

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION** **PROCEDURES/TIMELINES/STRATEGIES**

### ***INTRODUCTION:***

Read the scholarship bulletin board located in the foyer on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (across from Library) regularly and/or check the monthly scholarships found on the website <http://bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca>

Scholarships are awarded to recognize excellence. This could be academic or outstanding contribution to school or community as well as athletic and fine arts excellence. Some scholarships have a criterion of financial need.

You must be realistic when applying for scholarships. For example, if an organization is awarding 20 scholarships across Canada for community service, and you volunteered for a charity for 2 weeks, it is unlikely you would be in the running. Look at the criteria of the scholarship, the number offered, and the size of the population it is being offered to. Look at your situation and be honest with yourself. Do you have a chance? If not, don't apply. If yes, go for it!

Preparing an application properly takes a lot of time and effort. Transcripts, your resume an essay and letters of reference are often required. Ask yourself if you have the time and energy to complete an application. Keep in mind that only those that apply can win!

### ***FOUR MAIN TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS:***

**Moscrop Scholarships:** Every year the Parents' Advisory Committee has donated a sum earmarked for scholarships for the Grad class. Only students who have completed a student profile will be considered. The student profile is considered the application form for all of these scholarships. The Moscrop Scholarship Committee which is represented by staff from each department in the school will choose recipients. Please take the time to fill out and hand in your student profile to Ms. Beaton in Room 333.

**External Scholarships:** Awards available to BC grads. These may be advertised in the scholarship bulletins, newspapers, or may be available through a relative's place of work, or involvement in a service club or similar organization. Be sure to ask family and friends. Have your parents/guardians check with their employers, unions and any organizations to which they belong regarding the availability of any scholarships or bursaries. Do this now, as it is sometimes necessary to apply early for these.

**University Scholarships:** All universities offer scholarships in an attempt to draw top students. These range from one term's tuition to awards of more than \$30,000. Applications for local university scholarships will be advertised in scholarship bulletins and can be found on each institution's website. You may also visit the financial aid office at the college/university that you are interested in attending for more information.

**Governmental Scholarships:** The provincial government offers scholarships of \$1000 to some students that excel in their grade 12 provincial exams. As well there are district scholarships that are awarded to students that excel in fine arts, applied skills, physical activity and second languages. Grade 12 students can also earn up to \$500 toward tuition costs through BC passport to education.

***SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER:***

Complete your student profile and return to Ms. Beaton. You will not be considered for any in-school scholarships if your profile is not on file. Please remember to keep a photocopy for your own files.

Research calendars of the post-secondary institution(s) you plan to attend. These are available in the Counselling Centre or online at the university or college website. The financial aid section will usually describe entrance scholarships, bursaries and awards available at the institution including deadlines and application procedures.

Prepare a scholarship resume, you can receive guidelines for this resume from Ms. Beaton. Organize your resume on the computer so you can make changes to it throughout the year and tailor it for specific scholarships.

Begin collecting reference letters. Be organized and provide information to the referee regarding what you would like them to provide on the reference. Try to vary the references to reflect all your strengths. You may want to provide a copy of your resume.

When applying to scholarships read directions carefully and follow them. Fill them out fully and note deadlines as they are usually very specific and non-negotiable.

***JANUARY – JUNE:***

Pay attention to bulletins and announcements regarding special scholarships from SFU, UBC and UVIC. Be prepared to respond quickly.

Keep checking bulletins and websites for scholarship opportunities.

Update your student profile and resume as necessary.

March and April are the busiest months for scholarships so keep checking the bulletins and announcements so as not to miss deadlines.

Please note that if you receive any scholarships or bursaries, we are interested. Please let Ms. Beaton know so that we can properly recognize your success at the school leaving ceremony. Also remember that it is common courtesy to respond with a thank you letter to the sponsoring institution, organization or individual from which the scholarship came from.

If you plan to apply for a student loan you can get the information from the website [www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/ila/](http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/ila/)