



## POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Many students may not know at this point what area of study they wish to pursue while others may have a definite plan. Regardless of the situation, if a student is planning to attend a post-secondary institute next year, they should apply to several different schools to keep their options open. If students are thinking of applying to institutions outside Canada, they should talk to Ms. Quamme so that arrangements can be made for the application process.

You can apply to post-secondary schools online. Students can apply for most public **post-secondary institutions in BC** at [applybc.ca](http://applybc.ca). You will fill out an application form online some schools have the same application form. However for the following schools you can go to **Apply BC list** scroll down and select the right schools for you. For the external applications (BCIT, Royal Roads University and smaller private schools) you will apply to them separately but the links to these programs are on this same web page).

Out of province Post-secondary schools have similar organizations that allow you to apply to multiple schools through their web sites.

Outside of BC <https://hquamme.wixsite.com/pembertonsecondary/post-secondary-info>

**The early admission deadlines can be as early as Mid. November or early December for a September entry (admission deadlines vary depending on faculty and program in each post-secondary institution). For many of the schools in BC, students should be looking into how to apply as early as October. If a student is applying out of province they may need to apply earlier. It is necessary to check deadlines in October for each school to see what the deadline dates are. Some post-secondary programs have limited entry and should be applied for as early as possible.**

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You will notice in your research that each post-secondary institution requires something a little different than the others for their entrance requirements. **Therefore it is very important that you check the specifics of the post-secondary institutions and programs you think you may be enrolled in.** What will work at one school may not work at another. Many of the programs have mark requirements for math and English and Grade Point Average (GPA), so be sure to check those.

The most current information about post-secondary institutions will be found on the web. If you are looking for criteria to get into first year search for **entrance requirements** and feel free to book a time to work with Heather Quamme through the office to help you through this process or [hquamme@sd48.bc.ca](mailto:hquamme@sd48.bc.ca) or 604-894-6318.

### **Academic Course Requirements**

Many post-secondary institutions require that students take **at least 4-6 academic courses at grade 12 level** for admission and some post-secondary schools may require these courses from their specified course list. Only certain courses may qualify so please check each post-secondary institutes' list and make sure you check early to be sure you have the requirements necessary for your program of choice.

We always recommend that students take more courses than the minimally required in case one course does not go as well as planned. Please note if one of a students' grade 12 course is taken in second semester the institute may use a student's grade 11 mark to calculate their GPA (grade point average).

## **POST-SECONDARY REQUIREMENTS**

Post-secondary institutions are constantly changing what is required for entrance to their schools. Please check the post-secondary institute for their average admission rates.

Many major universities now have a broader-based admission process. This means if your marks are just below the average required to be admitted to certain faculties, and you have been involved in many other activities in your high school years, (i.e.) community service, leadership, athletics, you may be admitted on the basis of those other activities. The marks required to be admitted to these schools continue to rise each year.

### **Online and Distributed courses completion date requirements**

Online and distributed learning may have different completion dates required so you should check this if you are taking an online course that you need as a prerequisite for a program of choice.

## **Sending Out Your Transcripts**

***Once you have decided on and applied to your program(s) and post-secondary institution(s) you will need to send out your transcripts through the government service called STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS SERVICE***

**<http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca>**

The Ministry of Education assists each graduating student planning to pursue post-secondary education by sending a copy of his or her transcript data.

The BC Ministry has online transcript service for students. The Ministry of Education runs the Student Transcripts Service, a web-based service that makes secure transcript sharing between students and participating post-secondary institutions quicker and more convenient. Students will also be able to access other information through this service, such as exam results and scholarship status.

# **Sending Out Your Transcripts**



- Step 1** Go to the Ministry of Education's **Transcripts and Certificate website** at <http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca>.
- Step 2** Students must register for a BC Government account, a **BCeID**. Follow the system prompts and register for STS. Finally log-in to StudentTranscripts Service using the BCeID.
- Step 3** From a student's STS Dashboard make post-secondary institution selections, view transcript, view assessment results, and send transcripts immediately.

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Applying to BC public universities and colleges also just got easier! Students can do it all: search, plan and apply on [EducationPlannerBC.ca](http://EducationPlannerBC.ca).

We will have a meeting with the grade 12's early November to make sure they know the procedure for ensuring their transcripts are sent out to the institutions of their choice.

Note: When ordering your transcripts go to BCeID click on Current Student and register for Basic BCeID

## **CHECK APPLICATIONS STATUS**

ONCE THE APPLICATIONS ARE SENT OUT CHECK OUT YOUR STATUS (EG. ACCEPTED OR TRANSCRIPTS NOT YET RECEIVED) BY GOING INTO EACH ACCOUNT THAT THE INSTITUTE PROVIDES FOR YOU AND LOOKING AT YOUR STATUS.

**Students should be sure to check the status of their applications online to the post-secondary schools they have applied to, to make sure that each school has all the information it needs to determine whether you will be accepted. Be sure to check if they require transcripts from our school and if there is a problem contact Heather Quamme ([hquamme@sd48.bc.ca](mailto:hquamme@sd48.bc.ca)).**



## **HOUSING AT POST-SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

**You will need to apply separately for student housing at your institute of choice.**

Post-secondary housing sometimes is referred to as student housing and is usually in very high demand and everyone who would like to be in student housing should be sure to get their application in on time. The deadline may be different for each institution so again, you should check with each school. For example, University of Victoria students entering university directly from high school will be guaranteed accommodation provided they have applied before their deadline and if they met the required criteria.

Often schools will guarantee housing space for all students living outside of their campus and beyond a reasonable distance to commute. Check your institutions to ensure you are aware of the deadlines for applying to student housing.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

### **SAT INFORMATION**

If you are planning to go to school in the United States you may need to write the SAT exam. The SAT tests a student's knowledge of English and Math. The deadlines for registration can be about two months before the exam is written, so you need to think ahead, to be sure you are registered on time. If you need more information on the SAT's, see Ms. Quamme for information forms or you can visit their website at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

# **Financing Your Future**

## **Provincial Awards and Entrance Scholarships**

[See for eligibility requirements and application information.](#)

## **Provincial Scholarships**

If you plan to continue your education beyond Grade 12, you can learn how to access money through scholarships available from the Ministry of Education. Scholarship winners receive vouchers to help with tuition costs at **designated post-secondary institutions** and **authorized trades training providers**

## **District/Authority Scholarships**

These \$1250 scholarships are awarded to graduating students with outstanding achievement in one of several areas of interest. The areas include:

- Indigenous Languages and Culture, demonstrated at school or in the community
- Fine Arts (e.g., Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music)
- Applied Skills (e.g., Business Ed, Technology Ed, Home Economics)
- Physical Activity (e.g., Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics, not limited to Physical Education)
- International Languages
- Community Service (Volunteer Activity), which includes demonstration of local and global issues and cultural awareness
- Technical and Trades Training (e.g., Carpentry, Automotive, Mechanics, Cook Training)

Students should apply for these scholarships in the year they graduate directly to their local scholarship committee.

## **BC Excellence Scholarships**

These \$5000 scholarships are awarded to **55** well-rounded graduates who demonstrate community service, leadership, and commitment to their chosen career paths. Each secondary school in BC may put forward a nominee who must submit an application package to the Ministry through their school district office.

## **BC Achievement Scholarships**

Graduating students with high achievement in a broad range of courses might qualify to win scholarships worth \$1250. These scholarships are based on academic achievement in required and elective courses that meet graduation requirements. No application is required and students are contacted in the fall after their graduation.

## **Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarships**

These \$5000 scholarships recognize 20 exceptional Grade 12 students who plan to become teachers in the K-12 education system. Winners will receive a scholarship voucher to redeem upon entrance to an approved BC Faculty of Education teacher-training program. Students apply to the Ministry of Education for this scholarship. The deadline for this application is February 15.

## **French Program Awards**

[Bursaries for Full-time Students taking courses in French. See this Link for details.](#)

## **Secondary School Apprenticeship Awards**

Youth In Trades students are eligible for this award. This programs has additional information about criteria and procedures related to this award. Once Youth In Trades program is completed with 900 hour documented with the Industry Trade Authority \$1000 Award Criteria is available.

## **International Education Scholarships and awards**

[The Ministry of Education provides international education scholarships and awards to:](#)

- Promote the development of intercultural knowledge and skills for B.C. students and teachers
- Develop and strengthen relationships with foreign partners
- Promote the recruitment of French language and French immersion teachers to B.C.

## **Pemberton Secondary Local Scholarships and Bursaries**

All grade 12 students will receive The Pemberton Secondary Scholarship Book in Feb. outlining the available **local** scholarships with the criteria for each application. Grade 12 students will have the opportunity to apply for these local awards. Applications will be due in April. These awards are presented at the Farewell Ceremony in June. Students are required to write a **letter of application** and identify the scholarships they wish to apply for. Although some of these awards are for academic excellence, there are others that reward citizenship, athletics, and community involvement.

## **Post-Secondary Sources**

If a student has high marks they should try to apply to their post-secondary schools as early as possible since there are usually scholarships available to those students. The earlier you apply the earlier you can find out what you need to do to get the money. You should apply in November as some deadlines are in December.

Most post secondary schools will make sure that if a student has qualified to be accepted at the school that the school will work with the student to make sure lack of money does not prevent the student from attending.

## **BC Awards and Funding Online**

There are many scholarships and awards available from government, post-secondary institutions, private industry, and non-profit organisations. Student Aid BC is also a government web site that provides some award programs.

<http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/explore/grants-scholarships/> Students can search for awards by use of keywords and area of career interest through the internet.

**We encourage all parents and grads to spend time looking for grants and scholarships.**

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## **USEFUL WEBSITES**

There are many websites that both parents and student can access to get information that will help with the transition to life after graduation whether that means heading off to a post-secondary institution or to work.

### **Exploring post-secondary options**

<http://www.educationplanner.org>

### **Exploring Occupations**

[www.workbc.ca](http://www.workbc.ca)

[educationplannerbc.ca/plan/work/resources](http://educationplannerbc.ca/plan/work/resources)

### **Ministry of Education**

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca)

### **Scholarships**

[www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards)

[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)

### **Applications for post-secondary**

In BC <https://educationplannerbc.ca/help/apply>

In Ontario <http://www.ouac.on.ca>

In Alberta <https://www.applyalberta.ca/about-applyalberta/before-you-start/>

## ***WEBSITES FOR HELPING STUDENTS DETERMINE THEIR POTENTIAL FUTURE CAREERS***

***My Blueprint*** <https://app.myblueprint.ca/register?sdid=sd48>

The district has purchased an account for each student so login and explore your Future interests. It includes: interest surveys and resume building tools

These were functioning at the time of writing, but these websites seem to come and go fairly frequently.

<http://www.jobbank.gc.ca>

Site has various stats and figures on different career areas

### **Interesting sites for careers**

[www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca)

This site is from the Industry Training Authority and has excellent information about apprenticeship and getting careers in the trades.

[www.workbc.ca](http://www.workbc.ca)

A very informative site with links to many different career areas including career tests, career descriptions, labour markets etc.





### **UPCOMING EVENTS TO REMEMBER**

- Oct. 12 -Wed. -10-11am (during CLC) Workshops for Career Interest Exploration
- Oct. 19 -Wed. -10-11am (during CLC) Workshops for Post-secondary Research
- Oct. 26 -Wed. -10-11am (during CLC) Workshops for Budgeting costs plus  
Scholarship and Bursary Search
- Dec. 9 -Fri. -**Career and Education Fair at the Vancouver Conference Centre**  
The Education & Career Fair (ECF) is B.C.'s Largest Career Development Fair. This includes secondary students planning for higher education and exploring career options; young adults looking to transfer their work experience & skills to a different industry; and new immigrants seeking employment and further training to settle in Canada.

**Bring a computer**

## JOB/WORK CAREER EXPLORATION

GO TO THE WEB SITE-<https://app.myblueprint.ca/register?sdid=sd48>

ONCE THE SURVEYS ARE COMPLETE WRITE DOWN 10 JOBS FROM THE LIST THAT INTEREST OR ARE MATCHED TO YOU and then choose 3 job titles to research on the following pages.

JOB TITLE #1:	ESTIMATED GROWTH RATE	WAGES <u>    \$Hr    </u> To calculate approximate yearly Salary : <u>    \$Hr    </u> X 1700 =
LICENCES & CERTIFICATION	EDUCATION/TRAINING	

MAIN APTITUDE (ABILITIES)
MAIN INTERESTS AND WAYS OF WORKING
OTHER INFORMATION SUCH AS WORKPLACES/EMPLOYERS AND RELATED OCCUPATIONS

JOB TITLE #2:	ESTIMATED GROWTH RATE	WAGES <u>      \$Hr      </u>  To calculate approximate yearly Salary : <u>      \$Hr      </u> X 1700 =
LICENCES & CERTIFICATION	EDUCATION/TRAINING	

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## NOTES

