



How to Win Scholarships

Grad Class 2024

Presentation by WGSS Counselling Department



I would like to start by acknowledging that we have the privilege of gathering to learn on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Matsqui, Kwantlen, Katzie and Semiahmoo First Nations.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES



Where to view this presentation?





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Thank you to the students who applied for the Langley School District Authority Awards. The application period is now CLOSED.

Langley Scholarship Information

WGSS "W" List (2022)
Connie Twemlow Memorial Award for a WGSS Graduate
Langley School District Foundation "O" List (2022)
Langley School District Scholarship Information
Langley School District District Authority Scholarship Information for **WGSS Students**

SASSY Awards Information

- 2022 SASSY Awards (Langley Rotary) Power Point Presentation
- 2022 SASSY Presentation Video
- 2022 SASSY Awards Nomination and Application

WGSS Scholarship Presentations

- **2021 WGSS Grade 11 Scholarship Workshop - May 10, 2022**
- **2021 WGSS Grade 12 National & Nomination Scholarship Presentation - Sept. 2021**
- **2022 WGSS Grade 12 Local, District and Ministry D/A Scholarship Presentation - Dec. 2021**
- **2020 Trinity Western University, How to Write a Scholarship Essay**
- **2021 Unlock Your Future with Brittany Palmer - Handout**



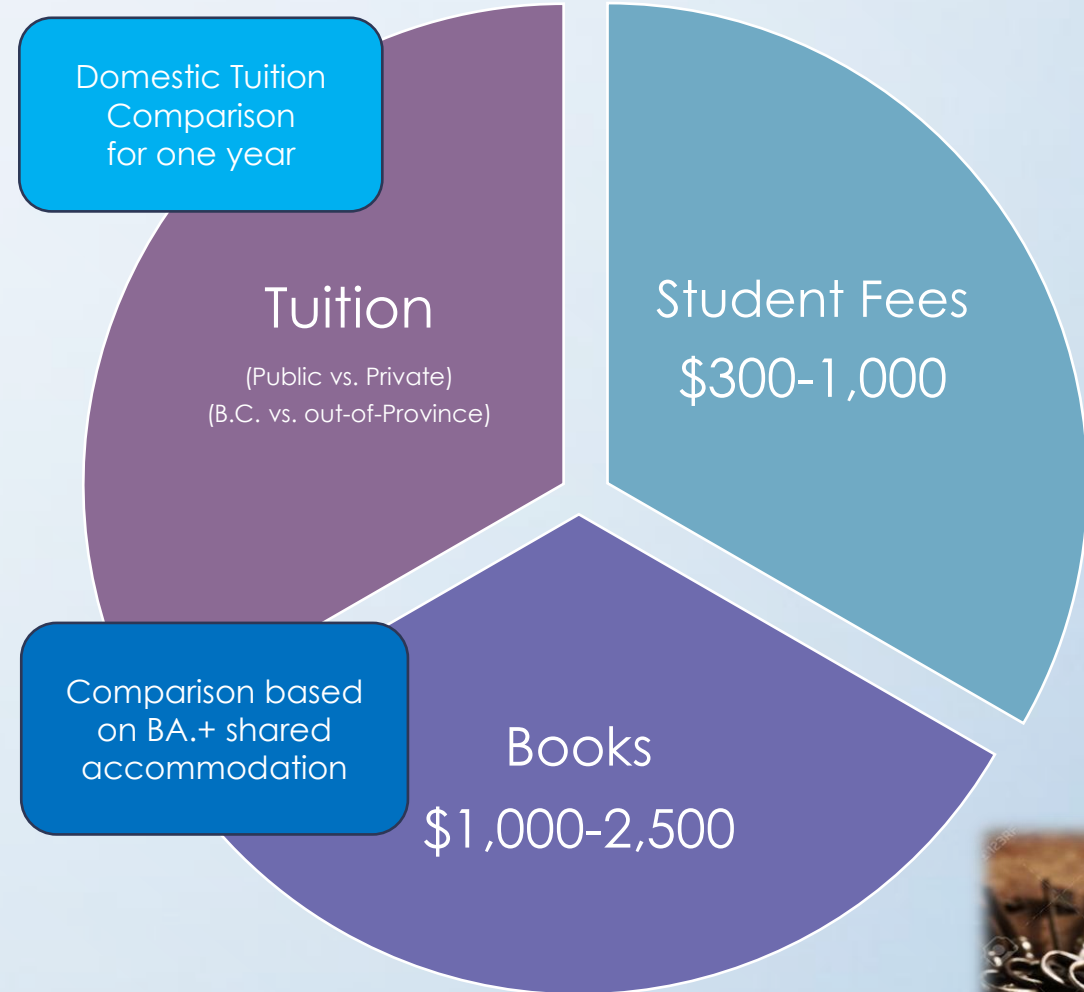
<http://wgsscounselling.weebly.com/wgss-scholarship-information.html>

Scholarship Application Workshop

1. Why apply?
2. What's available?
3. How to get started?
4. Questions?

Why apply for scholarships?

KPU	• Tuition: \$ 6,592 • Live at home
UBC	• Tuition: \$ 7,065 • Residence: \$11,000 (includes Meal Plan)
McGill	• Tuition: \$ 8,505 • Residence: \$17,845 (includes Meal Plan)
TWU	• Tuition: \$22,260 • Residence: \$10,500 (includes Meal Plan)
U of Washington	• Tuition: \$39,906 ^{US} • Residence: \$18,564 ^{US}



- Average tuition in Canada for Canadian Student: \$ 6,693
- Average tuition for International Students in Canada: \$54,986
- Canadian comparison: univcan.ca/universities/facts-and-stats/tuition-fees-by-university/

Part-time Job vs. Applying for Scholarships?

\$16.75/hr.

- Minimum Wage

15 hrs/week
= \$251

- Consider limiting how much you work so you can do your best in your studies and have time to volunteer
- Also, ensure you have time to apply for scholarships!



- Applying for scholarships is worthwhile!
- If you win \$500 and for 3 hours work on your application that = \$166.67/hr.
- If you win \$20,000 for 4 hours work on your application that = \$5,000/hr.
- If you win a \$1,000 scholarship that = 59.70 hours of work

Types of Financial Aid

Scholarship

- Recognizes outstanding achievement, leadership, service, or athletics

Bursary

- Need-based awards: Family income is the primary consideration

Loan

- Repayment required unless family income is significantly limited

Award

- Contests: Monetary rewards for exceptional skill; often require an essay



Merit vs. Need

Merit

- Based on academic achievement, leadership, or other talents

Need

- Based on your family's financial circumstances

Domestic Student Example

FUNDING OVERVIEW FOR DOMESTIC STUDENTS

	Merit?	Need?	Application?
Major Entrance Scholarship	✓		Admission Apply by Dec 1
Centennial Scholars Entrance Award	✓	✓	Separate Apply by Dec 1
Awards for Aboriginal Students	✓	✓	Admission Apply by Dec 1
Tuum Est Experiential Award	✓		Admission Apply by Dec 1
General Bursaries		✓	Separate Apply by July 15



International Student Example

FUNDING OVERVIEW FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

	Merit?	Need?	Application?
International Major Entrance Scholarship	✓		Admission Apply by Jan 15
Outstanding International Student Award	✓	✓	Admissions Apply by Jan 15
Donald A. <u>Wehrung</u> International Student Award	✓	✓	Separate Apply by Nov 15
International Leader of Tomorrow	✓	✓	Separate Apply by Nov 15



What's Available?



Provincial Government

- BC Excellence (\$5000) or Pathways to Teacher Education (\$5000)
- District/Authority (\$1250)
- BC Achievement (\$1250)

Entrance Awards

- Automatic Entrance Awards are based on academic entrance GPA
- Application Entrance Scholarships (based on financial need or leadership)
- Indigenous Scholarships + Bursaries (based on ancestry)

Langley District "Open"

- "Open" to all students in SD35 – (\$200- \$4000)
- Based on GPA, service, and specific criteria of the donor – see list in District Scholarship Handbook

WGSS Awards

- "Local" – Walnut Grove Awards – (\$225 - \$2000)
- Based on GPA, service, and specific criteria – see list on WGSS Counselling Website

Other Awards

- Parents' / Guardia/Grandparents' employer or involvement
- Affiliation: e.g., Sports, Credit Union, Health, Elementary School, area of study, etc.
- National / Nomination Awards – September 2022 presentation

1. Ministry of Education



\$5000
x 55

BC Excellence

- School nomination required (WGSS gets one nominee)
- Note: in-school deadline earlier than award application deadline on website
- Academics + Leadership + Service + Career Goal

\$1250
x 8000

BC Achievement Scholarship

- Automatic, based on Gr. 10-12 courses required for graduation; highest overall GPA
- Ministry informs students by November after graduation

\$1250

District/Authority

- For students who demonstrate excellence in 1 of 7 areas
- Indigenous leadership, fine arts, applied skills, community service, physical activity, International languages, technical and trades training

\$5000

Pathways to Teacher Education

- Application process for students pursuing teacher education in BC

\$1000

Youth-in-Trades Scholarships

- For students in You-in-Trades or Youth-in-Training
- Talk to our Career Advisor if you are interested in Trades
- <http://youth.itabc.ca/programs/work/>

District Authority Award – BC Ministry of Education



Indigenous Languages and Culture

- Leadership at school or in community with First Nations

Fine Arts

- Visual Arts, Drama, Music, Dance

Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies

- Business Ed., Computes, Home Ec.

Technical and Trades Training

- Carpentry, Automotive, Metalwork, Drafting, Cafeteria

Physical Activity

- National/Provincial Athlete + PHE 11/12, Dance, Gymnastics

International Languages

- 3 Languages on transcript, not including English

Community Service

- Exceptional volunteerism, including demonstration of local and global issues and awareness

\$1250 for Exceptional Achievement in one of the 7 categories

GPA calculated using Grade 11 & 12 academic courses + 3-4 specialized courses

Application Form available Winter 2023;
due March 2024

Are you eligible for a District Authority?

Educational Goal: **Fine Arts Major** @ Capilano

Studio Art 11: Drawing & Painting

Studio Art 12: Drawing & Painting

Concert Choir 11

Chamber Choir 11

Jazz Band 11

Jazz Band 12

Band 11 + 12

Educational Goal: **Kinesiology Degree** @ Douglas

Outdoor Ed 11 (EDGE)

High Performance BB 11

Strength & Conditioning 12

Athlete 11 (Provincial Athlete)

Athlete 12 (National Athlete)

Community + School Teams

Are you eligible for a District Authority?

Indigenous Language & Cultural Leadership

Recognized leadership at school in Indigenous Program

Recognized leadership with First Nation

Note: Application for this category is often one month before the WGSS Scholarship deadline

Community Service & Leadership

Leadership role at school

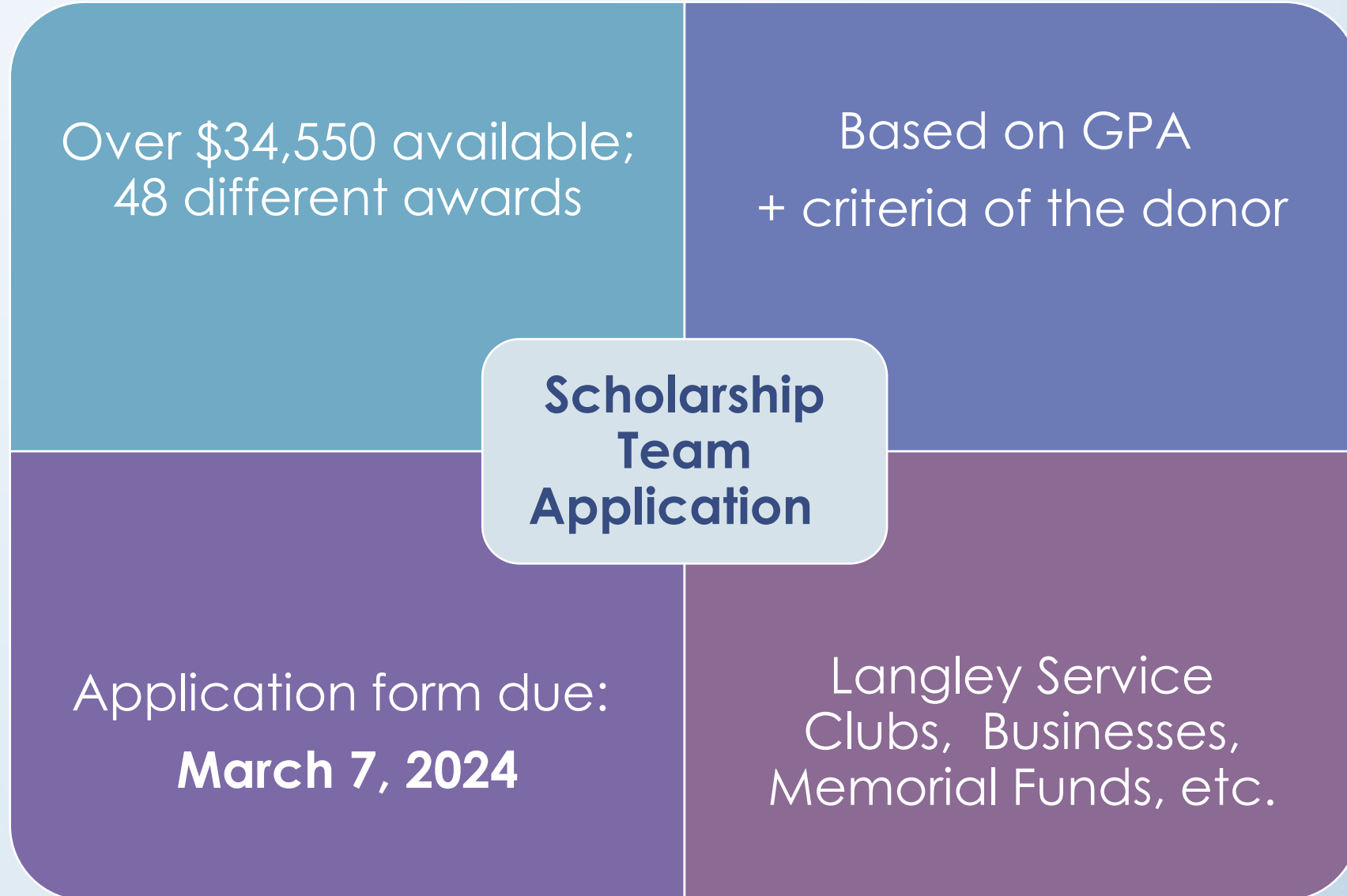
Leadership role in community

History of volunteerism in high school

Variety of involvement

100+ hours

2. Langley School District Foundation



2. Walnut Grove Awards



Over \$49,000 available;
32 different awards

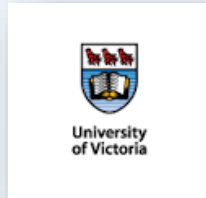
Based on GPA,
Leadership, Service,
+ criteria of the donor

**Scholarship
Team
Application**

Application form due:
March 7 2024

Elementary PAC Awards,
Businesses, Memorial
Funds, Student Council,
etc.

3. Automatic Entrance Scholarships



Automatically considered when apply

Calculated on Gr. 11 & 12 courses =
academic GPA

Amount varies depending institution and
on academic GPA

See: **District Scholarship Handbook**

for additional information

Automatic Entrance Scholarships: Examples

Western Ontario Scholarships:

Western Scholarship of Excellence	Top 250 GPA	\$8,000/first year
Western Scholarship of Distinction	92 – 100%	\$3,500/first year
Western Admission Scholarship	90 – 91.9%%	\$2,500/first year



TWU Guaranteed Scholarships:

• President's	90 - 100%	\$6,000 per year
• Provost's	85 - 89.9%	\$4,000 per year
• Dean's	73 - 84.9%	\$2,000 per year



4. Major Entrance Scholarships

Application Process

Criteria: Academics and/or Leadership
and/or Service, and/or Financial Need
and/or Indigenous Heritage

Deadlines:

December to February

Check PSI website
for more info.

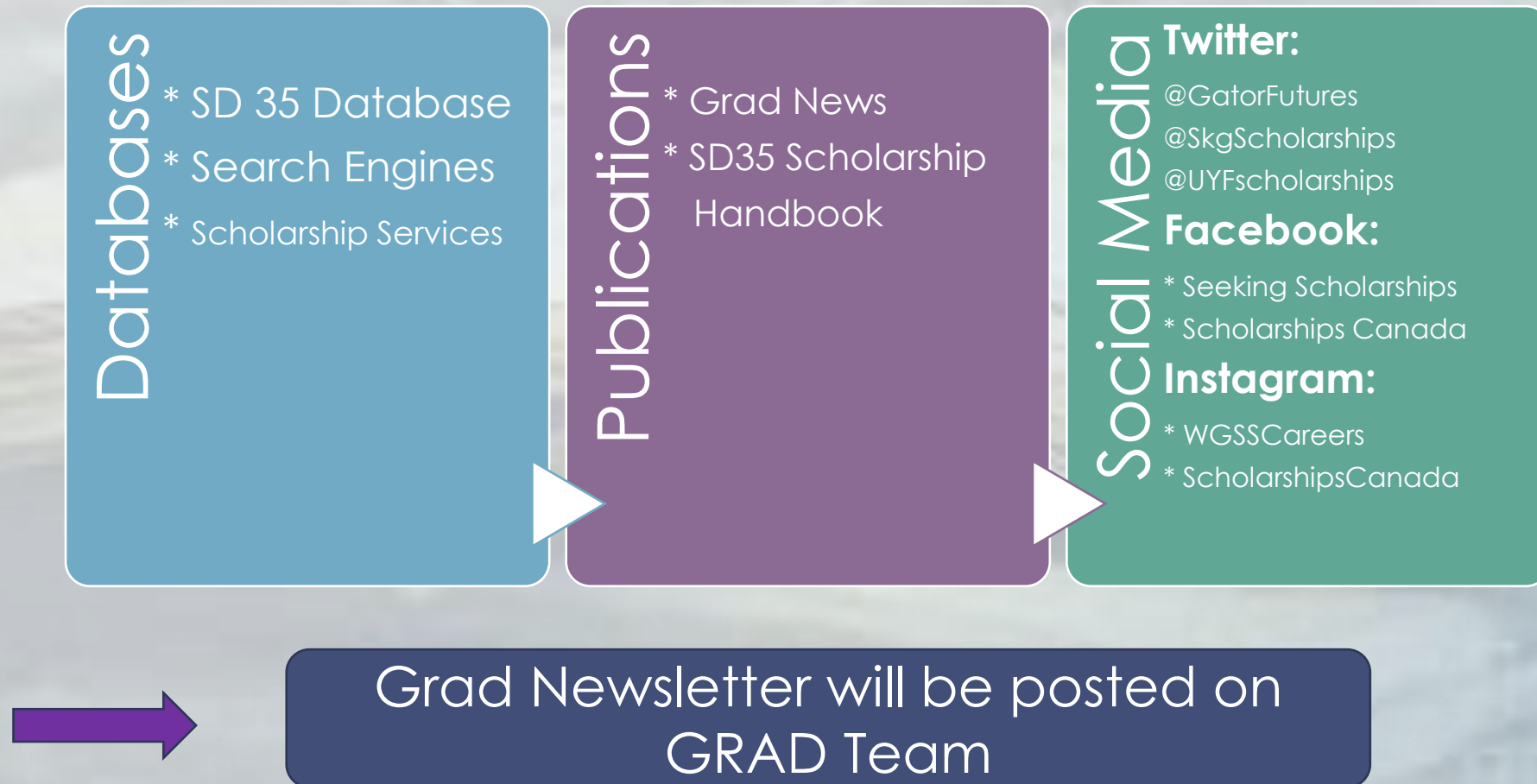


Example: (up to \$80,000)
UBC Centennial Scholars Entrance Award



Example: (\$20,000 - 5,000)
Major Entrance Scholarship

5. Finding “Other” Scholarships



Parent's
Affiliations

e.g. Unions

Service

e.g. Leadership

Clubs

e.g. Scouts

Sports

e.g. Soccer

Heritage

e.g. Indigenous

Health

e.g. Crohn's

Financial
Institutions

e.g. Credit Unions

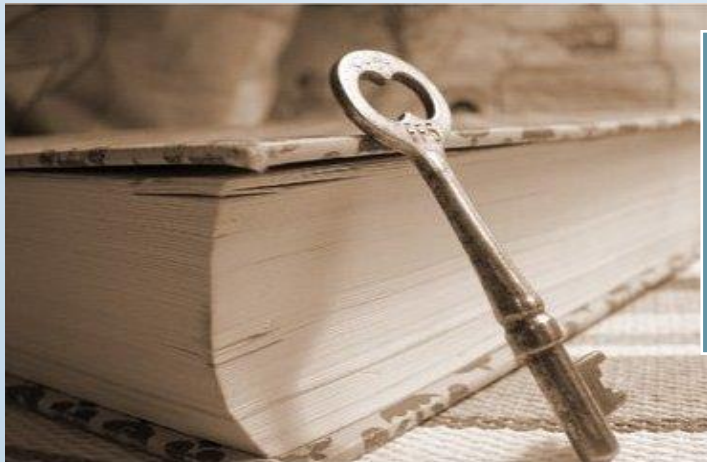
Area of
Study

e.g. Sciences

Essay

e.g. Rotary Club, SASSY
Awards

A few examples....





Entrance
Awards



Admission –
reserved seats



Scholarships +
Bursaries

Indigenous Awards



Indigenous Search Engines



ABORIGINAL LEARNING LINKS
— a BC post-secondary resource —

Aboriginal Learning Link

- aboriginallearning.ca/scholarshipsbursaries/



Government
of Canada

Indigenous Bursary Search Engine

- sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1351185180120/1351685455328



Indspire

- Indspire.ca



Scholarships/bursaries from Institutions

- Check Financial Awards section of University Websites

Where should you
begin?



Research
institutions



Explore
program
options



Investigate
costs



Decide where and what you will be studying

Prepare a comparison chart (pros / cons) +
prepare a financial plan/budget

SD 35 Website Contents



Scholarships & Awards

- Searchable Database
- Scholarship Search Engines

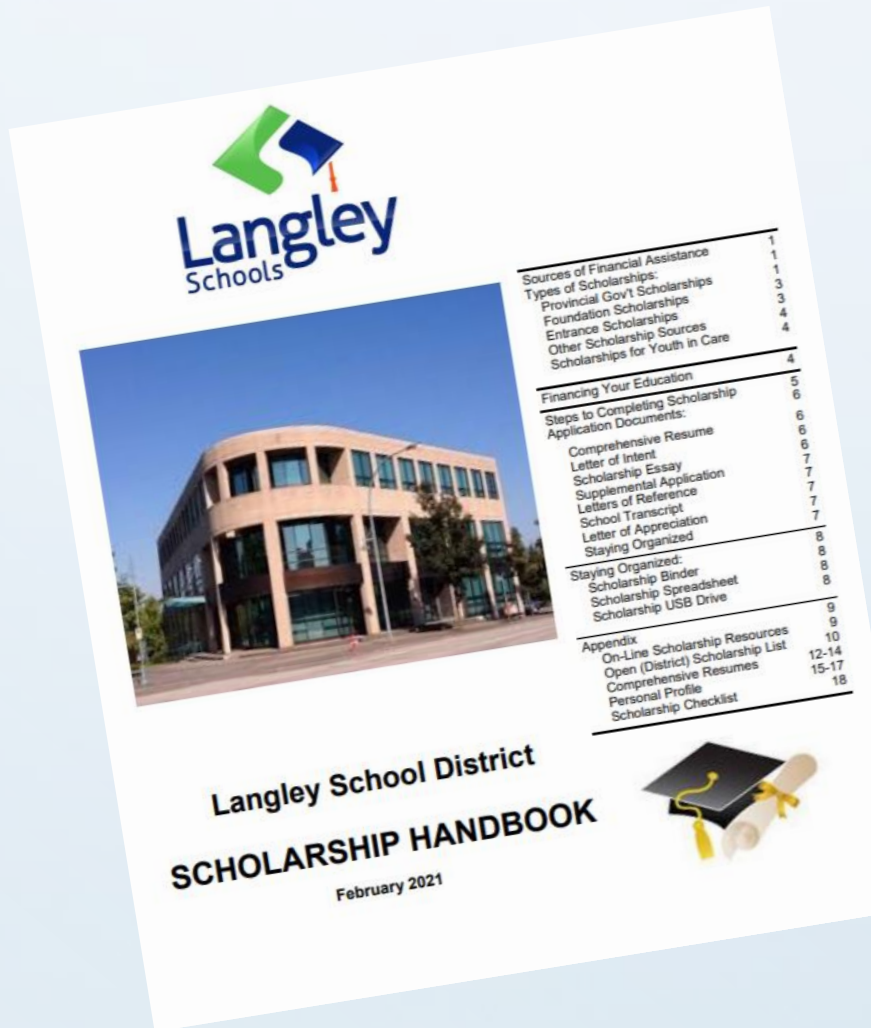
Scholarship Handbook

- Sources of Financial Assistance
- Steps to Applying for Scholarships
- District - Open Award List

'To Do' Tools

- Sample Spreadsheet
- Sample Comprehensive Resume
- Sample Essay

SD 35 Website



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Approx Deadline Date	Scholarship	Type	Amount	
October 1	Canadian Western Agribition Scholarship Program	Agriculture	\$1,500 - \$2,500	
October 1	Grant Anderson Commemorative Scholarship	Indigenous	\$1,500	
October 2	Youth in Care: Dream Fund Bursaries - issued 3x per year in March, July and October	Affiliation + Bursary	up to \$5,000	
October 5	AES Engineering	Engineering + Leadership	\$500	
October 9	Ray Lepp Volleyball Scholarship	Athletic	\$2,000 (1 male, 1 female)	
October 11	Pipe Line Contractors Bursary	Affiliation	up to \$10,000	
October 15	Credit Education Week Canada (CEWC)	Other	\$500 - \$5,000 (x20)	
October 15	Credit Union Foundation of BC Education Award	Bursary	up to \$3,000	
October 15	Dr. Mordehai Wosk Leadership Award	Environmental + Leadership	\$250 - \$1,000	
October 15	Loran Award	Nomination	up to \$100,000 (x30)	
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www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/scholarship-information/

SD 35 Scholarship Database

Updated regularly

Over 550 scholarships

Organized by deadline date

Hyperlinked to websites

Search feature

By "Type", "Name", or "Date"

Our Schools

News & Events

Students & Parents

Programs & Initiatives

Our District

The Board

Teacher – Scholarships specific to careers in education

Fine Art – Students who participate in performing, visual, and music arts

Other – Essay required or does not meet criteria for other types

Show

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entries

Search:

Entrance

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Approx Deadline Date	Scholarship	Type	Amount
December 1	University of Saskatchewan Entrance Award	Entrance	up to \$40,000
December 1	Queen's University Entrance	Entrance	\$9,000 (x50)
December 1	UBC Major Entrance Awards	Entrance	\$5,000
December 5	Carlton Entrance Award	Entrance	\$4,000 Renewable
December 15	U of Alberta Entrance Awards	Entrance	up to \$50,000
December 15	U of Calgary Entrance Awards	Entrance	\$500 - \$1,250
December 15	UNBC Early Entrance Award	Entrance	\$1,500 - \$3,000
December 31	Art Institute of Vancouver	Entrance	up to \$18,600
January 25	U of Guelph Entrance Award	Entrance	\$25.6 million
January 31	SFU Major Entrance Awards	Entrance	up to \$12,000 for 4 yrs

Showing 1 to 10 of 31 entries (filtered from 240 total entries)

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Search Engines + Specific Categories

Our Schools	News & Events	Students & Parents	Programs & Initiatives	Our District	The Board
December 31	Art Institute of Vancouver	Entrance	up to \$18,600		
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+ BC Ministry of Education Scholarships					
+ Aboriginal Scholarships & Awards					
+ Langley School District Foundation Scholarships & Awards					
+ Disabilities Scholarships & Awards					
+ Scholarship & Awards Search Engines					
+ Athletic Scholarships & Awards					

Below the searchable database, you'll find links to specific scholarship categories + scholarship search engines

Scholarship & Awards Search Engines

- [BC Scholarships](#)
- [Canadian Scholarships by Province](#)
- [FinAid](#)
- [NSERC \(National Science and Engineering Research Council\)](#)
- [Scholarship Canada](#)
- [Student Scholarships](#)
- [Unlock your future](#)
- [Yconic](#)

Athletic Scholarships & Awards

- [BC Alpine](#)
- [BC Athletics](#)
- [BC Golf](#)
- [BC Hockey](#)
- [BC Ringette](#)
- [BC School Sports](#)
- [BC Secondary School Rugby](#)
- [BC Soccer](#)
- [BC Sports Hall of Fame](#)
- [BC Swimming](#)
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Scholarship Handbook



Langley School District SCHOLARSHIP HANDBOOK

August 2021

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Langley School District Foundation Awards Scholarships Open to Students in any Langley District High School (Subject to change) - competition is generally based on overall GPA score. Please note: Students complete one application form to be considered for ALL of these awards

Source	Criteria	Amount
Aldergrove Minor Baseball Association	Must have played baseball with AMBA for a minimum of 4 years with at least 1 year in either Mosquito, PeeWee, Bantam or Midget Division	\$500
Aldergrove Minor Hockey League: Tyson Degianni Memorial Scholarship Charlie Fox Developmental Scholarship	Member for 4-5 years of Aldergrove Minor Hockey League; sportsmanship part of the criteria	\$1000 \$1000
Alice Brown Elementary PAC Scholarship	PAC decides winner based on essays received	\$500
Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship	Must be son, daughter or grandchild of active Beta Sigma Phi member in the Langley area	\$250
Bradley McPherson Memorial Scholarship	Student must graduate Grade 12 and have documented proof that they have ADD or ADHD, and have overcome the learning challenges associated with ADD/ADHD. One scholarship for a student entering any field of study. One	\$1000
Brenda Schlosser Sports Participation Award	Post-Secondary - member of community and/or school athletic team at Aldergrove Secondary (ACSS) or D.W. Poppy if no ACSS student	\$1000
Brent Barbour Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by Organized Crime Agency of BC)	Post-Secondary - law enforcement career (RCMP, police, paramedic, customs, fisheries, or jail guard)	\$2000
City of Langley Scholarship	Post-Secondary - must live in the City of Langley. Preference given to H.D. Stafford	\$750
Cloverdale Paint Scholarship	Post-Secondary - preference to relative of Cloverdale Paint employee, pursuing entrepreneurial objectives	\$600
Coast Capital Standing Tall Award	Post-Secondary - overcoming hardships or adversity; separate application form; school nomination required	\$2500
Coghlan Fundamental Elementary PAC Scholarship	Post-Secondary - attended CFE (intermediate grades)	\$500
Connie Twemlow Memorial Scholarship	Average or above average academic standing, need of assistance with their post-secondary education. Faced significant hardships and have not only risen up against the odds, but also have demonstrated a commitment to continue their	\$1000
CUPE Local 1260 Support Staff & Bus Drivers Scholarship	Must be a son or daughter or relative of CUPE 1260; 2 awards of academic student; 2 awards for trades or fine arts	\$1000
CUPE Local 1851 Custodial Staff Memorial Scholarship	University or vocational - preference to CUPE member or relative	\$500
Darnell & Co. Scholarship	Student continuing post-secondary with interest in Law	\$1000
Denny Ross Memorial Scholarship	Post-Secondary - financial need and/or disadvantaged background	\$400
Dr. & Mrs. J.G. Jarvis Memorial Scholarship	Post-Secondary - Veterinary training or related field	\$300
Fort Langley Elementary PAC	Post-Secondary degree granted program - attended FLE (Grade 7). Two awards - one academic, once vocational/trades	\$250
Fort Langley Community Improvement Society Award	Post-Secondary - financial need, community and/or service projects	\$2500
Fr. Langley Jr. Sec. Reunion Trust Scholarship	Students must live north of the freeway in Ft. Langley or W/S area and attended WGSS or LFAS	\$1000
Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce Scholarship	Post-Secondary - 2 male + 2 female + 2 business students; 2 trade students; 1 other university student	\$500
Harris & Company - Law 12 Scholarship	Post-Secondary - top Law 12 mark	\$200
Indigenous Student Bursary	Indigenous student pursuing post-secondary. Financial need. Two awards	\$1000
Joe Giff Memorial Scholarship	Member for 4-5 years of Aldergrove Minor Hockey League; sportsmanship part of the criteria	\$1000

Sample Comprehensive Resume

Sam Smith

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GOAL

B.A. degree - with a possible focus on Cognitive Science and/or Linguistics. Gain leadership, volunteer and work experience while saving money for post-secondary education.

EDUCATION

Walnut Grove Secondary School	September 2011—Present
Graduation Year	2016

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Advanced Placement Course	• AP Calculus 12, AP English Lit & Composition	2015-2016
Honours Courses	• AP European History 1st AP Physics 1 and 2	2013-2014
"Honour Roll"	• Science 9/10, English 8, 10, 11	2011-2016
Principal's List	• recognize students above 90% average	2011-2016
Math Contest Winner	• recognize excellent all year, 90%+ average	2011-2016
	• awarded to top 1% of Canada in Pascal (Gr 9), top 25% Fermat (Gr 11), Euclid (Gr 12), and CMO (Gr 9-10)	2012-2016

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Fraser Valley Korean School	• Assisted, supervised, and taught Korean children on Saturdays	2013-2016
Fraser Valley Glenside	• Served dry vegetables, cut fresh peppers for soup, nitro as a contribution to give food to third-world countries who lack nourishment	2015-2016

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Langley Vineyard	• Served food and drinks to the weekly at a local church	May 2015
GLCSEPAAC	• Organized Student Leadership Conferences for Gr 8 & 9	2015-2016
Humanitarian Club	• Mobilized school community in philanthropic projects	2014-2016
Math Challenge Club	• Participate in Math enrichment opportunities since Grade 10	2014-Present

ARTS / MUSIC

WGSS School Band Ensemble	• Performed in school for various occasions	2015-2016
	Gold Medal in Kiwanis Festival (Gr.11)	

ATHLETICS

Outside School	• Soccer, Swimming, Basketball - 8 hrs. per week	2015-2016
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WORK EXPERIENCE

Langley Memorial Hospital	• Shadowed nurse and experienced the health field career	Oct 2015
Newlands Golf & Country Club	• Organized ballrooms for weddings, buffets, and presentations	2014-Present
	• Washing, clean plates/cups and helping customers	

SKILLS/CERTIFICATES

BC Driver's License	• Class "N"	Aug 2015
St. John Ambulance	• Standard First Aid	Apr 2015

HOBBIES

	• Basketball, Fitness, Reading, Drawing	
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TRAVEL

Family/Vacation	• South Korea, United States, Alberta, Mexico	2012-2014
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The Scholarship Handbook in September.
The link will be provided in Grad News.

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WGSS Awards



2022 WGSS Scholarship Opportunities

Source	Criteria	Amount
Alex Hope Elementary PAC Award	Post-Secondary - must have attended Alex Hope; one male, one female	\$1000
Brett Wallace Memorial	Chef's training. In grade 12, pursuing post-secondary leading to Red Seal, financial need, not based on grades	\$1500
Connie Twemlow Memorial Scholarship	Average or above average academic standing, need of assistance with post-secondary education. Faced significant hardships and have not only risen up against the odds but demonstrated commitment to continue education.	\$1000
Cutler-McInnes Scholarship	Must have IEP & Resource Block	\$600
Dave Robles Real Estate Scholarship	Top business student, donor chooses winner	\$2000
Don Sparks Legacy Award	Post-Secondary - excelled in cross-country and/or track and field athletics; plans to pursue a career in education or recreation	\$1000
Dorothy Peacock Elementary PAC Award	Post-Secondary - must have attended Dorothy Peacock at least one year	\$500
Ed Israel Memorial Scholarship	Post-Secondary - to honour a beloved WGSS former teacher	\$950
Fort Langley Lions Scholarship	Post-Secondary - for enterprising student	\$500
Fraser Valley Vending	Financial need a factor	\$225
G & F Financial Group Scholarship	Post-Secondary - academics, affiliation, community commitment, financial need	\$1000
Geoff Crowe Memorial Scholarship	Automotive, pursuing post-secondary education, possibly teaching in auto industry	\$200
Glacier Award	Exceptional community and school service	\$500
Gordon Greenwood PAC Award	Post-Secondary - must have attended Gordon Greenwood at least two years	\$500
Independent Order of Odd Fellows Scholarship	Post-Secondary - need a factor; preference to some affiliation with Odd Fellows or Rebekahs	\$800
James Kennedy Elementary PAC Award	Post-Secondary - must have attended James Kennedy; one student from French Immersion Program; one from English Program	\$500 \$500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian Garvin Memorial Susanne Garvin Memorial 		
Langley Retired Educators Scholarship in honour of Dorothy Peacock	Post-Secondary - planning a career in education	\$750
Langley School District Foundation Scholarship	Post-Secondary - financial need a factor	\$600
Rai Chiropractic (Dr. Parm Rai) Scholarship	Pursuing business for post-secondary education, financial need	\$1000
Sandgren Memorial Scholarship	Post-Secondary - volunteerism and leadership	\$1000
Susan Kovach Science Memorial Scholarship	Post-Secondary - majored in Science and continuing in Science, financial need a factor	\$800
Topham Elementary PAC Award	Post-Secondary - must have attended Topham; preference to students who took Japanese at Topham	\$750
Township of Langley Bursary	Post-Secondary - good academic standing, extra-curricular activities, community involvement	\$900
Tyler McLaren Memorial Award	Post-Secondary - special needs student who is recognized for thoughtful, hard-work and pursuit of further studies	\$500
Vibrant Photos Bursary	Post-Secondary or Trades - involvement in school and/or community	\$300
Waska Memorial Scholarship	Post-Secondary - lives in Ft. Langley east of Wright Road	\$250
West Langley Elementary PAC Award	Post-Secondary - must have attended West Langley for at least Gr. 7	\$750
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heather Van Egdom Memorial 		
WGSS Basketball Award	One male and one female student who: made a recognizable contribution to the team; is a leader by attitude and example; is coachable and a team player; has a positive attitude, strong character and contributes to team morale; holds themselves and their teammates accountable	\$1000
WGSS Dry Grad Award	Must have attended WGSS Dry Grad and not received other scholarships	\$500
WGSS PAC Award	Post-Secondary - extensive involvement and volunteerism at WGSS	\$750
WGSS Printshop	Pursuing post-secondary school, training, or employment in Graphic Design or Production	\$500
WGSS Student Council Leadership Award	Post-Secondary - leadership and significant contribution to WGSS, often through Student Council	\$500



Getting Organized

Action Plan



Preparation

- Comprehensive Resume (or Personal Profile)
- Essay
- Reference(s)

Organization

- Spreadsheet
- Folder of Documents

Activation

- Research opportunities
- Apply to the universities of your choice
- Ask your references

Take special note
of the details for
each award you
research



Comprehensive Resume Samples

Academic Achievement

- Goal for Post-Secondary
- Courses taken
- Awards and Achievement

Extra Curricular Involvement

- School Involvement
- Community Involvement
- Sports
- Work History

- Having this information in one place will help you when you fill out application forms
- Up-date this throughout the year
- Start your draft in Grade 11

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Sample Comprehensive Resume
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Jane Smith
Comprehensive Resume
15) 8500 Walnut Grove Drive, Langley, B.C. V3A 6J7
Immersion, AP Program
2011-2016
above 90% average
great habits
2011-2016
Awarded to top 1% of students in Pascal (Gr.9), top 25% (Gr.12), and CIMC (Gr.9-10)
2012-2016
I taught Korean children on Saturdays
2012-2016
cut fresh peppers for soup mixes as a third-world countries who lack
2014-2016
he needy at a local church
May 2014
ed children in various sports
2014-Present

Humanitarian Club
2014-2016
Math Challengers Club
2013-2016
GNN Club
2011-Present
Wrote/share articles relevant to school life
2014-Present

ARTS/MUSIC
WGSS School Band Ensemble
2014-Present
- Performed in school for various occasions
- Gold Medal in Kiwanis Festival (Gr.11)

ATHLETICS
Outside School
2014-2016
- Soccer, Swimming, Basketball - 8 hrs. per week

WORK EXPERIENCE
Langley Memorial Hospital
2014-2016
- Shadowed nurses and experienced the health field career
Newlands Golf & Country Club:
Oct 2014
- Organized ballrooms for weddings, buffets, and presentations
- Bussing, clean plates/dishes and helping customers
2014-Present
- Basketball, Fitness, Reading, Drawing
2010-Present
Aug 2014
- South Korea, United States, Alberta, Mexico
- Missions Trip to help Aboriginal Community

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Sample Comprehensive Resume
Sam Smith
s.smith@gmail.com | 778-825-2258 | 9001 204th Street, Langley, BC V2M 2K5
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GOAL
B.A. degree - with a possible focus on Cognitive Science and/or Linguistics.
Gain leadership, volunteer and work experience while saving money for post-secondary education.

EDUCATION
Walnut Grove Secondary School
Graduation Year
September 2011—Present
2016

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
Advanced Placement Course
2010-2016
Honours Courses
"Honour Roll"
Principal's List
Math Contest Winner
2010-2016
• AP Calculus 12, AP English Lit & Composition
• AP European History 12 AP Physics 1 and 2
• Science 1011, English 8, 10, 11
• recognize students above 80% average
• awarded to top 1% of students in Pascal (Gr.10), top 25% (Gr.11), Euclid (Gr.12), and CIMC (Gr.9-10)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
Fraser Valley Korean School
Fraser Valley Glenside
2012-2016
- Assisted, supervised, and taught Korean children on Saturdays
- Scraped dry vegetables, cut fresh peppers for soup mixes as a nourishment
2013-2016
2010-2016

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT
Langley Vineyard
GLOSEP AAC
Humanitarian Club
Math Challengers Club
May 2016
2010-2016
2014-2016
2014-Present
- Served food and drinks to the needy at a local church
- Organized Student Leadership Conferences for Gr.8 & 9
- Mobilized school community in philanthropic projects
- Participant in Math enrichment opportunities since Grade 10

ARTS / MUSIC
WGSS School Band Ensemble
2014-Present
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SKILLS/CERTIFICATES
BC Driver's License
St. John Ambulance
2014-Present
Aug 2016
Apr 2016
- Class "N"
- Standard First Aid

HOBBIES
2012-2014
Aug 2016
- Basketball, Fitness, Reading, Drawing

TRAVEL
Family/Vacation
Okanagan
2012-2014
Aug 2016
- South Korea, United States, Alberta, Mexico
- Missions Trip to help Aboriginal community

Scholarship Essay

- **Start Early** – you should be writing about six drafts before you submit even one
- **READ** the question and criteria; **ANSWER the question**
- “**SHOW**” – don’t tell. Tell a story so the reader gets to know you
- This is like a job interview....when readers have finished reading your essay they should know about your character, personality, and goals
- Get feedback from your parent(s) and a teacher



References



- Ask two adults who know you really well (one school; one community)
- These individuals need to be able to tell a story or two about you
- Provide them with a copy of your **Comprehensive Resume** and “Request for Reference Letter Form” (on the SD35 Scholarship Website – Forms Section)
- If you give them **2 or more weeks** you will get a better letter
- Often students ask their reference for 2-6 letters; the reference simply changes the content to match the scholarship criteria

Volunteer!



Volunteer

- This helps you discover what you might like to do in the future

Service / Leadership

- Leadership is rated higher than service and is often the deciding factor when other things like marks are similar
- Often applicants 'tell stories' about how their involvement has shaped them as a person

Responsibility / Commitment

- Prestigious awards/universities are looking for a history of volunteerism and growth in leadership

Volunteer Opportunities www.bettercommunities.ca

Speak to Ms. Pawar, our Career Advisor

Find Out What's Available



- Create a spreadsheet database of ALL available opportunities
- Talk to your parents about what unions, companies, service or organizations they are involved with – many offer scholarships
- Consult the **SD 35 Scholarship Handbook**
- Use the **SD 35 Searchable Database**
- Use other online databases to research scholarships
 - Handbook contains list of scholarships search engines
- NOTE: The deadlines for applications requiring school nomination is approximately one month before the actual deadline.

Scholarship Spreadsheet

Don't delete scholarships you are ineligible for as then you don't have to re-research them a second time

Sort by due date to make it easier to prioritize applications

Keep the website source here to help you find it online

Sample - Scholarship Spreadsheet

Name	Source	Open Date	Due Date	Amount	Status	Comments/website
Kin Canada Bursaries	Brittany		2015-02-01	\$1,000		Financial need-based
The Cmolik Foundation TCF Scholarshi	Brittany		2015-02-27	various		Financial need-based
ScotiaBank National Scholarship	scotiabank/yc	2015-10-01	2015-10-29	\$2,500	Sent Sept 2015	ScotiaBank Ntl Scholarship
The University of Toronto National Bo	Brittany	2015-10-01	2015-11-06	book	Missed date	
TD Canada Trust Scholarship	TD CanadaTrus	2015-10-01	2015-11-27	\$70,000	Applied.	www.tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship/
Queen's Major Admission Awards	Queen's	2015-10-02	2015-12-01	\$36,000	Applied.	Decisions made end of February
Queen's Entrance Scholarships	Queen's	Automatic	2015-12-01	\$ 8,000	Principal's Scholarship	Received - notified Dec 22, 2015
UBC Major Admission Awards	UBC	2015-10-01	2015-12-10	various	Sent Nov 15 2015	part of school application
Research websites for Scholarships						
						http://www.wgss.ca/Scholarships
						http://www.canadian-universities.net
						www.studentawards.com
						http://www.studentscholarships.org/
Legend						
Awarded!	award					
Not eligible	award					
Info to be clarified	award					
Award submitted	award					
Award submitted but not selected	award					
Priority to submit	award					

Colour-coding makes it easier to track what scholarships have upcoming deadlines

Scholarship Folder

Organize a folder (digital or hardcopy) which contains: reference letters, checklists, application forms, transcripts, etc.

- Folders containing all the application forms you found online and your working copies of essays, resume, etc....

Air Cadets	4/16/2016 1:28 PM	File folder
BC Excellence	4/16/2016 1:34 PM	File folder
BC Hydro Power Pioneers	3/13/2016 4:47 PM	File folder
BC School trustees Ass	4/24/2016 11:18 AM	File folder
BCCPAC	5/3/2016 9:16 PM	File folder
Burger King	4/24/2016 11:18 AM	File folder
District Authority Award	5/3/2016 7:54 PM	File folder
General Applications	3/9/2016 9:12 PM	File folder
Insurance Brokers	3/14/2016 3:02 PM	File folder
Loblaws	4/18/2016 8:05 PM	File folder
Local and District	3/24/2016 12:09 PM	File folder
Loran	4/24/2016 11:17 AM	File folder
Lotus Light	5/3/2016 9:21 PM	File folder
Odenza	2/21/2016 1:10 PM	File folder
PCAHA	3/14/2016 7:22 PM	File folder
Principal's Scholarship	2/24/2016 6:19 PM	File folder
RBC	3/24/2016 12:13 PM	File folder
REMAX	3/13/2016 6:05 PM	File folder
SASSY	5/3/2016 7:54 PM	File folder
ScotiaBank	2/21/2016 1:10 PM	File folder
Superintendents Scholarship	4/24/2016 11:17 AM	File folder
Tall Club International	3/25/2016 9:58 PM	File folder
TD	4/24/2016 11:17 AM	File folder
Trevor Linden	3/14/2016 9:53 AM	File folder

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
2016-LLCS-Scholarship-Application-and-...	5/3/2016 7:40 PM	Adobe Acrobat D...	259 KB
completed application checklist	5/3/2016 7:44 PM	Adobe Acrobat D...	431 KB
Cover letter	5/3/2016 9:16 PM	Microsoft Word D...	17 KB
CV Nicolas Ouellette May 3 Lotus Light	5/3/2016 9:21 PM	Microsoft Word D...	24 KB

Contact your references + gather supporting documents



- Give your references lots of time – they will do a better job
- When you ask your reference to write a letter, provide:
 - your plans
 - where you are applying
 - brief description of the criteria for award you are applying for
 - a minimum of at least 1 week before the actual deadline
 - your comprehensive resume
- Collect transcripts and reference letters early.
- The WGSS Counselling Centre needs at least 4 business days to prepare your transcript

Complete the application



- Answer the question you are asking!
- Pay attention to detail!
- Edit, review, and check grammar
- Spend time on your application! Organizations are giving out thousands of dollars, so they expect you to put in due time and consideration
- Have others proofread and edit your work
- Copy everything you submit and keep proof of submission
- Check due dates -> must arrive by?? or be postmark by?? Remember if it needs to be mailed --mail takes time to travel!
- You have to promote yourself and paint a picture with your words of why you are the very best candidate
- It is often helpful to read through information about past winners to give you an idea of what type of candidate they are looking for

Repeat

- Continuously update your database, re-prioritize, and update your essays
- Scholarships are always available, it's up to you to find them and apply
- Remember to send a thank you letter when you are awarded a scholarship



Possible Workshops & Opportunities



National/Nomination Scholarship Presentation

- WGSS – possibly library annex
- Possibly: Thursday, September 14

How to Write A Scholarship Essay (TWU Presenter)

- WGSS – possibly library annex
- Possibly: TBD

Local/District Scholarship Presentation

- Possibly: January 10

Local/District Application

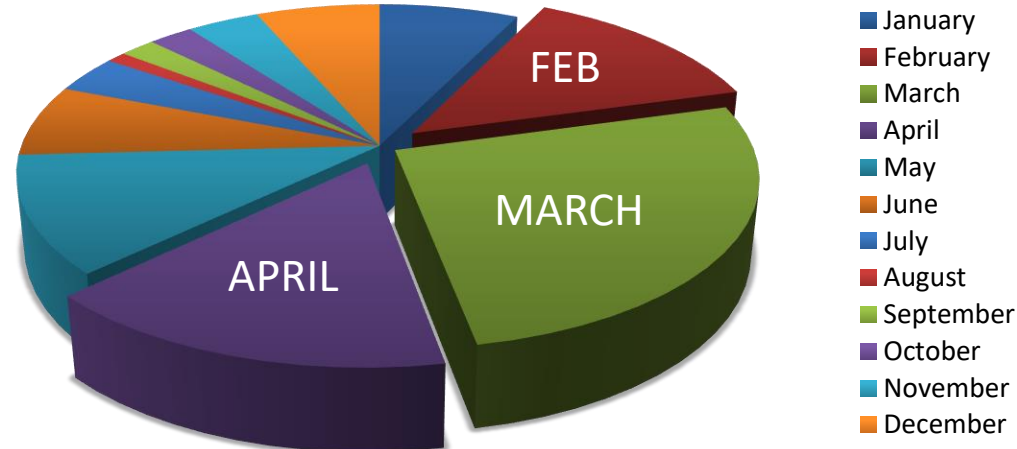
- Available: January 10th
- Possibly Due: Thursday, March 7 @ noon

Scholarship Recognition Afternoon:

- June – WGSS Cafeteria

When are most of the applications due?

The large majority of scholarship deadlines are within the months of **February-April**



National Awards

WGSS Example Deadlines from 2023-2024

Award	Deadline	Nomination?
U of Toronto – Book Award	Oct. 1	• for nomination consideration
Loran Award	Oct. 13	• no nomination required
Horatio Alger Canadian Award	Oct. 25	• no nomination required
Queen’s Chancellor’s Scholarship	Nov. 1	• for nomination consideration
U of T Lester Pearson - International	Nov. 1	• for nomination consideration
York University – International	Nov. 1	• for nomination consideration
TD Leadership Scholarship	Nov. 15	• no nomination required



Questions??

