:

What are you passionate about? What are you working towards? Where will you work?

If you are planning to work, we suggest you do something exciting and interesting that allows you to grow and be challenged. Consider doing more than ‘just working’: Move to a different town and work! Try volunteering! Get a job that challenges you and/or that is in your career area of interest!

If you are planning to work in order to ‘save money for school’, beware! An adult life costs money regardless, and saving money while earning an entry level wage is incredibly difficult. You are often better off to borrow money and go straight to school rather than working to save money for tuition.

Things to do.....
• Apply for and get your Social Insurance Number (SIN#).
• Have an updated, professional looking resume and cover letter.
• Collect reference letters.
• Get certificates you may need: Drivers License, Food Safe, SuperHost, First Aid.
• Find a job (web, employment offices, personal contacts).
• Be prepared to work at a low paying, entry level position. Any job is better than no job!

TRAVEL

If you are planning to TRAVEL, consider the following:

Research travel options! Are you traveling by alone or with a friend? Are you joining a tour? How are you going to get around?

Remember that it is often very difficult to travel by yourself, particularly as a young adult. You often can’t rent a car, enter public events that serve alcohol, or even rent a hotel room. It is often easier and safer for young adults to travel using structured travel or exchange programs.

Consider organized travel programs! ie: Rotary Exchange, Canada World Youth… (see p. 50)

Things to do....
1. Get your passport. (Everyone should have one!)
2. Health: Get appropriate vaccinations and health insurance.
3. Book transportation, flights, accommodation, and travel insurance.
4. Purchase a travel guide. Take some time to research and learn about your destination, local customs, dress codes.
5. Money: Find out what kind of currency is required for your trip and how to access money in that location.
6. Budgeting: Determine the cost and create a financial plan to meet the cost.
Start by finding out what you are good at. Check out these two amazing websites. They include self-assessment, career exploration, and post-secondary information:

- [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)
- [www.bridges.ca](http://www.bridges.ca)

(Get the user name and password from your school career center or counselor to access these websites). Ms. White can help with this!

Search for additional information in your interest area by accessing these sites:

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HIGH SCHOOL INFO

• External Credits
• Graduation Planning Worksheet
• Go to Work and Graduate
• Enrichment Opportunities
EXTERNAL CREDENTIALS = EXTRA CREDITS

Yes, you can receive credit for activities you are doing outside of school!

❖ External credits are granted by the Ministry of Education for specific activities, programs or courses completed at an extremely advanced level of accomplishment outside of the traditional school setting.

❖ Appropriate documentation will be required before credit is granted.

❖ Students who believe they are eligible for external credits should see their school counsellor.

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Each activity is assigned a course code at the grade 10, 11 and/or 12 level and given 2 or 4 credits, depending on the Ministry guidelines. For example, Driver’s Education is UDEC 11 - 2 credits or Athlete 10 is UXSA 10 – 4 credits and is reported for credit on a student’s transcript without a percentage.
**GRADUATION PLANNING & REQUIREMENTS**

Planning for graduation involves making a number of decisions.

Whether you want to go on to post-secondary education or directly to the world of work when you graduate from high school, you have to be thinking ahead. Make sure the courses you take allow you to achieve your future goals.

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**FINE ARTS or APPLIED SKILLS REQUIREMENT**

*Either 4 credits of one area, or 2 credits of both*

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**ADDITIONAL COURSES**

*An extra grade 12 course is recommended*

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**OVERALL TOTAL CREDITS:**

(MUST = 80 CREDITS)

As you select your courses, consider:
- The courses *required* for graduation
- The skills you would like to develop in order to achieve your career goals
- Your interests and post-secondary plans
GO TO WORK AND GRADUATE
Dual Credit, Entry Level Trades Training, Apprenticeship, Work Experience
www.tradesrock.com

Are you tired of sitting in class?
Are you thinking about going into a trade?
Do you want to be learning and working at the same time?
Do you want to get a tuition grant to go to OC or BCIT?

ONE OF THESE OPTIONS MAY BE RIGHT FOR YOU!
SEE THE CAREER COORDINATOR IN YOUR SCHOOL!

OKANAGAN COLLEGE FOUNDATION TRADES TRAINING PROGRAMS: “32” gr 12 credits
Consider one of the following foundation programs OC offers to get the skills and experience to get a job or even start an apprenticeship. Also, earn high school credits for going to OC!

- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer “Mechanics”
- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer “Structures”
- Automotive Collision Repair
- Automotive Service Tech
- Carpentry / Joinery
- Culinary Arts
- Electrician Pre Apprenticeship
- Heavy Duty / Commercial Mechanic
- Plumbing & Piping
- Residential Construction
- RV Service Technician
- Welding “C”

BCIT-KELOWNA PROGRAMS: “32” grade 12 credits All courses start annually in February
Learn skills, gain confidence in your abilities, and be better prepared for apprenticeship training with BCIT’s Kelowna programs. Upon completion, you can work, begin an apprenticeship, or continue with further BCIT training. Also, earn high school credits for going to BCIT!

- Diesel Engine Mechanic
- Electricity and Industrial Electronics
- Motorcycle/Power Sport Technician
- Computer Information Systems (AP)

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 PROGRAMS (ACE-IT): up to “32” high school credits
These innovative trades training programs are available to all SD23 students. Students participating in these programs may be required to attend another school for a semester or a full year; in some cases, students will be required to permanently transfer schools. Course fees depend on the program.

- Residential Construction at RSS
- Hair Dressing at MBSS
- Forestry at RSS
- Culinary Arts at MBSS
- Automotive Service Tech at KSS
- Emergency Medical Responder at RSS

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPRENTICESHIP (SSA) “8” grade 11 credits + “8” grade 12 credits:
Learn on the job! Start an apprenticeship in one of BC’s 151 apprenticeable trades while still in high school. Students need to have or find their own employer. The employer is someone that you work for, that pays you, and that teaches you a trade. SD23 may be able to help you find an employer. Students enrolled in this program may be eligible for a $1000 cash scholarship. www.APPRENTICESHIPtoolkit.ca
GO TO WORK AND GRADUATE
Entry Level Trades Training, Apprenticeship, Work Experience

OKANAGAN COLLEGE – HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT: “16” grade 12 credits
This eight month course, including a three month practicum, prepares students to provide care in community and residential care settings. Students who have demonstrated an aptitude or have experience working with the elderly are an ideal fit for this program. Start Date: May of grade 12 year.

WORK EXPERIENCE 12 “4” or “8” grade 12 credits
You can earn high school credit for all kinds of work. Go to your career center to get information on Work Experience Placements. These placements involve you going on a week long “job shadow”. You can also use your own network to find a placement and then check with your career coordinator that this placement is appropriate. You may also be able to earn credit for a job that you already have.

WHEN CAN I START?
PARTIAL & FULL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR OKANAGAN COLLEGE, BCIT, & SSA:
Students can apply to OC and BCIT programs in grade 10 and start them in grade 11, or apply by February of grade 12 to receive partial tuition funding. Most programs start in February so make sure all of your core graduation subjects are successfully completed before you start. SSA can begin as late as May of grade 12. If students start after these deadlines, they may be eligible for high school credits and advanced seating in OC and BCIT classes but no tuition funding or scholarships.

HOW TO APPLY….. For these programs and receive tuition scholarship:
1. Contact the Career/Life Programs Coordinator at your school and pick up an application package.
2. Job shadow the program you want to apply for.
3. Complete the SD No. 23 Dual Credit Application Package and hand it in.
4. Successfully interview with a Dual Credit Coordinator.
5. Once you are accepted into the program, you must pay $250.00 to hold your spot.

FOR OC: After acceptance, apply on-line to OC. Students must pay a $30 application fee.

FOR BCIT: Some BCIT Programs start in February and continue into the following winter after a summer break.

FOR SSA: If you have an employer, complete the SD23 Dual Credit Application Package, including the ITA employer form, to be accepted into the program. Then it is as simple as arranging your school time table so you complete the courses you need, start working and getting paid!

NOTES:
- Students are responsible for Student Fees, Safety Gear, Material Fees, and Text Books.
- The tuition scholarship usually covers majority of the program tuition cost. Some programs are very expensive, thus the tuition scholarship will cover less. The student is responsible to pay the balance in tuition.

PRE-REQUISITES FOR ALL PROGRAMS: To earn credit for all programs, core graduation subjects must be successfully completed. Further, core graduation subjects must be completed prior to the start of an OC or the three BCIT Trades programs. (See page 7 for graduation program details.)
ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES DURING HIGH SCHOOL

ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA
www.encounters-rencontres.ca
This is Canada’s largest youth forum bringing together young Canadians from different backgrounds and regions in order to give them an opportunity to learn about one another as well as their country. Speak to your school counsellor to apply.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM
www.asse.com
You’ll only be gone for a school year, but the experience will enrich the rest of your life. Living in another country for one year is something most people never have the opportunity to do. You’ll return with new knowledge, cultural understanding, maturity and lifelong friends from your host country.

SHAD VALLEY - www.shad.ca
Students participating in the Shad Valley experience spend the month of July at one of 12 universities across Canada where they attend lectures and workshops, and get involved in group projects. Candidates tend to be creative and talented individuals with strong leadership skills, the ability to work in a team, and solid academic records, particularly in math and science.

PEARSON COLLEGE
www.pearsoncollege.ca
Pearson Seminar on Youth Leadership is a summer program where students interact with 100 other young people from around the world. Debate and consider issues affecting the world today, and practice critical skills needed to be leaders in their schools.

YMCA YOUTH EXCHANGE – CANADA PROGRAM
www.vanymca.org
This is a group reciprocal home-stay exchange program that is intended for Canadian youth between the ages of 12 and 17 who would like to experience life in other parts of the country and become engaged in their community.

OUTWARD BOUND
www.outwardbound.ca
At Outward Bound Canada, we deliver an experience like no other. Explore your talents, your capabilities, your courage. Pick your classroom – mountains, forests, lakes, rivers, oceans. Join us for the adventure of a lifetime. Summer and semester programs available.

STUDENT TRAVEL / EXCHANGE
www.stswestern.ca  www.osef.ca
If you want to travel, learn about different cultures, go to school in a foreign country, or learn a second language. They facilitate school exchanges, cultural exchanges, work experience and language immersion programs.

TWO WORLDS UNITED
www.twoworldsunited.com/
A worldwide leader in international education offers quality student exchange opportunities that include a choice of more than 45 countries, and an academic time period to suit individual purposes. Two Worlds United has summer programming, 4 to 6 month semesters, and full year academic sessions.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
www.volunteer.ca
This site houses volunteer opportunities all across Canada; it is a great way to build your skills.
Section B

GOVERNMENT GRADUATION INFORMATION

• Register for Student Secure Web
• Provincial Exam Information
• Resources for Students
• Transcript & Government Forms
Q: Why do I need to register with the Student Secure Web?

Students need to go to this website and create an account for two reasons:
1) To check provincial exam results
2) Complete the PSI Choices Form

In order to access this site, you must have your PEN number, which can be obtained from your report card or from Ms. White!

Q: What provincial exams do I have to write?

- Science 10
- English 10
- a Math 10
- a Social Studies 11
- a Language Arts 12

Q: How do I check my provincial exam results?

Log in to the secure web account. You need your PEN number (Ms. White has a copy)

Q: What is a PSI (POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS SELECTIONS FORM) and when do I complete it?

This Ministry of Education form allows grade 12 students to choose which Canadian post-secondary institutions will receive copies of their official transcript at the end of July.

😊 You need to complete this form online during your grade 12 year. It authorizes the Ministry of Education to transfer marks to your chosen post-secondary institution(s).

😊 Students wishing to have their marks forwarded in the early admission transfer to BC Electronic PSIs and the Ontario Universities Application Center (OUAC) must submit their selections by March 1st.

😊 Students access the electronic PSI Selections form from the student Secure Web of the Ministry of Education. Students will require their PEN (Provincial Education Number) to do this. If you checked your exam results in grade 10, you will log into the website using the same information.
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION – STUDENT RESOURCES
RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/resources_for_students.htm

Q: What resources are available on this website?

Provincial Exam information:
- Check exam schedules, view practice exams, and sample student responses.
- Retrieve your provincial exam results
- Get information about re-reads and re-writes for exams

Learn Now BC:
- A web portal, created by the Virtual School Society, with all kinds of information about distributed (online) learning in British Columbia, including how to get help when you need.

Other Information for Students:
- Several links with information regarding examinations for Grades 10, 11 and 12, including the Handbook of Procedures, graduation requirements and transcripts.

TRANSCRIPT & GOVERNMENT FORMS

Q: Where do I get an interim TRANSCRIPT?

Order and pick up from the main office of your school.

Q: How do I order extra copies of my OFFICIAL (Ministry of Education) TRANSCRIPT?

A “certified” copy can be obtained from your high school for two years following graduation. Past that, “certified” copies can be obtained from SD23 Hollywood Rd. Education Services at https://ereg.sd23.bc.ca/transcripts/ An original copy can be obtained from the Ministry of Education online at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/students_ps.htm (follow links). Please check on the fees associated with ordering a transcript.

Q: Where & when do I pick up my DOGWOOD Certificate?

Pick up your Dogwood Certificate from the main office of your school at the end of August.

Q: Where and when do I pick up my PASSPORT TO EDUCATION?

Pick up your Passport to Education from the main office of your school at the end of August.
“We are currently preparing students for jobs that don’t yet exist, using technologies that haven’t yet been invented, in order to solve problems we don’t even know are problems yet.”
Section C

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
POST SECONDARY PLANNING TIMELINE & CHECKLIST

√ September / October / November

☐ Find and record, in an accessible place, your Ministry of Education Personal Education Number (PEN) found on your report card and transcript.
☐ Ensure that your courses will satisfy graduation requirements.  Section A
☐ Identify a post secondary plan through research, grad meetings, post secondary school meetings, information sessions, and meetings with school counsellors or career life coordinators.  Section A
☐ Apply to post-secondary institutions with careful attention to deadlines and entrance requirements. Early application can determine your authorization date to select courses and reserve housing. (Applications open August-February)
☐ Thoroughly read and respond to correspondence from post-secondary institutions. Keep correspondence records in your planning file.
☐ Create a post-secondary planning file where you can keep your notes and research.
☐ Compile a list of your volunteer activities and community involvement for employment and scholarship applications.
☐ Apply for your Social Insurance Number.  Section E
☐ Update your resume and cover letter. Obtain current letters of reference.  Section E
☐ Research scholarship and bursary opportunities and make a plan to apply as they become available. The information can be found online, at your school, and in this guide.  Section G
☐ Make a budget for next year.  Section D
☐ Prepare your M.A.P. in preparation for your Exit Interview.

√ December / January / February

☐ Complete the Post Secondary Institution Selections (PSI) form online at the Ministry of Education website. This sends your marks to post secondary institutions of your choice. (Due before March 1st). Sec B
☐ Apply for student housing if needed.
☐ Attend a COBSS Bursary Information Session at your school (December).
☐ Apply for COBSS bursaries by school based deadline (January).

√ March / April / May / June

☐ Self report your grades on-line to post secondary institutions as required.
☐ Look up provincial exam marks online.  Section B
☐ Post secondary course registration: register on the date and time given by the institution. Classes fill quickly and there may not be alternative sections of the course you want or need.
☐ Thank your teachers for supporting you.

ASK QUESTIONS! RECORD THE ANSWERS! FOLLOW THROUGH WITH YOUR GOALS!
RESEARCH AND PLAN!

Applying to post secondary institutions requires a lot of research, planning, organizing, and even test taking. The following steps will help you with this process. The links are for BC only. For all other schools refer to the website of the Post Secondary Institution.

**STEP #1 – DETERMINE THE PROGRAM AND ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**Education Planner**  [http://www.educationplanner.ca/](http://www.educationplanner.ca/)
Provides information on programs and entrance requirements offered at all public post-secondary institutions in British Columbia.

**BC Council of Admissions and Transfers:** [www.bccat.bc.ca](http://www.bccat.bc.ca)
This site provides information on admissions, associate degrees, and post secondary transfers.

**STEP #2 – MEET THE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**LPI – Language Proficiency Index.** If your English grade or course does not meet the post secondary requirement, often you can take the LPI test. Register for a sitting in Kelowna. [www.lpittest.ca](http://www.lpittest.ca)

**UPGRADE** – Rather than upgrading, you may be better off to simply begin entry level academics at a Post Secondary Institution. This can give you needed prerequisites for specific programs while earning post secondary credit.

If you still need to upgrade and you are under 19 years of age there may be a variety of free and fee based virtual distance education programs available to you for upgrading. [www.eschoolbc.com](http://www.eschoolbc.com) or [www.learnnowbc.ca](http://www.learnnowbc.ca)

Upgrading is usually also available at your local community college. At OC you can find upgrading information under Adult Academic & Career Preparation. [www.okanagan.bc.ca/page888.aspx](http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/page888.aspx)

**STEP #3 – APPLY TO THE POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION**

**Post Secondary Application Service of BC (Apply BC)** [applybc.ca](http://applybc.ca)
The Post-Secondary Application Service of British Columbia (PASBC) is a centralized, online application service open to anyone wishing to apply for admission to one or more post-secondary institutions in British Columbia (university, college, university college, or institute).

  **Alberta Equivalent:** [www.applyalberta.ca](http://www.applyalberta.ca)  **Ontario Equivalent:** [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca)

Complete the PSI form allowing the Ministry to send your grades to the school(s) to which you’ve applied. [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome.jsp](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome.jsp)

Research Scholarships pertaining to your chosen school.

**IMPORTANT NOTE – TRANSFERRING FROM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL**

If you are thinking of going to one school and then potentially transferring to another to finish your post secondary education, **you** must check to make sure the courses **you** take at one school transfer to the new school. Note that the minimum GPA to transfer is usually 60% or higher. Not all courses transfer.

**BC Transfer Guide** [www.bctransferguide.ca](http://www.bctransferguide.ca)
This guide includes all public post secondary institutions in BC and allows you to check that the courses you are taking at one school will transfer to the next.

**BC Council of Admissions and Transfers:** [www.bccat.bc.ca](http://www.bccat.bc.ca)
POPULAR CANADIAN POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS
BY PROVINCE

This is a list of popular Canadian Post Secondary Institutions. Exam requirements vary greatly from school to school. Research carefully!

BRITISH COLUMBIA - Universities
University of British Columbia – www.ubc.ca
Capilano University – www.capilanou.ca
Emily Carr University – www.ecuad.ca
University of the Fraser Valley – www.ufv.ca
Kwantlen Polytechnic – www.kwantlen.bc.ca
University of Northern B.C. – www.unbc.ca
Royal Roads University – www.royalroads.ca
Simon Fraser University – www.sfu.ca
Thompson Rivers University – www.tru.ca
Trinity Western University – www.twu.ca
Vancouver Island University – www.mala.bc.ca
University of Victoria – www.uvic.ca

BRITISH COLUMBIA – Colleges
BCIT – www.bcit.ca
Camosun College – www.camosun.ca
Columbia College – www.columbiacollege.ca
Douglas College – www.douglas.bc.ca
Justice Institute of B.C. – www.jibc.ca
Langara College – www.langara.bc.ca
College of New Caledonia – www.cnc.bc.ca
Nicola Valley Inst. of Tech. – www.nvit.bc.ca
North Island College – www.nic.bc.ca
Northern Lights College – www.nlcbc.ca
Northwest Comm. College – www.nwcc.bc.ca
Okanagan College – www.okanagan.bc.ca
College of the Rockies – www.cotr.bc.ca
Selkirk College – www.selkirk.ca
Vancouver Community College – www.vcc.ca

ONTARIO
Brock University – www.brocku.ca
Carleton University – www.carleton.ca
University of Guelph – www.uoguelph.ca
McMaster University – www.mcmaster.ca
University of Ottawa – www.uottawa.ca
Queen’s University – www.queensu.ca
Royal Military College of Canada – www.rmc.ca
Ryerson University – www.ryerson.ca
University of Toronto – www.utoronto.ca
University of Waterloo – www.uwaterloo.ca
York University – www.yorku.ca

QUEBEC
Bishops’ University – www.bishops.ca
Concordia University – www.concordia.ca
McGill University – www.mcgill.ca

NOVA SCOTIA
Acadia University – www.acadiau.ca
Dalhousie University – www.dal.ca
University of King’s College – www.ukings.ca
St. Francis Xavier University – www.stfx.ca

NEW BRUNSWICK
Mount Allison University – www.mta.ca
University of New Brunswick – www.unb.ca

MANITOBA
University of Manitoba – http://umanitoba.ca
University of Winnipeg – www.uwinnipeg.ca

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
University of P.E.I. – www.uepi.ca
**APPROVED COURSES FOR UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE IN BC**

**IMPORTANT:** All university programs require specific courses for entrance. Research to make sure you have the courses you need to gain entrance into the school AND the program of your choice.

**GENERALLY,** university entrance in B.C. is based around ENGLISH 12 + 3 approved grade 12 courses.

- Some schools & programs have grade 11 course requirements as well. (ie: a specific math 11, a 2nd language 11, a specific science 11, etc.)
- Grade 11 marks are not generally part of the admission average but may still be used in assessing your application.
- Additional language 12 courses may be approved for admission. Check with your institution.
- UVIC Fine Arts Faculty accepts additional Fine Arts Courses for admission. [http://registrar.ubc.ca/undergrad/admissions/requirements/bc.html](http://registrar.ubc.ca/undergrad/admissions/requirements/bc.html)
- Some schools are moving towards a “Broad Based Application” where marks are one component of a larger application package aimed at creating a more complete picture of the student.

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Note: While every effort has been made to provide correct information, university entrance requirements are subject to change. Students are ultimately responsible for researching.
In addition to the 27 public post secondary institutions in BC whose art programs can be searched at [www.educationplanner.bc.ca](http://www.educationplanner.bc.ca), you might want to consider the schools listed below. There are many more schools and options available to you; just do some research!

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EDUCATIONAL LINKS TO OTHER SPECIALTY AREAS

**Applied Arts (Jewelry/Blacksmith/Textiles)**
- selkirk.ca/ksa

**Bartending**
- www.webtender.com
- www.fineart.ca
- www.extremebartending.com

**Chef / Culinary Arts**
- www.aiv.aii.edu/culinary/
- www.okanagan.bc.ca
- www.cordonbleu.edu

**Eco Careers & Earth Science**
- www.eco.ca
- http://earthsciencescanada.com/careers/

**Firefighter**
- www.fire-etc.ca
- www.jibc.bc.ca

**Hotel / Hospitality**
- www.go2hr.ca
- www.tourismcollege.com

**Information Technology Jobs**
- www.aiv.aii.edu
- www.discoverit.org

**Paramedic**
- www.jibc.bc.ca
- www.sait.ca

**Patroller (Ski / Bike)**
- www.cotr.bc.ca/golden/

**Transportation**
- www.irtcanada.net
- www.transpocity.ca
- www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca
DO YOU WANT TO BE A POLICE OFFICER?

RCMP  http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/  click on the “Recruiting Icon”

The RCMP offers a career like no other, with the opportunity to make a real difference serving and protecting the community in which you serve. The RCMP will be hiring up to 10,000 people nationally over the next five years. The RCMP is looking for people who have integrity, are honest, professional, compassionate, respectful and accountable.

General Requirements:
- Canadian Citizenship
- proficiency in English or French
- Canadian high school diploma
- Valid, unrestricted Canadian driver’s licence
- 19 or older at the time of hiring (you can apply at 18)

In addition, the selection process consists of a comprehensive series of tests and interviews that will help the RCMP — and you — determine whether you are suited for a career with them.

CITY AND PROVINCIAL POLICE FORCES  www.canadianpoliceservices.com/

In addition to the RCMP, there are many other city and provincial police forces in Canada. In British Columbia these forces include: Abbotsford, Delta, Esquimalt, New Westminster, Saanich, Victoria, Vancouver and West Vancouver. See Vancouver as an example below.

Vancouver Police Department  http://vancouver.ca/police/

The Vancouver Police Department is looking for individuals who reflect the ethnicities and lifestyles of Vancouver; individuals who have a passion for policing and a desire to make a difference every day.

General Requirements:
- Minimum 19 years of age
- Excellent character
- Physically fit and in excellent health
- Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Grade 12 graduation or equivalent, plus one year of post-secondary education
- No criminal convictions, no adult criminal charges pending
- No history of improper conduct, poor employment, military, educational, or driving record
- A valid Class 5 driver's license with a good driving record
- Be able to type a minimum of 25 words per minute
- Applicants must also meet the visual acuity standards.

CISC – Criminal intelligence  Service Canada  www.cisc.gc.ca/

Criminal Intelligence Service Canada (CISC) is an organization that provides the facilities to unite the criminal intelligence units of Canadian law enforcement agencies in the fight against organized crime and other serious crime in Canada. CISC is staffed from current members of the RCMP and members of associated Canadian police agencies.
DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THE MILITARY?

Do you want to get paid to go to school?
Are you looking for a tuition free education?
Consider all of these options!

Royal Military College: www.rmc.ca
Apply to Canada’s only Military College! Your tuition is covered and they actually pay you to go to school! If the program you are interested in is not available at RMC then they will pay for your education at another post secondary institution. Their mandate is to educate and train future leaders of the Canadian Forces. Because of their tradition of excellence, RMC graduates are in demand around the world, constantly sought after for military and high level civilian positions. RMC graduates go on to challenging and meaningful careers in the Canadian Forces.

Canadian Forces: www.forces.ca
Join the Army, Navy or Air Force for career opportunities in all areas from technology to trades to leadership. Get paid on-the-job training and experience with Canada’s Department of National Defense.

- **Army**: Looking for more than an ordinary 9 to 5 routine?
  Consider the unique profession of arms. Challenging and richly rewarding.

- **Navy**: Canada has modern naval forces capable of performing a broad range of tasks. Canada's Navy conducts surveillance operations to protect the sovereignty of our coasts, and to defend Canadian waters against illegal fishing and ecological damage. The Navy also supports international initiatives for peace and humanitarian assistance.

- **Air Force**: Its main roles are surveillance and control of Canadian airspace; air transport of Canadian Forces personnel and equipment throughout the world; and support for Navy and Army operations. The Air Force also supports other federal departments by taking part (for example) in search-and-rescue and humanitarian-relief operations.

Canada Coast Guard: www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/
Imagine a professional career at sea! Head for the freedom, excitement and challenge of a sea-going career and become an Officer on board a Canadian Coast Guard ship. If you have what it takes, the Canada Coast Guard offers two 4-year programs: a Navigation Officer program or a Marine Engineering Officer program. Get free training, food and board, and get paid to learn an exciting career with the Canada Coast Guard!
GOING TO SCHOOL IN THE U.S.A.?

STEP #1: WRITE THE PSAT (Optional)

The PSAT is a practice SAT exam written in grade 10 and/or grade 11 at your home school. This is optional, yet highly recommended preparation for the SAT.

STEP #2: WRITE THE SAT or ACT REASONING TEST

For dates and registration:

SAT - www.collegeboard.com  ACT - www.act.org

These are standardized college/university entrance exams required for schools in the USA. There are limited seatings each year and students often need to write more than once. Check to see which test is accepted at your chosen post-secondary institution.

STEP #3: RESEARCH AMERICAN POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

♦ Verify out-of-country entrance requirements
♦ Verify specific requirements to your chosen program of study
♦ Research scholarships pertaining to your chosen school
♦ Be aware that each school may have totally different programs and policies

STEP #4: ATHLETICS

♦ Discuss athletic scholarships with your Canadian coach(es)
♦ Research US schools for your chosen sport and programs of study
♦ Prepare an “athletic resume” (website, dvd, skill evidence, references) and send to coaches
♦ Register online with the NCAA and send your SAT/ACT results with your transcript
♦ Discuss with coach the possibility of athletic and academic support
♦ Make your decision and sign a “letter of intent”

STEP #5: DOCUMENTATION

Verify all necessary documents for living in the USA
(i.e. passport, any appropriate visas, school/Ministry Transcripts, health insurance)

Remember ....

You are going to school in a foreign country!

Do your research!!!
SPECIALTY AREA EMPLOYMENT SITES

General Sites:

Canada Work Info Net - www.workinfonet.ca
This site has resources and links to work and recruiting; learning, education and training; careers; labor market information; self-employment; work place support; and financial help and issues.

Federal Student Work Experience Program - www.jobs-emplois.gc.ca
This site provides summer job opportunities with the federal civil service.

Jobs Etc. - www.jobsetc.ca
This site is a comprehensive look at information on jobs, training, careers, and the workplace.

Amazing resources, tools and links for finding a job.

Workopolis - www.workopolis.com
This is Canada’s biggest job site.

Youth Options BC - www.youth.gc.ca
This site provides information about 12 youth programs and their subsequent job postings.

Employment Standards in BC - www.labour.gov.bc.ca/esb/
This site outlines employment standards in BC – very important information for job seekers to have.

Job Specific Sites:

Jobs in Forestry: This site offers information about tree planting opportunities:
www.canadian-forests.com

Cruise Line Jobs: This site is a directory with contact information on cruise line jobs:

Nannying: Check out the following websites to apply for a position as a nanny in a foreign country:

Entrepreneurship: Here are several sites devoted to helping young entrepreneurs:
JOB SEARCH VOCABULARY - RESUME & COVER LETTER

Use the words that describe you best in your resume and cover letter!

Sample list of Skills (things that you can do)

Planning  -  Motivating  -  Supervising  -  Explaining
Leading    -  Writing    -  Coordinating  -  Innovating
Communicating  -  Creating  -  Analyzing  -  Decision making
Persuading  -  Attending to details  -  Selling  -  Bookkeeping
Coaching   -  Budgeting   -  Instructing  -  Tracing details
Teaching   -  Managing time  -  Finding solutions  -  Increasing profit
Solving problems  -  Increasing productivity  -  Keeping records  -  Stimulating sales
Resolving conflicts  -  Stimulating growth  -  Mediating

Personal Qualifications (words used to describe yourself)

Reliable  -  Professional  -  Talented  -  Analytic
Well organized  -  Dependable  -  Able  -  Skilled
Self motivated  -  Quick learner  -  Efficient  -  Adept
Imaginative  -  Self starter  -  Exceptional  -  Competent
Smart  -  Bright  -  Devoted  -  Proficient
Thorough  -  Intelligent  -  Aggressive  -  Congenial
Persuasive  -  Conscientious  -  Genial  -  Energetic
Friendly  -  Diplomatic  -  Truthful  -  Assertive
Loyal  -  Outgoing  -  Patient  -  Gregarious
Practical  -  Persistent  -  Poised  -  Composed
Active  -  Problem solver  -  Astute  -  Even tempered
Trustworthy  -  Calm  -  Perceptive  -  Rational
Dedicated  -  Inquisitive  -  Curious  -  Discerning
Methodical  -  Giving  -  Sensible  -  Thoughtful
Creative  -  Productive  -  Precise  -  Flexible
Clever  -  Original  -  Insightful  -  Caring
Systematic  -  Businesslike  -  Versatile  -  Responsible

Action Words (words used to say what you have accomplished)

Developed  -  Managed  -  Dispatched  -  Presented
Controlled  -  Negotiated  -  Budgeted  -  Identified
Performed  -  Trained  -  Appraised  -  Examined
Designed  -  Provided  -  Lectured  -  Engineered
Operated  -  Coordinated  -  Interviewed  -  Packaged
Monitored  -  Authored  -  Logged  -  Collected
Generated  -  Recommended  -  Patented  -  Saved
Revised  -  Analyzed  -  Edited  -  Coached
Supervised  -  Reviewed  -  Vended  -  Counselling
Enhanced  -  Compiled  -  Rescued  -  Estimated
Wrote  -  Produced  -  Accomplished  -  Screened
Debugged  -  Adapted  -  Reorganized  -  Audited
Conceived  -  Planned  -  Improved  -  Tested
Executed  -  Modified  -  Invented  -  Elicited
Assisted  -  Determined  -  Contacted  -  Advertised
Corresponded  -  Augmented  -  Programmed  -  Fired
Documented  -  Purchased  -  Prepared  -  Posted
Initiated  -  Proposed  -  Taught  -  Steered
Advised  -  Evaluated  -  Discovered  -  Transcribed
Implemented  -  Streamlined  -  Constructed  -  Completed
Maintained  -  Persuaded  -  Repaired  -  Delivered
Explained  -  Promoted  -  Inspected  -  Restored
Suggested  -  Simplified  -  Cultivated  -  Founded
Adjusted  -  Arranged  -  Manufactured  -  Expanded
Created  -  Recognized  -  Lobbyed  -  Reduced
Instructed  -  Placed  -  Hired  -  Served
Built  -  Investigated  -  Catalogued  -  Won
Reported  -  Researched  -  Inventoried  -  Instituted
Organized  -  Assembled  -  Translated  -  Made
Acquired  -  Installed  -  Displayed  -  Approved
ORGANIZED TRAVEL PROGRAMS

- **Canada World Youth** [www.canadaworldyouth.org](http://www.canadaworldyouth.org)
  Discover another country and another part of Canada. Learn about social justice and development issues, live and work with people from other cultures to acquire practical work experience, leadership and language skills AND gain credit for a post-secondary course or program.

- **Canadian International Development Agency Youth Internships (CIDA)**
  Provides youth with international work opportunities

- **Government of Canada Youth Travel and Work Programs** [www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca](http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca)
  If you are between 18 and 30 years of age and interested in traveling or working overseas, the Government of Canada has programs that can help you achieve your goal.

- **Global Vision International** [www.gvi.co.uk](http://www.gvi.co.uk/)
  GVI is a non-political, non-religious organisation, which runs over 100 projects in 25 countries. GVI volunteers fill a critical void in the fields of environmental research, conservation, education and community development.

- **HELPX** [www.helpx.net](http://www.helpx.net)
  HelpX acts as a liaison between independent hosts (families or employers seeking assistance in return for housing) and helpers (labourers looking for the opportunity to stay somewhere new) for a minimal one-time fee. Host offer positions including farming, reception, goat herder & childcare.

- **Latitude Canada** [www.lattitudecanada.org/](http://www.lattitudecanada.org/)
  Latitude is a charity that provides international volunteering opportunities for 17-25 year olds. Students are placed in schools, outdoor camps, and community non-profit organizations in over 20 countries for periods lasting between four to twelve months.

- **Rotary Youth Exchange** [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)
  Youth Exchange provides youth with the opportunity to meet people from other lands and to experience their cultures by living in a foreign country with host families for a year.

- **Shecana International** [www.shecana.ca](http://www.shecana.ca)
  For high school graduates, Shecana offers gap-year programs including study abroad, working holidays and cultural exchanges. Many programs feature pre-arranged accommodation and an on-site representative to meet and assist the traveller at his or her destination. Working holidays include a confirmed job before leaving Canada.

- **Youth Challenge International** [www.yci.org](http://www.yci.org)
  Students participate in overseas international development projects in partnership with local youth-serving organizations.

- **Youth With a Mission – Missions Trips (YWAM)** [www.ywam.org](http://www.ywam.org)
  Students go on foreign missions trips with other young Christians.

- **World-Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms** [www.woof.org](http://www.woof.org)
  WWOOF is dedicated to helping those who would like to volunteer on organic farms.

*For opportunities that combine employment and travel see page 43*
Destination Information – www.lonelyplanet.com/worldguide

Hostelling Information:

Hostelling International  http://www.hihostels.com/
This is the brand name of more than 90 Youth Hostel Associations in over 80 countries, operating 4,000+ hostels. Unlike bland motels, impersonal hotels or dodgy backpackers, HI Youth Hostels are clean, fun, lively meeting places, full of like-minded people.

This site is an extensive hostel database. This site also links to Rail and other transportation information.

Backpack Europe on a Budget: http://www.backpackeurope.com/

Transportation Links:

Travel Discounters  Help you plan the most economical means of travel transportation.

  - www.travelcuts.com
  - www.redtag.ca
  - www.kayak.com
  - www.airtransat.com
  - www.escapes.ca
  - www.travelocity.com
  - www.cheaptickets.ca

Rail Europe  http://www.raileurope.com/us/index.htm


Health Considerations:

See your doctor to arrange appropriate immunization **approximately six months ahead of your departure date.**

Interior Health Authority  250-868-7700
Travel Vaccination Centre - Kelowna  250-860-6295
Travel Clinic & Vaccination Centre - Kelowna  250-868-9797

Purchase travel insurance and health insurance, sold at most travel agencies and often by airlies at the time of ticket purchase. Be sure to ask questions about the policy. Some policies do not cover “dangerous” adventure type activities.

  - BCAA  www.bcaa.com
  - Travel Guard  www.travelguard.ca
  - Travel Insurance Quotes  www.travelinsurancequotes.ca

Prepare a travel first aid kit specific to your itinerary. This kit might include items such as antibiotics, water pills, prescriptions, gastrointestinal remedies, etc.
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TRAVEL INFORMATION

Government of Canada Travel Links:

Canadian Passport Information  http://www.ppt.gc.ca/
(A full service passport office is located in the Capri Center Mall.)
Your passport is the only evidence of your Canadian Citizenship and identity that is accepted in all countries. Because a passport is now required even to fly into the United States, the processing period for a passport application has increased. Ideally you should apply for a passport 6 months before your trip to avoid any problems. It is important to note that to enter most countries your passport must be valid for 6 months after your date of entry.

To apply for a passport, download the application at the above link. Very carefully complete the application as it will be denied for the smallest of errors. Take the completed application and all supporting documents including your photos to the Passport Canada Office here in Kelowna to get your passport within 10-15 days.

Youth Travel Website  www.youth.gc.ca
Get prepared and make the most of your trip. Find out how to save money while traveling. Learn more about international tourist destinations, find out what to see and do across the nation, and search for career opportunities in the tourism industry.

Canadian Consular Affairs  http://www.voyage.gc.ca/
Information and Assistance for Canadians abroad. Check out this website to find links to foreign travel visas, travel warnings, and guides to make your travel experience easier. Includes links for emergency telephone numbers, registration of Canadians abroad, and information on disease related issues.

TIP! Make a copy of your passport, your flight and hotel information and any other credit, debit or ID cards you are taking with you and leave this with a responsible person at home. In case of theft or loss you can call home to get the information on these documents.

Government of Canada Publications:  www.voyage.gc.ca
These plus other guides are available. Order at 1-800-267-8376 or view online.

- “Bon Voyage, But ...” Information for the Canadian Traveller
- “Her Own Way: A Woman’s Guide to Safe and Successful Travel”
- “Out on a Limb: Advice for the Adventure Traveller” (online only)
- “Working Abroad: Unravelling the Maze”
- “Teaching English in Korea” (online only)
- “Teaching English in Japan” (online only)
- “Teaching English in Taiwan” (online only)
SOURCES OF FUNDING

1. **PASSPORT TO EDUCATION AWARDS**

   **Grade 10 & 11 - $250 / Grade 12 - $500**

   The Passport to Education Program recognizes and rewards student achievement in Grades 10 to 12. The intent of the program is to motivate all students to study consistently during the years leading to graduation, and to encourage further education.

   If eligible, the Ministry awards “stamps” which are placed in a “passport” and kept at a student’s home school for pick up in August of the graduating year. The funding needs to be redeemed within five years of graduation by enrolling in any Ministry of Education approved post-secondary institution or job training program.

2. **GRADE 12 GRADUATION PROGRAM EXAMINATIONS SCHOLARSHIP**

   These Scholarships are based on performance on Provincial examinations written in academic courses. These awards are $1,000 each and given to each student who satisfies the following criteria. The top 20 students in BC will each receive $2500.

   **To be eligible for this Scholarship a student must:**
   1. Write five graduation exams (En 10, Sc 10, a Math 10, SS 11 or FNS 12 and an En 12)
   2. Complete both the course and the exam
   3. Achieve a minimum 73% blended final mark (school + exam) in English 12
   4. Rank among the top 5,000 grade 12 students in BC

   The Ministry of Education will average each student’s five exams and award $1000 to the top 5,000 grade 12 students in the province.

3. **DOGWOOD DISTRICT AUTHORITY AWARDS**

   Dogwood District/Authority Awards are awarded to graduating students who have excelled in Fine Arts, Applied Skills, Physical Activity or Second Languages. Winners of these scholarships receive a $500 cheque and an additional $500 if they enrol in a recognized post-secondary institution. There are 5,500 awards available province wide with district awards allocated based on enrolment.

   **To qualify, a student must:**
   - Create a portfolio or project to be presented to the school scholarship committee demonstrating exceptional skill in either Fine Arts, Applied Skills, Physical Activity, Second Languages, Community Service, and Technical and Trades Training.
   - Have completed graduation requirements
   - Complete the school application package

**Students are eligible for both a Graduation Program Examinations Scholarship and a Dogwood District/Authority Award**
SOURCES OF FUNDING

4.  **B.C. LOANS  www.bcsap.bc.ca.**

    I.  **British Columbia Student Assistance Program (B.C.S.A.P.)**

    B.C. Student Loans, guaranteed by the Province, offers interest-free assistance to students enrolled in at least 60% of a full course load for credit at post-secondary institutions. Payment of principal and interest commences six months after the student ceases full-time studies. Applications are available in June of the student’s graduating year.

    II. **Student Aid BC www.studentaidbc.ca**

    Student Aid BC helps eligible students with the cost of their post-secondary education through loans, grants, bursaries, scholarships and special programs. It also has programs for borrowers who need help repaying their loans.

5. **FEDERAL (Government of Canada) LOANS www.canlearn.ca**

    Canada Student Loan Program (C.S.L.P), offered by the Federal Government and administered by the Provincial Government, offers a repayable loan requiring no payment on principal or interest until six months after the student ceases full time studies. In addition, the CanLearn website gives information on additional loans, grants and scholarships.

6. **STUDENT LINE OF CREDIT**

    A Student Line of Credit is a type of loan for educational purposes available through most major banking institutions. It typically has a lower interest rate than a regular line of credit and allows the student the flexibility of accessing money, within a specified limit, as needed. Each banking institution will have its own application guidelines and rules.

7. **WEBSITES**

    **Student Awards.Com  www.studentawards.com**
    Studentawards.com is a FREE scholarship search service devoted to helping high school seniors, university and college students find information on scholarships, bursaries, grants and other forms of financial assistance.

    **Scholarships Canada.Com  www.scholarshipscanada.com**
    ScholarshipsCanada.com is an educational site for students to find scholarships, student awards, bursaries and grants. Students can search for scholarships by name, school, field of study and scholarship provider.

    **Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada  www.aucc.ca**  (select "Programs and Scholarships" - "Scholarships")
    For over 45 years, AUCC has been managing scholarship programs and distributing millions of scholarship dollars to students in pursuing postsecondary education.

    **School Finder.Com  http://www.schoolfinder.com/finance/index.asp**
    Search through our extensive database to find scholarships, student awards, bursaries and grants. You’ll also find information about student loans, applications and budget planning.

    **Student Scholarships.Org  www.studentscholarships.org**
    Internet's leading source for finding scholarship money.
# Listing of Awards, Scholarships, and Bursaries

The following list of financial scholarships and awards is representative of the many possibilities available. Students need to thoroughly research and apply for all financial awards. **Deadlines May Change Without Notice ~ Plan Ahead & Research Carefully!**

## September Deadlines

### A.S. Matheson Education Award (C.O.T.A.)
- [www.thecota.ca/forms.htm](http://www.thecota.ca/forms.htm)
- Must be the son or daughter of a current or retired C.O.T.A. member

### B.C. Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association (BCPVPA) Scholarships
- [www.bcpvpa.bc.ca](http://www.bcpvpa.bc.ca) (follow scholarship link)
- Academic excellence and leadership within the school and community
- Must be the son or daughter of a current or retired BCPVPA member

### C.O.T.A. Academic Excellence Award
- [www.thecota.ca/forms.htm](http://www.thecota.ca/forms.htm)
- Must be the son or daughter of a current or retired C.O.T.A. member

### Khalsa Credit Union
- [www.khalsacreditunion.ca](http://www.khalsacreditunion.ca)
- Awarded to a Sikh community youth with outstanding school and Sikh Religious Achievement

## October Deadlines

### Loran Awards & Morehead
- [www.loranaward.ca](http://www.loranaward.ca)
- 85% average in grades 8-12 with exceptional community service

### T.D. Canada Trust Scholarships for Outstanding Community Leadership
- [www.tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship](http://www.tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship)
- Demonstrated outstanding community leadership with strong academic skills

## December Deadlines

### B.C. Cowboy Heritage Society
- [www.bcchs.com/scholarships.html](http://www.bcchs.com/scholarships.html)
- 3 categories of awards: original art, crafts, original poem or short story

### Burger King Scholarship
- [http://www.haveityourway.com/burger_king_scholars_program.html](http://www.haveityourway.com/burger_king_scholars_program.html)
- Works an average of 15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year (part-time year round). Applicants are NOT required to be employed at BURGER KING

### Shad Valley
- [www.shad.ca](http://www.shad.ca)
- An innovative leadership program focusing on science, technology and entrepreneurship

### University of Alberta
- [http://www.registrar.ualberta.ca/ro.cfm?id=2](http://www.registrar.ualberta.ca/ro.cfm?id=2)
- 80% average or higher, applying to U of A for Sept. of grad year

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**Be sure to visit these helpful sites:**
- [www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)
- [www.scholarshopscanada.com](http://www.scholarshopscanada.com)
- [www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)
QUEEN’S UNIVERSITY: MAJOR ADMISSION AWARDS
• http://www.queensu.ca/studentawards finanzi alassistance/admissionscholarships.html#admisbursaries

----------------------------------------------- JANUARY DEADLINES -----------------------------------------------

ART INSTITUTE OF VANCOUVER
• http://www.artinstitutes.edu/vancouver
• Select the Financial Aid tab and scroll to the bottom of the page to open scholarship and bursary information.

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES
• http://indspire.ca/scholarships
• Applicants must be Canadian resident Aboriginal individuals who are either First Nations status or non-status Inuit or Metis & recognized by the Federal Government, enrolled in full-time post-secondary studies

BCIT ENTRANCE AWARDS (January & August deadlines)
• www.bcit.ca/finaid
• Numerous scholarships with different criteria

CENTRAL OKANAGAN BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY
• www.cobss.ca
• Applications available from your school Counsellor – see page 54

UNION PLUS SCHOLARSHIP
• http://www.unionplus.org/college-education-financing/union-plus-scholarship
• Current and retired members of unions participating in any Union Plus program, their spouses and their dependent children (as defined by IRS regulations)

SENATE PAGE PROGRAM
• http://www.parl.gc.ca/Employment/Senate/PageProgram/selection-e.htm
• Must be a bilingual, full time student in 1 of the 4 National Capital Region Universities

TOP 20 UNDER 20
• http://www.top20under20.ca/en/Apply/HowToApply.htm or email info@youth-in-motion.ca
• For visionary leaders who have used innovation to change in life, school, community, province or country

----------------------------------------------- FEBRUARY DEADLINES -----------------------------------------------

TRIUMF HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP
• http://www.triumf.ca/outreach/high-school-fellowship
• Completed Physics 11 & 12 with excellence
• 6 week research experience in Vancouver with housing & transportation covered to earn $3000

BC GOVERNMENT & SERVICE EMPLOYEES’ UNION
• www.bcgeu.ca
• Must be related to a BCGEU member, “C” or better GPA & essay required

KINSMEN AND KINETTES BURSARY
• www.bursary.ca
• Must demonstrate high ideals and qualities of citizenship. Applicants need not be connected to Kin.

TERRY FOX HUMANITARIAN AWARD
• www.terryfox.org/
• Recognized for dedication to community service, humanitarianism, perseverance and courage in the face of obstacles, and the pursuit of excellence in fitness and academics

TOYOTA EARTH DAY SCHOLARSHIPS
• www.earthday.ca/scholarship or www.toyota.ca
• Demonstrated commitment and service to community environmental issues, academic achievement and a record of participation in volunteer and extracurricular activity at school and in the community
UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AWARDS (due dates vary, MES & CBS due in February)

• www.students.ubc.ca/finance/awards.cfm
• AFFILIATION SCHOLARSHIPS - Grade 11 students visit campus
• AFFILIATION SCHOLARSHIPS - Over 40 scholarships each with different criteria
• COMMUNITY BUILDER SCHOLARSHIP (Okanagan Campus Only) - Minimum 75% average and demonstrate excellent leadership skills. Must see school counselor.
• DKE UNIVERSITY HOUSING SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY - For males entering 1st year at UBC in September of graduating year
• MAJOR ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS
• PHI ALPHA of DELTA KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP - For male students demonstrating leadership, community involvement, academics, athletics

BC GOVERNMENT & SERVICE EMPLOYEES’ UNION

• http://www.bcgeu.ca/member_resources_scholar
• Must be related to a BCGEU member

QUEEN’S UNIVERSITY: ADMISSION BURSARIES

• http://www.queensu.ca/studentawards/financialassistance/admissionscholarships.html#admisbursaries

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA ABORIGINAL STUDENT AWARDS

• www.gotoapply.ca/RBC
• Recipients selected based on personal and academic achievements

ROYAL BANK FINANCIAL LIFESKILLS SCHOLARSHIP

• www.rbccroyalbank.com/lifeskills/
• Must be attending a post-secondary education in the fall of grad year with a minimum GPA of 65%

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MARCH DEADLINES------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

BC ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH-CARE AUXILIARIES TRIBUTE BURSARY

• http://www.bchealthcareaux.org/youthvolunteerprogram.htm
• Must attend a post-secondary institution in a human healthcare field and has done 100 hours in an Auxiliary sponsored program.

BC HYDRO SCHOLARSHIPS

• www.bchydro.com/scholarships
• Awarded to students who are leaders and role models in their school and community

BC SOCCER ASSOCIATION

• http://www.bcsoccer.net/COMMUNITY/ScholarshipApplications/tabid/156/Default.aspx
• Must have played with a team affiliated with BCSA for a minimum of 3 years

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU OF MAINLAND B.C. STUDENT ETHICS AWARD

• www.bbbvan.org
• Must have high ethics demonstrated through leadership, community service & academic history

BC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT’S ASSOCIATION

• http://www.bcssa.org/resources/scholarships
• Essay scholarship for students planning on pursuing a teaching career.

B.C. CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

• http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/awards
• Must be well-rounded Gr 12 student who plans to pursue post-secondary studies.

COLONEL DOUGLAS H. GUNTER HISTORY/AWARD

• http://www.warmuseum.ca/education/programs/the-colonel-douglas-h-gunter-award/
• The award support a student who plans to continue their studies in the field of history.
JACK FARLEY YOUTH SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
- www.bcsportshalloffame.com
- One outstanding male and female amateur athlete involved in either their community or school sports

LEONARD FOUNDATION
- http://www.leonardfnd.org/
- All applicants considered but preference given to children of ordained clergy, school teachers, military personnel, or members of Engineering Institute of Canada

OKANAGAN COLLEGE ENTRANCE AWARDS
- www.okanagan.bc.ca/page15015.aspx
- Various awards for students entering OK College September after graduation

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BC
- http://www.unbc.ca/finaid/overview.html#app
- Maintain at least a 73% average upon graduation

PROSPERA JUMP START EDUCATION AWARD PROGRAM
- https://www.prospera.ca/Community/CommPrograms/SupportEd/index.jsp
- Must be a Prospera Credit Union Member for at least one year.

REMAX “QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE” BURSARIES
- http://www.remax-western.ca/quest-excellence
- In an essay, students convey their contributions to the community (leadership, motivation, communication)

RETAIL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
- www.retaileducation.ca
- Must be pursuing an education in a retail or business-related post-secondary program

GARFIELD WESTON MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
- www.garfieldwestonawards.ca/
- Minimum 75% with community involvement and leadership potential

MILLER THOMSON FOUNDATION NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
- www.millerthomson.com - link to MT Foundation
- Demonstrate a high level of academic achievement, have made a positive contribution to their school through extracurricular activities, and have made significant contributions of time and energy to community service programs.

SCOUTS CANADA BURSARY
- http://www.scouts.ca/ca/how-apply-scholarship
- Applicants must write a statement, no more than 200 words, on the value of Scouting in their life

COAST CAPITAL EDUCATION SAVINGS AWARDS
- www.coastcapitalsavings.com/awards
- For students who have demonstrated significant personal growth or community leadership

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APRIL DEADLINES---------------------------------------------------------------

BC CATTLEMEN’S ASSOCIATION
- www.cattlemen.bc.ca/bursarygrant.htm
- Award for students in any course of study who come from a rural area where cattle are raised

BC HOCKEY SCHOLARSHIPS
- www.bchockey.net/Awards/Scholarships.aspx
- Must be a registered member of BC Hockey or a former member playing in the WHL

BC HOUSING BURSARY
- www.bchousing.org/tenants/services/bursary
- Awarded to students living in subsidized housing in BC & going on to post-secondary schooling in September of grad year
BC HYDRO POWER PIONEERS SERVICE AWARD
- www.powerpioneers.com
- Essay submission on energy conservation, sustainability, safety or teamwork

BC SPORTS HALL OF FAME and MUSEUM – JACK FARLEY YOUTH SPORTS AWARD
- Involved in either community or school sports

BC TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- http://www.bctia.org/Programs/Tech_Scholarship/
- Must be enrolled in a technology-focused program with plans to pursue a tech related career

BCSTA (B.C. SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION)
- http://www.bcsta.org/main/
- Demonstrate exemplary citizenship in their school and community

C.O.T.A. SCHOLARSHIPS
- www.thecota.ca/forms.htm
- Must be the son or daughter of a current or retired C.O.T.A. member.
- Technical Training Bursary ($1,000)
- Fine Arts Scholarship ($1,000)
- Ev Greenaway Vocational/Trades Bursary($1,000)

DOGWOOD DISTRICT AUTHORITY AWARDS
- Ask at your school’s Counselling/Career Centre for the appropriate contact person

ENVISION CREDIT UNION EDUCATION AWARD
- www.envisionfinancial.ca/Personal/CorporateCitizenship/EducationBursaries

EDUCATION FACILITY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION of BC BURSARY
- http://www.efmabc.com/
- Must be dependents of school district employees in the school plant area (ie: maintenance or custodial)

BCSTA STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARD
- www.bcsta.org
- Exemplary citizenship plus 500 word essay

IODE – Okanagan Thompson Visual & Performing Arts
- Must demonstrate financial need and is pursuing study in the Visual and Performing Arts.
- For more info write to: Ms. Anne Milsom, 202-1045 Sutherland Ave, Kelowna BC, V1Y 5Y1

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - KELOWNA
- www.kelownalegion.ca
- Preference will be given to those related to Ex-Service personnel however other applications may also be considered.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #26 BURSARIES
- www.pacificlegion.org/youth.html
- Demonstrate financial need with preference given to children and grandchildren of veterans and ex-service personnel

PUBLIC GUARDIAN & TRUSTEE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FUND
- http://www.trustee.bc.ca/services/estate/edu_assistance.html
- Must be a former permanent ward of the Ministry of Social Services of British Columbia, its predecessor or successor, or have been in continuing custody of the British Columbia Ministry for Children and Family Development under the Child, Family and Community Services Act or predecessor laws
- Must be at least 19 years of age as of the date studies commence
ROTARY CLUB OF KEOWNA FOUNDATION STRIVE SCHOLARSHIP
- Demonstrated positive behavioural change through improved attendance, work habits, attitude towards learning resulting in improved grades over grade 11 and 12 years

UFCW & OFG JOINT DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP
- www.owfg.com/diversity
- Must have demonstrated involvement in diversity initiatives in their school or community.

---------------------------------------------MAY DEADLINES---------------------------------------------

GREYHOUND BURSARY DRAW
- www.greyhound.ca
- Must have 80% or higher average on grade 11/12 transcript

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES SCHOLARSHIP
- Must answer 2 essay questions

MONSANTO CANADA INC. OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP
- www.monsanto.ca/monsanto/layout/about/scholarship.asp
- Awarded to students from agricultural or forestry family farms who plan to pursue careers in agricultural sciences or forestry

MC CREATIVE SCHOLARSHIP
- Demonstrate aptitude for vocation of fashion, beauty and/or wellness
- Must display creative ability in art, music, photography or other avenue
- Must have excellent attendance record & demonstrate community involvement
- Email heli@marvelcollege.com for a copy of the paper application.

QUEST OF EXCELLENCE SCHOOL BURSARY PROGRAM (RE/MAX)
- http://www.remax-western.ca/quest-excellence
- Demonstrate a passion for and dedication in one of the following topics: Leadership, Sports, Technology & Trades, Performing Arts, Fine Arts, Community/Volunteer Service

---------------------------------------------JUNE DEADLINES---------------------------------------------

ASSOC. OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS & GEOSCIENTISTS OF BC SCHOLARSHIP
- http://www.apeg.bc.ca/students/scholarships/index.html
- Students must be entering UBC, SFU or UVic leading to a degree in engineering or geosciences OR entering a college/university college engineering transfer program.

BC SCHOOL SPORTS (BCSS)
- http://www.bcschoolsports.ca/pages/scholarships_awards/scholarships_awards_main.php
- DAVE GIFFARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Have competed in a MINIMUM of 2 BCSS sports in Grade 12 year and have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- ZONE SCHOLARSHIPS - Have competed in at least 1 BCSS sports in Grade 12 year and have a minimum 3.0 GPA

COUNCIL OF FOREST INDUSTRIES – ANNUAL CONVENTION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP
- www.cofi.org
- Ten $1000 scholarships to students enrolling in a forest sector (professional, technical or trades) program.

NATIONAL UNION SCHOLARSHIPS
- http://www.nupge.ca/scholarships
- Scholarships available for people with disabilities, foster children, viable minorities, and aboriginals. Must be a member of the Union.
JULY DEADLINES

BC ELECTRICAL ASSOCIATION KELOWNA
• http://www.bcea.bc.ca/scholarship.php
  • pursuing a career in Electrical, Marketing, Electrical Engineering, Business, or Mechanical Engineering

BCSSA SCHOLARSHIPS
• http://www.bcsummerswimming.com/scholarships.html
  • Scholarships from the BC Summer Swimming Association

BC ROAD BUILDERS – BETTY SPALTON SCHOLARSHIPS
• www.roadbuilders.bc.ca/education_fund.php
  • For students entering studies leading to a career in road building, road maintenance, or heavy construction.

AUGUST DEADLINES

BCIT ENTRANCE AWARDS (January & August deadlines)
• www.bcit.ca/finaid
  • Numerous scholarships with different criteria

BILL KEHLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS
• http://www.canadianfinalsrdeo.com/around-edmonton/bill-kehler-scholarship
  • For students with academic interests in broadcasting or agriculture

VARIABLE DEADLINES

Research these awards early for the deadlines that apply to you.

ABORIGINAL MULTI MEDIA SOCIETY ~ ABORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIP / BURSARY GUIDE
• http://www.ammsa.com/community-access/scholarships
  • Listings and online resources

BC EPILEPSY SOCIETY
• http://www.bcepilepsy.com/programs_and_services/Scholarships.aspx
  • must be member of society & must demonstrate educational commitment, volunteer work, & other interests

CANADIAN TOURISM COLLEGE
• www.tourismcollege.com
  • Must be registered at the college; essay submission about the Travel & Tourism industry

SFU ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS
• http://students.sfu.ca/entrancescholarships/canadian.html
  • Numerous scholarships/bursaries/awards with different criteria and different deadlines

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP
• http://www.ucalgary.ca/studentfinance/awards/prospective/high
  • These awards can be scholarships - based mainly on your academic standing, or bursaries in which you must have financial need along with academic merit

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE EARLY ENTRANCE AWARDS
• https://discover.uleth.ca/highschool-student/scholarships.ezc
  • Numerous scholarships/bursaries/awards with different criteria

VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
• http://continuinged.vcc.ca/fashionArts/fashiondesignchallenge.html
  • Entrance award to the Fashion Design program. Must submit a garment from a gr 12 Textile class
It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are.

E.E. Cummings