

GRADE 12 TIMELINE, SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

(Based upon 2023 Information – Dates subject to change)

(updated October 2023)

Grand Forks Secondary School

2023

www.sd51.bc.ca/gfss/

INTRODUCTION

This document is a “GUIDE” for grade 12 students and their parents.

The information in this document is a record of awards that were available to the graduating students of 2024.

Please Note: The Award donors set the criteria for each award and also set the application deadlines for each award.

All 2024 award, bursary & scholarship deadlines will be advertised in the following places:

1. The “Grade 12 Scholarship Information” board in front of the Counselling Center
2. Announcements and class visits
3. The GFSS Website – www.sd51.bc.ca/gfss/

For additional information, please contact:

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Grade 12 Year at a Glance/Scholarships and Bursaries

September

Important Dates:

Apply for a SIN number if you don't have one

SAT Exams – needed for USA Universities. Apply on line at www.collegeboard.com GFSS # is 821125

IMPORTANT: Check with a counsellor that your courses will satisfy graduation and post-secondary requirements

Grad Executive is formed (listen to announcements for meeting times)

Scholarships and Bursaries Due:

BC Principals and Vice Principals Association

- www.bcpvpa.bc.ca - follow the scholarships link
- Up to 20 scholarships of \$1000 each awarded to ANY students graduating from BC public school system (for student who have ALREADY graduated!)
- 10 scholarships of \$1000.00 each awarded to sons/daughters of BCPVPA members
- 2 scholarships awarded to First Nations students graduation from BC public school system
- Applicants judged on academic excellence and demonstrated leadership within the school and community
- Due Sept 18

RE/MAX of Western Canada: Quest For Excellence

- Leadership and community contribution initiatives. Apply on line at [Quest for Excellence - RE/MAX Canada \(remax.ca\)](http://Quest for Excellence - RE/MAX Canada (remax.ca))
- Opens Sept 12, closes March 13, 2023. 40 scholarships of \$1000.00 each

October

Important Dates:

- Liaison Day – Tuesday, Oct. 4
- UBC-O and UBC-V start accepting applications
- Oct. 1-Nov. 30th UVic – self report grade 11 marks to receive conditional offer of admissions

Scholarships and Bursaries Due:

Loran Awards and Morehead

- 85% average in grades 10-12
- Exceptional Community Service, character and leadership; Canadian Citizen/Residency Status
- Visit www.loranscholar.ca , Valued at up to \$100 000, Due Oct. 12 if sponsored
- Valued at \$500.00, Due Oct. 15

University of Toronto: National Scholarship Program

- Nomination form and transcript needed, Valued at \$5000 and renewable, Due Oct. 22
- Visit <http://future.utoronto.ca/national-scholarship/>

Horatio Alger Scholarship Program

- Based on full-time enrollment in final year of high school, demonstrate critical financial need, be involved in co-curricular and community activities, display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, minimum grade percentage of 65%
- Visit www.horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships or see counsellor for application
- Valued at up to \$10 000.00, Due Oct. 25

Indspire Bursaries and Scholarships

- Supports indigenous students
- Visit www.indspire.ca/myfuture or see counsellor for application
- Various amounts available, Due Aug. 1/Nov. 1/Feb. 1

National Youth Aboriginal Entrepreneur Award

- For up-and-coming Aboriginal entrepreneurs under the age of 35. Apply on line at www.ccab.com
- Due Oct. 30.

November

Important Dates:

- On-line Applications now accepted for UVic, SFU, and UNBC until Feb 28, 2012
- Okanagan College applications online at www.okanagan.bc.ca (first registered, first admitted to many programs)
- Begin applying to Universities for Early Admission
- Nov. 14 – Quarter 2 begins
- Nov. 19 Selkirk College Virtual Admissions on the spot (2-5pm)

Scholarships and Bursaries Due:

House of Commons Page Program

- Work in parliament as a page for a year. Must be bilingual. Applications due Nov. 8
- Visit www.parl.gc.ca/Employment/House/PageProgram/PP_ApplyProcess

Art Institute Passion for Fashion Competition

- Finished design, process book...
- Valued at tuition (approx. \$5000), Due Nov. 19, Visit www.artinstitutes.edu/vancouver

TD Canada Trust

- Based on academic excellence and outstanding community leadership.
 - Visit www.td.com/scholarship or see counsellor for application
- Valued at tuition for 4 years, Due Nov. 13

December

Scholarships and Bursaries Due:

BC Cowboy Heritage Society

- There are awards in these categories: Original Art Work, Essay or Short Story, Cowboy Craftsmanship, or Cowboy Poetry
- 5 awards valued at \$500.00 each, Due Dec. 31, Visit www.bcchs.com

University of Alberta

- Students have 80% average or higher and are applying to U of A for Sept. of grad year
- Get grade 11 marks in before Dec. 15th and you will be considered for entrance scholarships
- www.registrar.ualberta.ca

University of Calgary

- Students have 80% average or higher and are applying to U of C for Sept. of grad year
- Get grade 11 marks in before Dec. 1st and you will be considered for entrance scholarships

Foresters Competitive Scholarship

- Children of Foresters, minimum 40 hours community service, 75% average
- 250 awards of \$2000.00, open between Dec. 1 and Feb 6
- Visit www.foresters.com and follow the scholarships links

Compass Mortgage Group Scholarship

- Must be between the ages of 17 and 24, essay question, GPA or 2.75 or greater; Valued at \$500.00, Due Dec. 30
- Visit www.mortgagebrokerkelowna.ca

Vancouver College of Art and Design Hunt for the right Brain Scholarship

- Application and essay, Valued at tuition, Due Jan.
- Visit www.wherecreativitygoestoschool.com/vcad/contests/rightbrain/

January

Important Dates:

- Scholarship deadlines for U of Alberta and U of Calgary
- Capstone is due at the end of January
- End of Quarter 2 (Jan. 28)
- Grad pictures sign up
- Jan. 21 Selkirk College Virtual Admissions on the spot (2-5pm)

Scholarships and Bursaries Due:

BCIT Entrance Awards

- Entering any faculty. 60 awards of up to \$4500.00, Due Jan. 5 or Aug. 6
- Visit www.bcit.ca/finaid

BC Health Care Bursary

- Have worked in health care or enrolled in a health care program
- Valued at \$500.00-\$3500.00, Due Jan. 14
- Visit <http://hsabc.org/member-benefits/scholarships-and-bursaries>

Art Institute

- High School Initiative Scholarship, Due Jan. 24
- Visit www.artinstitutes.edu/vancouver

Schulich Leader Scholarships

- Students who are outstanding community, business or entrepreneurial leaders, display academic excellence and exhibit financial need (2 of 3 attributes)
- Plan to study STEM subjects at university (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)
- Valued at \$60,000, Nomination deadline is Jan. 27

Courage to Come Back Awards

- Nominations Categories: Mental Health, Physical Rehabilitation, Medical, Addiction, Social Adversity, Youth, Due Jan. 28
- Do you have a friend, a neighbour, a colleague who inspires you?
- Visit www.couragetocomeback.ca

DB Perks Lifesaving Society

- Currently a lifeguard, 7 awards of \$1000.00, Due Jan. 31
- Visit www.lifesaving.bc.ca/db-perks-scholarship

February

Important Dates:

- Feb 28th Deadline for UBC-O, UBC-V, SFU, Okanagan College, U of Alberta, U of Lethbridge, U of Ottawa Major Entrance Scholarships – see a counsellor
- Feb 28th Deadline for admissions applications (most places)
- Feb 11th Deadline for University of Waterloo Scholarships. Check on-line or with a counsellor
- Grad photos (Feb. 22-26)
- Fill in PSI Choices form online for official transcripts to be sent by Ministry to Universities and colleges:
 - *Go to <http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca>
 - *Sign up for a Basic BCeID.
 - *Follow the system prompts and sign up for STS. **Know your PEN number**
 - *From a student's STS Dashboard, make post-secondary institution selections, view transcripts, view assessment results, and send transcripts. Ask for help if needed!

Scholarships and Bursaries Due:

RBC Royal Bank Scholarship for Undergrads

- RBC Future Launch Scholarship (450 awards of \$1500.00)
- RBC Royal Bank Scholarship for Aboriginals (10 awards of \$4000.00)
- RBC Capital Markets Diversity Scholarship
- Visit www.rbc.com/dms/enterprise/scholarships.html

Kin Canada Bursaries: Kinsmen and Kinette Hal Rogers Endowment Fund

- Must demonstrate high ideals, citizenship, volunteerism, work experience, 123 awards of \$1000.00, Due Feb. 1
- Visit www.kincanada.ca/apply

Terry Fox Humanitarian

- Voluntary services with a humanitarian focus, worked to achieve excellence in academics and athletics, 20 awards of \$7000.00, Due Feb. 1
- Visit www.terryfoxawards.ca

BC School Superintendents Association

- One page description of volunteer service, two letters of reference; \$500.00-\$1500.00
- Application forms may be downloaded at www.bcssa.org , Due Feb. 9

Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program

- Excellence in academic and extracurricular activities + environmental commitment
- Visit www.earthday.ca/scholarship , 20 awards of \$5000.00, Due Feb. 15

Top 20 Under 20

- Outstanding Leadership (well rounded individuals) and innovation; essay required
- Visit www.top20under20.ca
- 20 awards of up to \$5000.00 and a mentorship, Due Feb. 15

Art Institute Best Teen Chef Competition

- Visit www.artinstitutes.edu/vancouver ,Valued at tuition, Due Feb. 24

RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program

- Personal and academic achievements, individual financial need, 2+ years remaining in an academic program, Valued at up to \$4000.00 per year, Due Feb. 28
- Visit www.rbc.com/careers/aboriginal_student_awards.html

March

Important Dates:

- GFSS Scholarships become available to GFSS graduates Monday, March 15th. Deadline for applications Monday, April 12th.
- Spring Break (March 19th – April 5th)
- Self Reporting of grades for early admission to UBC-O and UBC-V opens
- March 17th - Selkirk College Virtual Admissions on the spot (2-5pm)
- Fill in PSI Choices form online for official transcripts to be sent by Ministry to Universities and colleges:
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Scholarships and Bursaries Due:

UNBC Awards

- Leadership and academics, 500 word essay, Valued at \$2000.00, Open Oct. 15 – Mar. 1
- Visit the UNBC website

B.C. Association of Health-Care Auxiliaries

- Volunteer service to an accredited health-related facility (minimum 100 hours, but should be 100+ to be considered for short list) (not career prep)
- Intention to enroll in post-secondary education in human health care field
- GPA average of 3.0 or higher; need for financial assistance; See a counsellor for applications

BC Government and Service

- A member of BCGEU or relative of a BCGEU member who is registering in full-time post-secondary program in September
- Has a 'C' or better in GPA and completes a 1250 word essay, valued at up to \$3000.00,
- Due March 12. Visit www.bcgeu.ca or see counsellor for application

Jack Farley Youth Scholarship

- Given to one outstanding male and female athlete, Valued at \$1500.00, Due Mar. 12
- Visit www.bcsportshalloffame.com

RE/MAX of Western Canada: Quest For Excellence 2021

- Volunteerism and an essay. Apply on line at <https://blog.remax.ca/quest-for-excellence>
- Opens Sept 12, closes March 15, 2020. 16 bursaries of \$1000.00 each.

Howard and Ada Hunt Scholarship Fund

- Academic merit, go to high school in B.C., must attend Washington State University

Trevor Linden Community Spirit Scholarship

- 75% average, school and community leadership, 600 word essay required
- 4 awards of \$2500.00, Due March 15

Grand Lodge Masons

- Parent or grandparent involved in Masons, Due March 15

Odenza marketing Group Scholarship

- Answer an essay question; \$500 award; Due March 30
- Visit www.studentscholarships.org/essay.php

B.C. Hydro Scholarships

- Awarded to students who are leaders and role models in their schools and communities and who demonstrate a balanced life style and commitment to a post-secondary education; or entering electricians pre-apprentice course; or completed a power-smart project
- Specific to various post secondary institutions
- 20 awards of \$1000.00, Due March 31
- Visit www.bchydro.com/scholarships

M.C. College Creative Scholarship

- Career in salon or spa industry; letter, references and samples required
- Valued at \$1000.00, Due March 31
- See a counsellor for information

B.C. Hockey Scholarship

- Academic, sportsmanship, hockey participation or quality or contribution, community/school service, Valued at \$500.00-\$1500.00, Due March 31
- Visit www.bchockey.net/Awards/scholarships.asp

Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship (PTES)

- \$5000 annual scholarship that recognizes exceptional Grade 12 students planning to enter the field of teaching in B.C.; 20 awards available
- Applications available at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards
- Due March 31, 2014

BC School Trustee

- Essay on citizenship in school community; 3 awards of \$500.00; Due March 31
- Visit www.bcsta.org

Anderson Family Flight Training Scholarship

- To assist in attaining a private pilot's license, must show an interest in Aviation and have demonstrated a commitment to complete Private Pilot training
- Online application: www.bcaviationcouncil.org
- Valued at \$5000.00, Due March 31

Selkirk College Entrance Awards

- 75% average, full-time studies at Selkirk; Valued at \$1500.00, Due March 31
- Visit www.selkirk.ca/students/financialaid.html or see a counsellor

B.C. Hydro

- Three different scholarships for graduates who are aboriginal, women in technology, or those interested in technology, Due March 31
- Visit www.bchydro.com (look up scholarship)

April

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- GFSS Scholarships become available to GFSS graduates Monday, March 15th. Deadline for applications Monday, April 12th.
- Fill in PSI Choices form online for official transcripts to be sent by Ministry to Universities and colleges:
 - *Go to <http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca>
 - *Sign up for a Basic BCeID.
 - *Follow the system prompts and sign up for STS. **Know your PEN number**
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- Selkirk College, Art Institute, College of the Rockies Entrance Scholarships are due!
- Quarter 3 begins Monday, April 26

Scholarship and Bursaries Due:

Public Guardian and Trustee Educational Assistance Fund

- The applicant must be a former permanent ward of the Province of BC and planning to study at a post-secondary level in an academic, technical or vocational program in September of his/her graduating year
- www.trustee.bc.ca/services/estate-and-personal-trust-services/pages/pgt-educational-assistance-fund.aspx , Due April 15

B.C. Cattlemen's Association Bursary

- Local association sponsorship of 4 bursaries, Due April 15
- Visit www.cattlemen.bc.ca/bursaryapplication.htm

The Bostock and Fallis Families of Monte Creek Heritage Fund Bursary Program

- Submit an application, indicate financial need, and letter of support from your school; Two bursaries of \$2000.00; Due April 15
- Visit Mrs. Webster for an application
- Visit www.bcmusiced.ca/scholarship.html

Construction, Maintenance & Allied Workers (C.M.A.W. Local 2300) Bursary

- Students within the East and West Kootenay areas who are pursuing an Apprenticeship in the trade of Carpentry or Millwright; Seven bursaries of \$500.00; Due April 15
- Visit Mrs. Webster for an application

West Kootenay Toy Run Association

- West Kootenay area student with financial difficulties due to family circumstances
- Application available from a counsellor, Due April 20

School Plant Officials

- Dependant of a school district employee in the school plant area
- Bursaries awarded on the basis of academic achievement, and/or special needs – preference given to students entering the fields of engineering, architecture, or building technology, Value \$600.00, Due April 28, Applications from a counsellor

B.C. Hockey

- Must be a registered member of B.C. Hockey or a former member playing in the Western Hockey League, Valued at \$1000.00, Due April 30
- Visit www.bcaha.org, under “Awards”

Penny Wise Journalism Scholarship for Women

- Demonstrate an interest in journalism, be 19 years of age or older, community newspaper employee with less than 1 year of experience, write an essay; Valued at \$2500.00, Due April 30
- Connected to Langara College
- Visit www.bccommunitynews.com/our-programs/scholarship

Irving K. Barber Scholarship Society

- Indigenous Awards and Women in Technology Scholarships
- Includes an essay, and two references; Valued at \$6000.00-\$10000, Due April 30
- Visit www.ikbbc.ca

May

Important Dates:

- District Scholarship Presentations, early May
- First Grad List posted Thursday, May 13th
- Second Grad List posted Thursday, May 27th
- May 19th - Selkirk College Virtual Admissions on the spot (2-5pm)

Scholarships and Bursaries Due:

UFCW & OFG Joint Diversity Scholarships (Overwaitea Food Group & UFCW Local 1518)

- Demonstrated involvement in diversity initiatives in the school or community
- Excludes OFG team members, UFCW Local 1518 members and dependants
- Visit www.owfg.com/diversity, 10 awards of \$1000.00, Due May 1

Kootenay District Council – CUPE Bursaries/Scholarships

- Various Scholarships/Bursaries for sons/daughters of KDC affiliated CUPE members, some involving essays (eg. “Union’s Involvement in Women’s Issues)
- See a counsellor for applications, Valued at \$200.00-\$500.00, Due May 1

BC School Sports Scholarships

- To assist worthy student-athletes in their desire to attend an accredited Canadian university or college: Dave Gifford Memorial Scholarships (2 for BCSS approved sports during Grade 12) and Zone Scholarships (completed in at least one BCSS approved sport during Grade 12, Kootenay is Zone A)
- Visit www.bcschoolsports.ca, Due May 7

The BC Dairy Association Scholarships

- Must have competed in BCSS approved sports, specifically, girls or boys soccer during the applicant’s Grade 12 year; Two scholarships of \$1000.00
- Visit www.bcschoolsports.ca, Due May 7

B.C. Music Educators Association Scholarships

- Actively involved in high school music courses and music dept. activities; proceeding to post-sec studies and a career in public school music education; audition tape, reference letters and transcript required; 5 awards valued at \$500.00; Due May 15

B.C. Arts Council Scholarships Awards Program

- Entering Fine Arts program, Valued at \$2000.00, Due May 15
- Visit www.bcartsCouncil.ca

Visual College of ART and DESIGN of Vancouver (VCAD)

- Tuition and part-tuition scholarships available to qualified students; Due May 22
- Visit www.scholarshipinfo.vcad.ca

Monsanto Canada Opportunity Scholarship Program

- Student from an agricultural or forestry family farming operation, entering agriculture or forestry fields, essay required; 60 awards of \$1500.00; Due May 29
- Visit www.monsanto.ca

Marvel College Creative Scholarship

- Display creative ability in the areas of art, music, photography or other avenues
- Demonstrate an aptitude for the vocation of fashion, beauty and/or wellness
- Demonstrate an excellent attendance record
- Demonstrate community involvement through volunteer work or extracurricular activities
- Valued at \$1000.00; Due May 31; see a counsellor for applications

Global Lift Equipment Scholarship

- Submit a short story, GPA of 2.5 or greater; Valued at \$500.00, Due June 15
- Visit www.usedforkliftsbritishcolumbia.ca

June

Important Dates:

- Final Grad List posted Thursday, June 10th
- Grad List appeals Monday, June 14th
- Grad Rehearsal: Thursday, June 17th *mandatory attendance*
- Graduation Ceremonies: Saturday, June 19th
- Send thank you letters to bursary/scholarship donors if you received an award
- Final Exams: June 24th

Scholarships and Bursaries Due:

Thompson Rivers University (TRU) Entrance Bursaries

- Entering a TRU program of 2 years or longer; Valued at \$1000.00; Due June 1

Got A Spine Scholarship

- GPA of 2.5 or greater; Valued at \$500.00, Due June 2
- Google the scholarship name

Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund

- Academic (85%), financial need, career in health sciences; Valued at \$1000.00 for 4 years
- Visit www.cdnmedhall.org/student-programs ; Due June 10

Lucille Harkness Memorial Bursary

- Demonstrate academic excellence and community leadership; write an essay; letter of reference included; Valued at \$1500.00, Due June 15
- See Mrs. Webster for an application

Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of B.C. (APEGBC)

- 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
- Visit www.apeg.bc.ca/students/scholarships/index.html ; Valued at \$2500.00; Due June 26

Public Works Association of B.C.

- Employee of a member municipality or public works agency or child of such employee
- Visit www.pwabc.cpwa.net/scholarships.html ; 2 awards of \$1000.00; Due June 30

July

Important Dates:

- Last week of July – Official transcripts mailed to homes from Ministry

Scholarships and Bursaries Due:

CUPE – Aubrey Burton / Reg Ford Memorial Scholarships

- Entering barbering/hairdressing or nursing; affiliated to CUPE BC
- 3 awards or \$500.00; Due July 15
- Google the name of the scholarship...

Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers

- Enroll in post-secondary, essay required, sponsored by a grocery store; Due July 16
- Awards are between \$2000.00 and \$5000.00 each
- Visit www.cfig.ca (look up scholarships)

Cerebral Palsy Association of British Columbia

- Available to eligible students 17 years and older with CP and currently enrolled in post-secondary
- Visit www.bccerebralpalsy.com, due July 18

B.C. Cancer Society, B.C. and Yukon Division: Kootenay Region Youth Bursary

- Active volunteer, minimum 6 months or 100 hours with the Canadian Cancer Society
- Visit www.cancer.ca ; Valued at \$500.00; Due July 28

Interior Logging Association

- Awarded to individuals obtaining an education in fields associated with the road building and heavy construction industry
- Visit www.roadbuilders.bc.ca ; Two scholarships valued At \$1500.00 each; Due July 31

Betty Spalton Scholarships

- A member of BCGEU or relative of a BCGEU member who is registering in full-time post-secondary program in September
- Has a 'C' or better in GPA and completes a 1250 word essay, valued at up to \$3000.00,
- Due Feb. 27. Visit www.bcgeu.ca or see counsellor for applications

Hospital Employees' Union Bursary

- Parent a member or HEU; Valued at \$350.00-\$1000.00; Due Aug 13
- Visit www.heu.org/Bursaries

SAIT

- Entrance Scholarships; Due Aug 15
- Visit www.sait.ca

F. Gordon Antoine Memorial Entrance Scholarship

- Aboriginal ancestry, 80% average, enrolling at Eagles Perch Campus in Merritt, B.C. (at the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology); Valued at \$5000.00, Due August 15
- Visit www.nvit.ca/nvitentranceawards.htm

BCIT Entrance Awards/ BCIT President's Entrance Awards

- Entering Any faculty. 60 awards of up to \$4500.00, Due Jan. 5 or Aug. 6
- Visit www.bcit.ca/finaid

Judge Daniel F. Foley Memorial Scholarship

- Available to direct descendants (children, grandchildren, great grandchildren) of members of The Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada attending any year of post-secondary courses leading to a degree or diploma; awards of \$1000.00
- Visit www.anavets.ca/scholarships ; Due Sept. 1

Colonel Frank R. Kossa Memorial Scholarship

- Applicant must have earned the prestigious Cadet "ANAVETS Medal of Merit" and be entering any year of post- secondary leading to a degree or diploma
- Visit www.anavets.ca/scholarships ; Due Sept. 1

B.C. Principals and Vice Principals Association (BCPVPA)

- After Graduation: Leadership (30 awards) or Parent is a Principal (10) or First Nations (2)
- Visit www.cdnprincipals.org; valued at \$500.00; Due Sept 15

NOTE: You should be starting the application process at least a month before the posted deadline to allow for writing of letters, essays, getting references...

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF FUNDING

Ministry of Education Scholarships

There are two major scholarship programs sponsored by the Ministry of Education: Provincial Scholarships and District Scholarships. A student may receive both.

BC Achievement Scholarships

These recognize the top 8000 graduates in the province. The Ministry will determine recipients based on achievement in Grades 10, 11, and 12 courses that satisfy 2004 Graduation Program requirements, including elective courses. Grad Transitions will not be included. A cumulative average percentage will be calculated and form the basis for determining winners, who receive a \$1250 scholarship voucher to use towards their post-secondary tuition. Students do not apply for this scholarship.

District Authority Scholarships

District Authority Scholarships are given to graduating students who have excelled in fields other than academics. Requirements are determined by the local District Scholarship Committee. Winners of these scholarships receive a \$1250.00 voucher to use towards their post-secondary tuition.

To qualify, a student must:

- *Submit an application by the scholarships deadline (April 12, 2020)
- *Demonstrate outstanding achievement to the local scholarship committee in any of the following courses: Indigenous Languages and Culture, Fine Arts, Applied Skills, Physical Activity, International Languages, Community Service (Volunteer Activity) or Technical and Trades Training
- *Have completed graduation requirements

BC Excellence Scholarships

There are 55 BC Excellence Scholarships available to recognize well-rounded BC graduates. Winners will have demonstrated service and leadership, both at school and in their communities, and shown aptitude and commitment to their chosen career paths. A student must be nominated by their secondary school in order to apply for this scholarship. Only one student from each school may be nominated. Applications can be found on-line at www.gov.bc.ca/scholarshipsprogram

Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarships

This scholarship is awarded to 20 outstanding graduates who have demonstrated a commitment and aptitude for a career path in K-12 teaching. Each recipient will receive a \$5000 scholarship voucher to redeem when they are registered and attending an approved K-12 teacher education program at one of BC's nine Faculties of Education. Applications can be found on-line at www.gov.bc.ca/scholarshipsprogram

Other Sources of Funding:

Students should actively seek out other sources of funding by:

- Checking with parents and relatives to see if their employers or voluntary organizations offer bursaries and scholarships
- Consulting college and university calendars to learn about their bursaries and scholarships
- Entering contests (e.g. essay writing) which offer monetary prizes
- Monitoring the school Scholarships bulletin board
- Searching the internet
- Checking with the library and/or bookstores for scholarship book

Websites That Can Help:

www.scholarshipscanada.com

www.studentawards.com

www.studentscholarships.org

www.aucc.ca

www.educationplanner.ca

Financial Aid Websites:

www.finaid.com

www.studentaid.gov.bc.ca

www.canlearn.ca

****Tips Towards Scholarship Success****

- Who gives out all this money? Universities, colleges, banks, private foundations, unions, employers, companies, embassies, provincial, and federal governments.
- A scholarship is an award of money given on the basis of merit. Merit means that something is done well such as academics, sports, or community service.
- Bursaries are a sum of money given out on the basis of financial need.
- Virtually anyone who can meet the minimum requirements for university or college can be considered for a scholarship. **However, if you want to improve your chances, you should look at doing three things: extracurricular activities, community service, keeping your grades as high as possible.**
- Apply for as many scholarships / bursaries as you can
- 10 qualities that most scholarship contests look for: **enthusiasm, team work, character, hard work, purpose, have had to overcome obstacles, initiative, community service, perseverance, and responsibility.**
- There are no guarantees in life. Have a look at the scholarship application form. If you can honestly fill in more than half of the entry space with good personal information, then you should consider sending off an application for this award.
- Being an “academic whiz” or “star athlete” is not necessary. Winning scholarships is about the quality of a student’s extracurricular involvement, not about the sheer quantity of activities.
- A person who flits from one activity to another for short periods of time doesn’t carry as much weight as someone who makes a long-term commitment to a good cause.
- The greater the value of the scholarship, the more work that is involved in applying for it (and hopefully winning it).
- The high-value scholarships are looking for three things: **excellent marks, community service, and extracurricular activities.** They may not use those terms exactly, but that is generally what is required to win.
- If you are serious about applying for scholarships, make sure that you leave yourself **lots of time** to fill out all the applications. They take “forever”.
- Fill out the applications in order of which ones are due first.
- Applications may include: essays, short-answer questions, extracurricular activity lists, grade transcripts, letters of recommendation, interviews, list of awards, test/exam results.
- As much as possible, and without fabrication, you should try to eliminate repetition and avoid blank spaces on your application forms.
- Many essay questions will fall into these categories:

- Your field of specialization and academic plans
- Current events and social issues
- Personal achievements
- Background and influences
- Future plans and goals
- Financial need
- Random topics
- Steps for writing an essay:
 - Pre-write/brainstorm
 - Choose a thesis
 - Write a draft
 - Revise
 - Polish
- Personal essay:
 - Be original
 - Be personal and specific
 - Be proud of your achievements
 - Know your audience
 - Submit an essay that is **neat** and **readable**
 - Make sure your essay is well written
- Don't be shy about telling about yourself. This is your chance to shine.
- Recycle essays if at all possible. Don't feel the need to write a completely new essay if one you have already written will do. Even if you can't reuse an entire essay, you may be able to use parts or ideas from different essays.
- Have someone (maybe a favourite teacher) proofread your scholarship application before you send it in.
- Some scholarships will require an interview as well as an application. These will be by phone or in person interviews – so make sure you are prepared for them.
- Some scholarships may require you to travel to the interview location. Sometimes you will have to pay your own expenses to get there. If you cannot afford to cover these travel costs, save yourself some time and don't apply for those scholarships.
- Ask teachers, family friends, employers, etc. for letters of recommendation long before your scholarship application needs to be sent off. Also, it's sometimes helpful to include a resume when asking for a reference letter.
- Apply for a S.I.N. (Social Insurance Number). One may be required to accept certain scholarships.
- Community service is work done for the community for no payment and extracurricular activities are done in and around the school for no academic credit. You should try not to put the same thing in both categories when filling out forms.

- Choose activities that interest you. If at all possible, it would be very useful to do volunteer work in a field that you are considering for a career.
- Parents can also help by compiling some background information for essays you will have to write. They can search the Internet, local library, etc. for any information pertinent to your topic.
- Also, parents can proofread your essays and offer some feedback that may help to improve the quality of your essay.
- Parents can help search for scholarships you can apply for. Also, they can send away for applications for you and mark down deadlines for when they are due.

**Tips were compiled from Tara DiZarro's Scholarship Handbook For Secondary Students in British Columbia*

Grand Forks Secondary School Internal and External Scholarships

Information session for Grade 12's and applications available March 15th, 2020. Due Monday, April 12th, 2020.

Criteria:

- Must be a Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant
- Must have the potential to grad for the first time in June of the year of application
- Must be attending GFSS full-time (defined as 80%) by September of the graduating year
- Students fill out one application for approximately 35 awards. Of those 35 awards, some have no criteria and the rest have specific criteria. Decisions are made by the scholarships committee based on **grade point average** and any specific criteria.
- External awards have separate applications and specific criteria. Applications are available between March 15 and April 12, and due April 12 at 3:30 pm. No late applications are accepted. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Transcripts are attached by the school and sent out to scholarship donors who then inform GFSS of the recipient.

GFSS Internal Awards

(one application for all, determined by the scholarships committee)

Auxiliary to the Christina Lake Community Association Scholarship

- A student residing at Christina Lake and proceeding to a post-secondary institution or Trades program. Must have volunteer experience.

Beyond the Boundary Computer Services Technology Scholarship

- A student in good standing who is planning to choose technology as a career path

Bob Chapman Memorial Scholarship (held by the Phoenix Foundation)

To a student who is deserving, works hard, bright, personable and is well rounded: qualities of coachability if athletic, needs a bit of help with post secondary.

Boundary Community Hospice Legacy Scholarship

- A student who is pursuing post-secondary education in the field of Health and Human Services (ex. Medical/health related/social worker...

Boundary Area Retired Teachers' Association Scholarship (BARTA) (held by the Phoenix Foundation)

- A student with good academic standing, planning to pursue a post-secondary education, and who has consistently demonstrated dependability, responsibility, and citizenship while attending GFSS

Christina Lake Health Care Auxiliary Scholarship

- To a Christina Lake student entering a training course of at least two years duration leading to a career in a health care related field

Christina Lake Marina Scholarship

- To one student going into trades and one student going into humanities

Citizens on Patrol for an Aspiring Student

- A student who has clear goals to enter into community based service, law enforcement, medical or social services, with priority given to children or grandchildren of members

City of Grand Forks Scholarship

- Awarded to two candidates proceeding to a Technology or Vocational training, who reside within the geographic boundaries of the City of Grand Fork

Edith & Larry Martin Memorial Scholarship

- To a top academic student who intends to enter the Industry Training Authority Apprenticeship Training Program

Elk's Lodge #493 Scholarship

- To a student in general studies, preferably to a son, daughter, or grandchild of an Elk's member. Half of the scholarships going to students pursuing training in a technical or trades related field

Fields Indigenous Bursary

- To a GFSS student who has spent time in the GFSS Indigenous program

Fraser Valley Vending Scholarship

- To a graduating GFSS student

Grand Forks Auxiliary to the Boundary Hospital Scholarship

- Three scholarships to local candidates entering training in the Human related Medical Services Field in a university or college, or allied training in a technological or vocational training institution

Grand Forks Business Community Scholarship (held by the Phoenix Foundation)

A student wishing to attend post-secondary. Criterion based first on need, then academics. In memory of Grand Forks business owner John Thomas, who operated Work and Play

Grand Forks Farmer's Market Scholarship

- To a student who plans to take agriculture (ranching or forestry) classes in post secondary; preference to students who have volunteered at the Market

GFCU Savings and Gulf & Fraser Scholarship

- Awarded to not more than five and not less than three graduates, all in equal amounts and at least one of each gender. To students who have been involved in school activities and have had a 3.0 GPA in grades 11 & 12

Grand Forks International (GFI) Baseball Bursary

- To a GFSS student who has demonstrated volunteerism through community service in Grand Forks, with preference to students who have personally or as a family, contributed to the GFI in past years

Grand Forks Quilt Connection Scholarship

- Preference to a student with Textiles as a field of study

Harris & Company Scholarship LLP

- To a student who excels in Law 11 or 12 and expresses an intention to enroll in post-secondary education

J.J. McDonell Memorial Scholarship (held by the Phoenix Foundation)

- To one boy and one girl who have proven themselves to be diligent and deserving students and who are proceeding to post-secondary education

John Nilsen Memorial Endowment Fund (held by the Phoenix Foundation)

- To a student going on to post secondary education in the field of medicine

John Paul Federico Leadership Scholarship

- To a student who has shown outstanding leadership and has volunteered extensively in the school and community (Special Olympics, sports, Student Council, etc.)

Linda Tatlow Responsible Citizen Bursary

- To a graduate in appreciation for contributing unselfishly and responsibly to the school and community

McEwan Top English Student Scholarship

- To the top English student in the graduating class

Mary & Peter Abrosimoff Scholarship

- To a graduating student from GFSS to assist the student in pursuing a university education

Maureen I. Wyllie Memorial Scholarship

- To a graduating student going into any field of post-secondary education but MUST have enjoyed and done exceptionally well in Home Economics

Neighbours Computers Scholarship

- To a GFSS student who has excelled in Computer Technology and plans on continuing their education.

Orris Scholarship

- To a student who has engaged in extra curricular activities (leadership/volunteerism within the school and community), displays positive personal characteristics (positive attitude, caring, helpful, good work habits), financial need, and contribution to the community

Roger & Willa Reams Scholarship Fund

- For a student pursuing a major in the field of Engineering/Mathematics

Rotary Club Scholarship: Chas. Senay & Dick Bartlett Memorial Scholarships (held by the Phoenix Foundation)

- To one deserving candidate (each) proceeding into a University, College, Institute of Technology or Vocational School. Student has exemplified citizenship or service (volunteer)

Royal Canadian Legion Scholarship

- To one or more candidates who have demonstrated outstanding qualities of Citizenship and Leadership. Preference should be given to children or grandchildren of Legion members or veterans of the Armed Forces of Canada.

Sunshine Quilters Bursary

- For a student who has excelled in the arts or home economics, preferably entering the fields of arts, architecture, or drafting

The Terry Fitzgerald Memorial Scholarship

- Terry Fitzgerald was a Production Supervisor with Roxul until he passed away in 2011. This is available to a student with top 25% overall academic standing, leadership within the school/community, and an aptitude in trades/technical sciences.

Unifab Industries – Chris Jenkins Memorial Scholarship

- Awarded to a student proceeding to a post-secondary education in the field of trades. Preference given to the son or daughter of employees.

Wendy Butterfield Community Mindedness Bursary

- To a student who shows community mindedness, dedication and determination, civic commitment, an appreciation and support of the Arts and Culture, and a flare for catering and volunteer service

GFSS External Awards

(separate application for each, determined by the donor)

Auxiliary to the Christina Lake Community Association Scholarship

- To a student residing at Christina Lake and proceeding to a post-secondary institution

Big Effort Swim

- Preference given to a student who is actively involved in both sports and in the community

Border Bruins Memorial Award

- An award of \$300.00 for a Border Bruin team member with good academic achievement as well as good community and team involvement.

Boundary District Teacher's Association Scholarship

- A sum of \$1000.00 each to be awarded to a minimum of two and a maximum of five deserving students proceeding to teacher education or post-secondary education. Preferably the recipients to be sons or daughters of current BDTA members.

Boundary Indigenous Education Advisory Council Bursary

- Two scholarships of \$500.00 each awarded to students of Indigenous Ancestry at GFSS. Preference to those who have been actively involved in their school's Indigenous program and/or with the Indigenous community. May submit a 250 word essay OR give a small presentation demonstrating their commitment to culture and community as well as how they would apply the bursary to furthering their future education. Students need not attend post-secondary to access this bursary.

Boundary Music Educators' Scholarship

- This is a \$300.00 scholarship, established in 2010, that is awarded to a student that has studied music with a BMEA teacher and has volunteered in performance showcases within the community of Grand Forks. Priority to a student who has been accepted to a Music program.

Boundary Musical & Theatre Society Bursary

- Awarded to a graduate who has demonstrated hard work, commitment, and dedication in a production by the Boundary Musical & Theatre Society.

Boundary Women's Softball League Bursary

- A bursary of \$250.00 to any graduating female student who has been actively involved in sports. Write a 500 word essay discussing how sports have benefitted you and how sports has affected your community.

Carpe Diem

- Two to five scholarships of \$500.00-\$1000.00 each available to students at Grand Forks Secondary proceeding to any post-secondary institution. Application must include a 500 word essay focusing on your "Greatest Passion" in life and how you plan to pursue this passion.

Christina Lake Fire Department

- To a son or daughter of a Christina Lake Fire Department member

The Christina Lake Sorority: Judi Thomas Memorial Scholarship

- To a GFSS student from Christina Lake has demonstrated community spirit through volunteer work and is attending a post secondary education, priority given to children of Christina Lake Sorority members

C.U.P.E. Local 2098 (Boundary Schools) Bursary

- This \$500.00 bursary is open to any Grade 12 student who intends to pursue post-secondary education. Preference will be given to a son/daughter of a CUPE Local 2098 member

C.U.P.E. Local 2254

- This is a \$500.00 bursary for a dependent of CUPE 2254 member who has a commitment to further his/her education and has a quality education plan and evidence of good citizenship including school and extra curricular activities.

C.U.P.E. Local 4728 – City of Grand Forks

- This is a \$1000.00 scholarship for a dependent of CUPE 4728 member who has a commitment to further his/her education.

Dennine Smith Memorial Scholarship

- To a GFSS student who shows an interest in working with children, either through special needs, early childhood education or education in general. In memory of Dennine Smith, who worked and touched the lives of many of the youth and adults of the Boundary School District

District Authority Scholarship

- \$1250.00 to approximately 6 students at GFSS going into any post-secondary program. Students must complete a project based on one of the following areas: Indigenous Languages and Culture, Fine Arts, Applied Skills, Physical Activity, International Languages, Community Service or Technical and Trades Training, and present this to the District Scholarship Committee.

Doctor John Stefanelli Memorial Scholarship

- To a GFSS student who displays academic strengths, has clear goals/plans for his/her future, intends to go on to higher education, and is active in his/her church or faith community or the broader community

Gordon Keir Memorial Scholarship

- To be awarded to assist a student proceeding to post-secondary education. Preference given to a student who has been actively involved in community and/or school recreation.

Grand Forks Choral Society Bursary

- \$500.00 to a student(s) pursuing post-secondary education who have been actively involved in the Grand Forks Choral Society productions.

Grand Forks & District Fall Fair Scholarship

- A \$500.00 scholarship available to any student wishing to attend a vocational or technical school in the areas of agriculture (farm studies, equipment) food programs, equine services, building trades, or the veterinary field. Preference will be given to student who has participated in 4-H activities or has been active in volunteer work with the Fall Fair.

GFSS PAC Gaming Fund Scholarship

- Four scholarships of \$500.00 each to qualified students in the technical, vocational, academic, or fine arts area of study. The selection committee will use need, special circumstances, volunteer service, and the individual's specific goals as determining criterion.

Grand Forks Volunteer Firefighters Scholarship

- To each deserving candidate who has demonstrated qualities of citizenship and who are sons or daughters of the Grand Forks Fire Rescue Association.

Grand Forks Realty Bursary

- A bursary of \$1000.00 available to a student at Grand Forks Secondary proceeding to any post-secondary institution. Awarded to a candidate who has demonstrated a passion to further their education and become a professional in their chosen field.

Hans and Rita Bron Scholarship

- Two scholarships awarded to students proceeding to a post secondary institution and preferably studying: 1st choice horticulture, 2nd choice business. Preference given to employees or sons/daughters of employees of Bron & Sons.

Grand Forks Knights of Columbus Scholarship

- A \$500.00 scholarship available to any student wishing to pursue post secondary education in either academic or vocational areas. Students must have a minimum C+/B average.

John A. Robertson Memorial Scholarship (held by the Phoenix Foundation)

- Approximately \$3000.00 to be given to the best all round athlete in the GFSS graduating class. The Robertson family believes that "Excellent athletes often produce excellent citizens. A devotion to success in the field of play spills over into devotion to success in life, from school and work to personal relationships and volunteering. These athletes inspire others around them to aspire for more and when these athletes retire from active competition, they coach and mentor a new generation of people". As decided by a committee of community representatives.

Melissa MacLeod Memorial Hockey Bursary

- To a female student at GFSS who has been involved in Grand Forks Minor Hockey for a minimum of three years and is proceeding to any post-secondary institution

Richard & Beverly Reid Young Artist's Scholarship

- A sum of \$450.00 to a graduating student in the Boundary School District who is planning on entering a post-secondary program in visual arts. Application must include an essay of up to 500 words detailing his/her future plans and 3-5 samples of his/her art work.

Rockwool Scholarship

- Two \$1000.00 scholarships available to any student proceeding to a post secondary institution and preferably studying engineering or technology or entering a trades program. Preference to be given to a relative of Rockwool employees.

Striker Industries – Don Noble Memorial Scholarship

- To a student wishing to pursue a post-secondary education in a trade. Preference given to students pursuing the trade of a millwright

Other Awards (Post Secondary)

Hall-Treptow Music Scholarship (with the Phoenix Foundation)

- Applicants must have been a resident in the Boundary region and graduated from a secondary school in School District No. 51, or equivalent form of education
- Provide proof of university or college registration for the 4th year of studies majoring in music
- Provide transcript of first 3 years of post-secondary education majoring in music
- Provide a resume detailing their participation in musical performances commencing with entry to university or college music major studies
- Applications submitted to the Chair, Grants Committee, Phoenix Foundation Boundary phoenixfoundationbdry@gmail.com