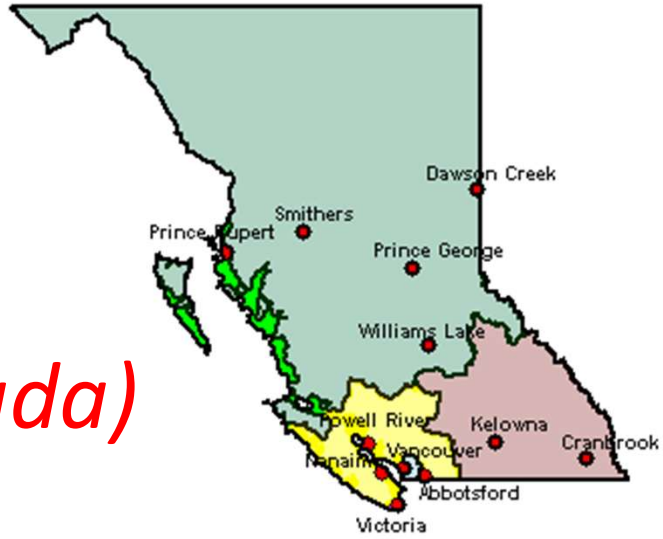
Post Secondary Information Session

Admissions, Scholarships (&Transcripts)

October, 2026

WELCOME

In BC…



- **Over 1,900 programs**
- **11 universities** *(98 in Canada)*
  - *UBC, UVIC, SFU, VIU, UNBC, etc.*
- **11 colleges** *(69 in Canada)*
  - *Okanagan, Langara, Douglas, Selkirk, etc.*
- **3 Technical Institutes**
  - *BCIT, Justice Institute, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology*


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Great Search Tool
Welcome to EducationPla
Your journey starts he
Plan
Search
Find Your Path
Apply
Plan your journey to post-secondary.
Search for programs and institutions.
Find your education and career path.
Apply to your chosen program(s).
http://www.EducationPlannerBC.ca
provides application access to 25 public post-secondary institutions across BC

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GET INTO UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE?

University Entrance Requirements

- High school Graduation
- English Studies 12* or First English Peoples English*
- **3-4 additional university admissible courses**
  - *Institutions specific*
  - *Program specific*
- G.P.A. based on
  - *English 12 and other university acceptable course*
- Broad Based Questions *
  - *personal information and mini essay responses*

* These course are accepted equally by all Canadian post secondary institutions

College Entrance Requirements

- High school GRADUATION
- English Studies 12* or English First Peoples 12 *
- And other courses as required by specific programs



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Trade Programs

- High school GRADUATION
- English Studies 12* or English First Peoples 12 *
  - and other courses as required by specific programs
  - *OFTEN 1st Applied, 1st Admitted*

* These course are accepted equally by all Canadian post secondary institutions

WHAT KIND OF MARKS DO I NEED TO GET INTO COLLEGE /UNIVERSITY?

Admission Competitiveness

Varies by Program and Institution

- Averages change every year
  - ***Some programs also require:***
    - ***Portfolios***
    - ***Personal Profiles***
    - ***Supplemental Applications***
    - ***Interviews***
    - ***Auditions***
- Students should review current admission requirements directly from each institution.
- Popular programs may require significantly higher grades than published minimums

Estimated Competitive Admission Averages

Program Area	UVic	UCalgary	UBCO	UBC Vancouver
Arts / Humanities	75%+	78%+	80%+	85%+
Science	82%+	82%+	84%+	88%+
Business	85%+	High 80s	84%+	92%+
Engineering	85%+	High 80's %	86%+	90%+
Computer Science	85%+	High 80s	88%+	92%+
Nursing	No H.S. Direct Entry	88%+	88%+	No H.S. Direct Entry

HOW/WHEN TO APPLY FOR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Online Application



- **Apply to @ least 2 PSI's**
  - Always have a 'back-up Plan'
  - Many programs are very competitive, you may not get into your first choice
  - There is a *non-refundable fee* for applying
  - BC post secondary institutions **require** you to apply through **https://educationplannerbc.ca/**

EducationPlannerBC

- **When to Apply**
  - Most Applications open October 2026 (check your PSI)
  - Do NOT miss application deadlines!!! (this is YOUR responsibility)
  - Do NOT miss Entrance Scholarship deadlines (see your PSI for more info)

What do I need to apply

- **Demographic information**
  - *Name, phone number, etc.*
  - *Email address (personal NOT School)*
  - *Social Insurance Number (tax receipt)*
  - *Transcript to be sent electronically*
  - *Ministry of Education Number (9 digit)*

    >>>Personal Education Number (PEN)

Apply Online Here!

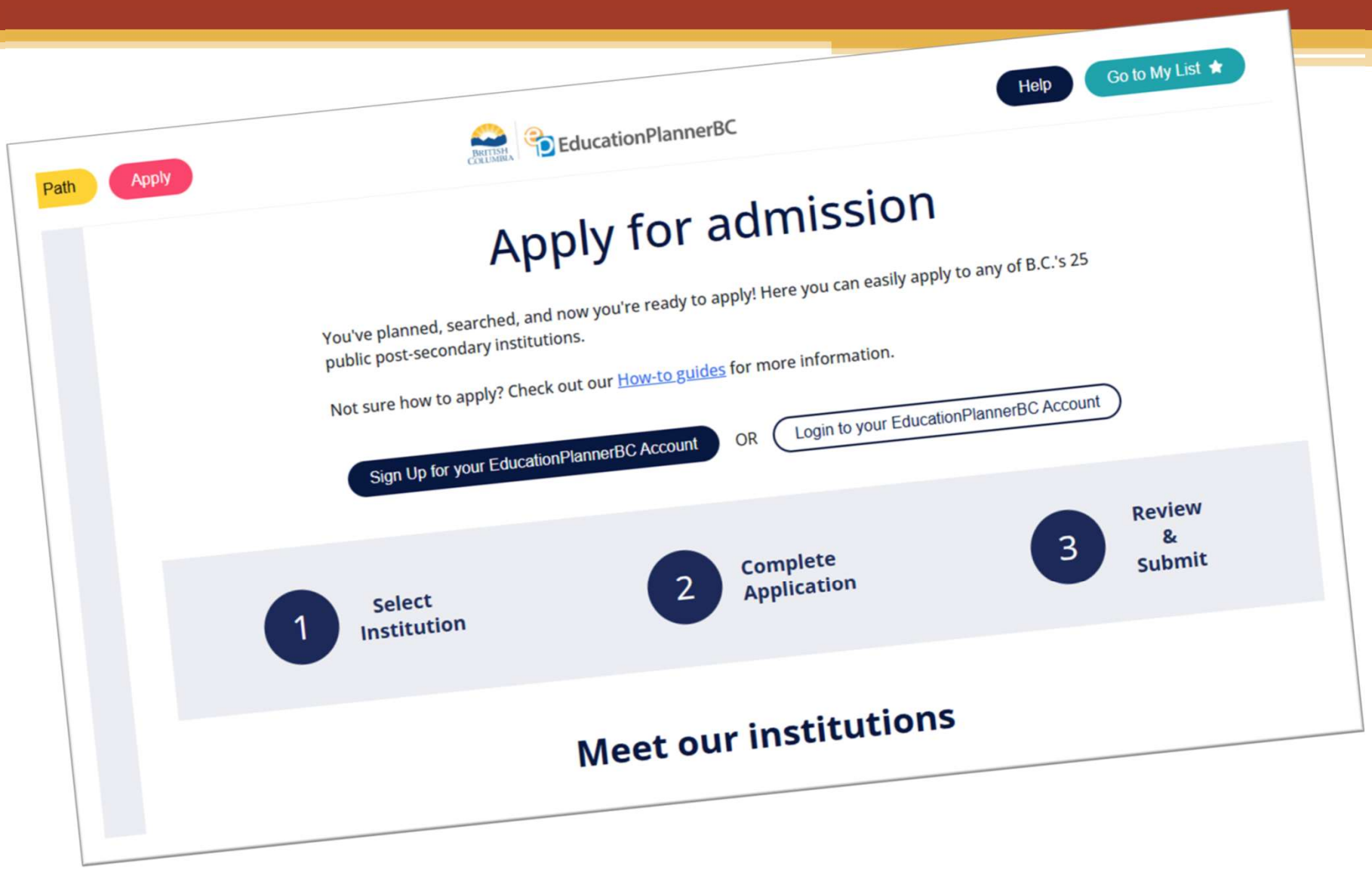
EducationPlanner.ca
Explore your post-secondary options in BC

applyalberta
Alberta Post-Secondary Application System

Ontario Universities' Application Centre

APPLY NOW
THE COMMON APPLICATION
For Undergraduate College Admission

Access to all of these sites available on FULTON website
Fulton>>>**Families**>>>**College/University Information**


Path
Apply
EducationPlannerBC
Help
Go to My List
Apply for admission
You've planned, searched, and now you're ready to apply! Here you can easily apply to any of B.C.'s 25 public post-secondary institutions.
Not sure how to apply? Check out our How-to guides for more information.
Sign Up for your EducationPlannerBC Account
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Meet our institutions

Example of the basic info available



University of British Columbia
Kelowna

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Nursing: Bachelor of Science Degree (BSN) - UBCO

Overview
Admission requirements
Additional costs
Application dates
Careers

Academic admission requirements

Students must be admitted into Bachelor of Science to pursue this program.

1. High school graduation or equivalent
2. Minimum six academic/non-academic Grade 12 courses (recommended)
3. English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12 or equivalent
4. Anatomy and Physiology 12 (Biology 12) or equivalent
5. Foundations of Mathematics 12 or Pre-Calculus 11
6. Chemistry 11

*Note: There is no minimum number of courses required for admission, but you are encouraged to challenge yourself with a substantial number of courses that are relevant to your intended area of study.

Additional admission requirements

1. Completion of a Personal Profile

Apply now →

Add to My List ★

Program at a glance

Program type
Undergraduate

Credential
Bachelor's Degree

Length
4 years

Start date
September

Co-op/work experience
Available

Tuition
Domestic: $7,300 per year

What Does Post-Secondary Education Cost?

It depends

Making Sense of Post-Secondary Costs

Four common expenses to keep in mind

Tuition & Student Fees

The cost of your program, which varies by institution and area of study.

Books & Supplies

Textbooks, technology, equipment and program-specific materials.

Housing & Food

Living at home, in residence or renting with roommates.

Personal & Transportation

Getting around, phone bills, clothing, entertainment and everyday expenses.

Costs will look different for every student — planning ahead helps you explore your options.

Tuition fees

ARTS	Length	Tuition	Ancillary Fees - College	Ancillary Fees - Student Assn.	Health & Dental	Total Tuition & Fees
Animation Diploma	Entire 2-year Program	27,326.45	848.60	345.80	500.00	**29,020.85**
Applied Bachelor of Arts: Community Research and Evaluation	Year 1 (of 4)	3,988.92	424.30	172.90	250.00	**4,836.12**
Associate of Arts	Year 1 (of 2)	4,061.64	424.30	172.90	250.00	**4,908.84**
Associate of Arts Bridge into BBA			*See BUSINESS*			
Communications, Culture and Journalism Diploma	Year 1 (of 2)	3,916.20	424.30	172.90	250.00	**4,763.40**
Criminal & Social Justice Diploma	Year 1 (of 2)	3,916.20	424.30	172.90	250.00	**4,763.40**

SCIENCE	Length	Tuition	Ancillary Fees - College	Ancillary Fees - Student Assn.	Health & Dental	Total Tuition & Fees
Associate of Science	Year 1 (of 2)	4,497.96	424.30	172.90	250.00	**5,345.16**

Okanagan COLLEGE

Click the logo for source information

Source: ***OK website***

Domestic Student Tuition ’26-27

Program	Per-credit amount	First-year full course load	Full course load tuition
Applied Science (Year 1)	$206.69	37	$7,647.53
Applied Science (Years 2 to 5)	$220.63	37	$8,163.31
Arts	$206.69	30	$6,200.70
Commerce (Year 1)	$206.69	30	$6,200.70
Commerce (Years 2 to 4)	$306.28	30	$9,188.40
Computer Science	$206.69	30	$6,200.70
Dental Hygiene	$206.69	33	$6,820.77
Design in Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urbanism	$333.09	30	$9,992.70
Environmental Design	$206.69	30	$6,200.70

Source:
https://students.ubc.ca/finances/tuition-fees/undergraduate-tuition-fees/

Scholarship



You have to be a great essay writer to get a scholarship.

- Not so. Often, it is **more about *what* you write** than how well it is written.

- Whether you **follow the instructions** and **address the essay question** is often more crucial to your success than how eloquently you write.



I'm a Top Student, So Scholarships Will Come to Me

- Few students get full scholarships
- explore other options available
  - *Ministry of Education awards*
  - *Student loans*
- The more you have going for you, the more you'll probably be awarded, but that doesn't mean you can sit back and wait for the money to roll in.



You should apply to as many scholarships as possible to "beat the odds"

- applying for scholarships is ***not a gamble*** or a "numbers game" or a contest.

- You should apply only for those scholarships that
  - you would be well suited for
  - you stand a good chance of winning.



Only "A" students get scholarships

- It's true…..good grades are very important
- But grades are *only 1 way* that students are measured and evaluated.
- large corporate scholarship programs, in particular, make it very clear
  - *seeking motivated, energetic and well-rounded applicants who know how to do more than just write reports and take tests..*



Most scholarship awards are small and not worth the effort of applying.

- What is small? $500?
- If you win 7 or 8 scholarships that range from $500 to $1,000, you could pay for a good deal of your first year in university/college.



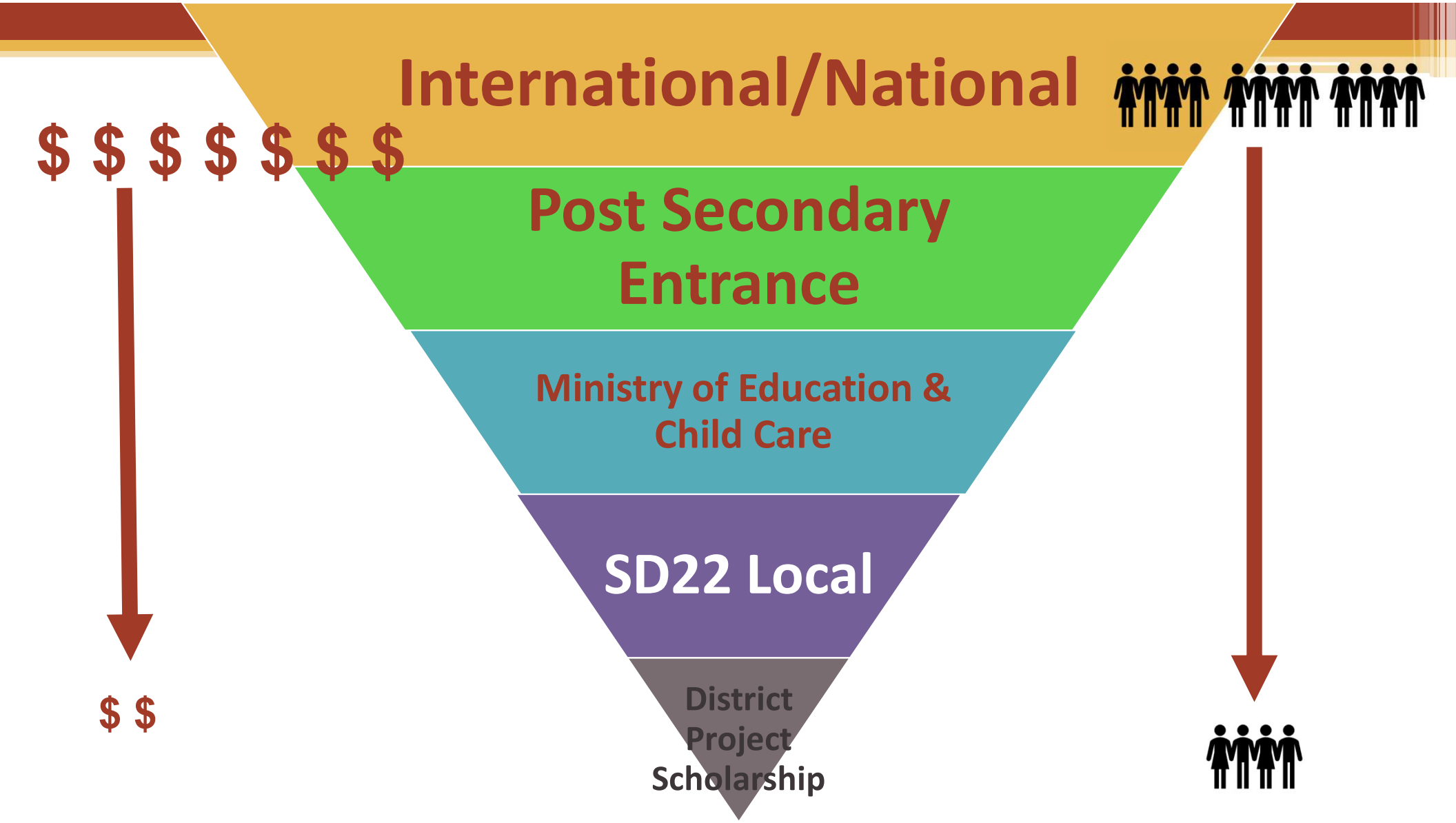
Scholarship applicants need to have a long list of extracurricular/volunteer activities.

- It's about **quality**, not quantity.
- most winners distinguish themselves by the **devotion they have demonstrated** to a particular activity or activities
- NOT by the sheer quantity of their involvement.





Scholarships


International/National
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Post Secondary
Entrance
Ministry of Education &
Child Care
SD22 Local
District
Project
Scholarship
$ $

National / International

- Toughest competition for the BIGGEST dollars
- Many applicants ➔ few recipients
- Grades plus factors specific to the organization
  - *(humanitarian service/ innovator/leader)*
- Applications are comprehensive
  - *often requiring reference letters, nominations, essays and transcripts*

EXAMPLES BELOW

SCHULICH LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS

LORAN Scholars Foundation CHARACTER SERVICE LEADERSHIP

RBC Royal Bank

Post Secondary Entrance Scholarships

- **Institution specific**
- **Selection is based on**
  - *Grades*
  - *Letters*
  - *Involvement in "other" things*
- Application Process
  - *Application form*

  OR
  - *Automatically once you apply*

BC Ministry of Education & Child Care

- **BC Achievement**
  - *Top 8000 >>> $1250*
  - *Automatically awarded based on marks*
- **BC Excellence**
  - *Top 55 Well Rounded >>> $5000*
  - *Nomination and application required*
  - *See your school counsellor*
- **Pathway to Teacher Education**
  - *Nomination and application required*
  - *20 graduates committed to teaching profession>>> $5000*
  - *See your school counsellor*

BRITISH COLUMBIA | Ministry of Education and Child Care

SOURCE
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships

SD#22 Local Scholarships

- Applications available in the **SPRING**
- Factors considered in selection grades, service, affiliation, acceptance at post-secondary
- **ONLINE application**
  - decided by a district committee

    or
  - the business/organization/person who donated the scholarship

    or
  - School based committee

District Project Based Scholarship

- Opportunity to recognize student achievement in diverse areas of learning
- $1250 award
- Showcase Event in the Spring at Vernon Rec Center
- MORE INFO….see your principal

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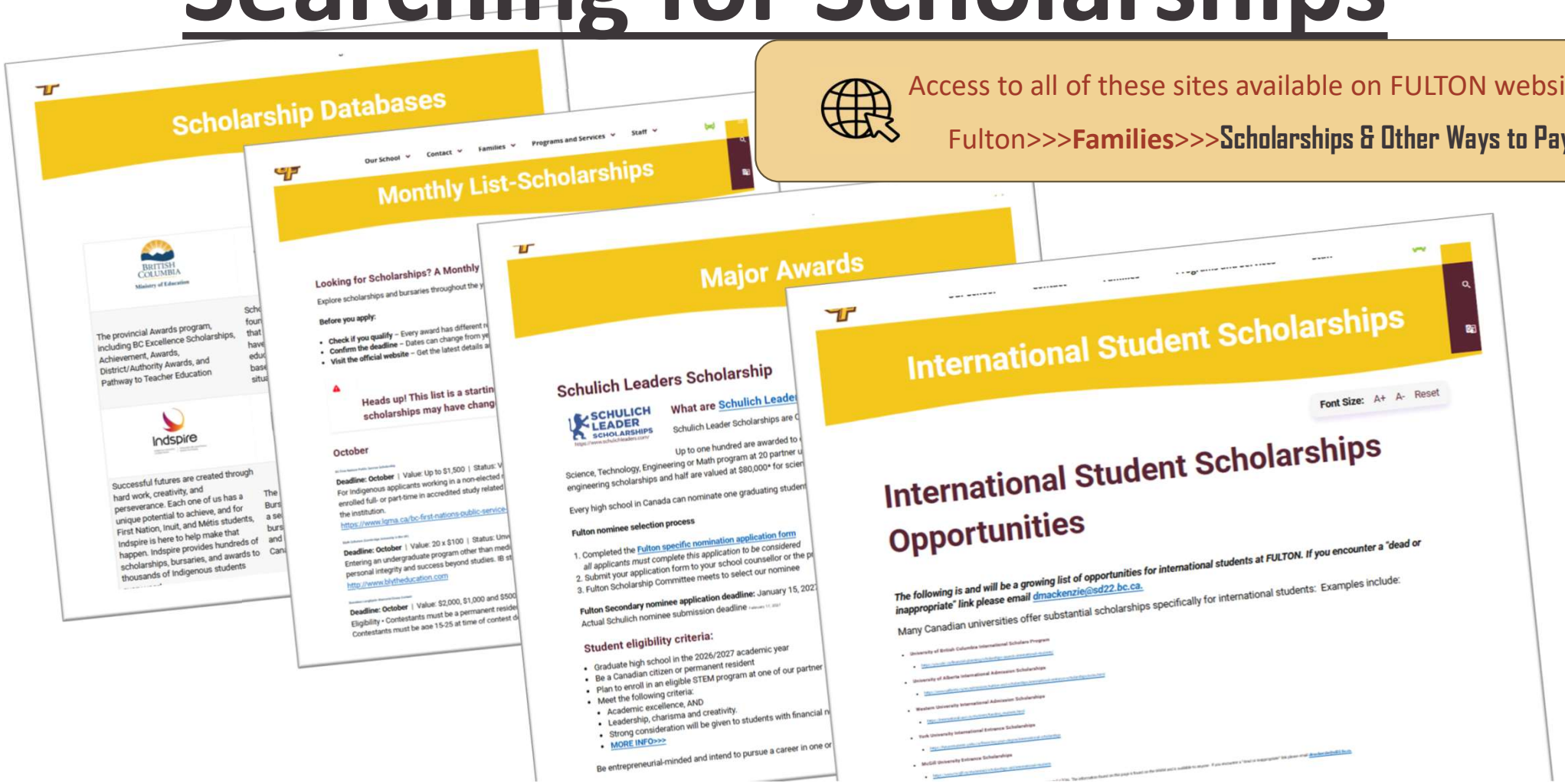
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District Project Based Scholarship

If you have a project idea in one of these areas, reach out to your school principal for more information…

- **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*
- **Second Languages including Aboriginal Languages**
- **Community Service**
- **Volunteer Activity**
- **Technical and Trades Training**

Searching for Scholarships



Access to all of these sites available on FULTON website

Fulton>>>**Families**>>>**Scholarships & Other Ways to Pay**



OTHER FINANCING OPTIONS *FOR POST-HIGH SCHOOL LEARNING*



STUDENT LOANS

Student Loans… How much?

- Factors they consider…
  - *Student & Parental contribution*
  - *Cost of program*
- Weekly **max** of $520
- Determine your eligibility>>> Click here



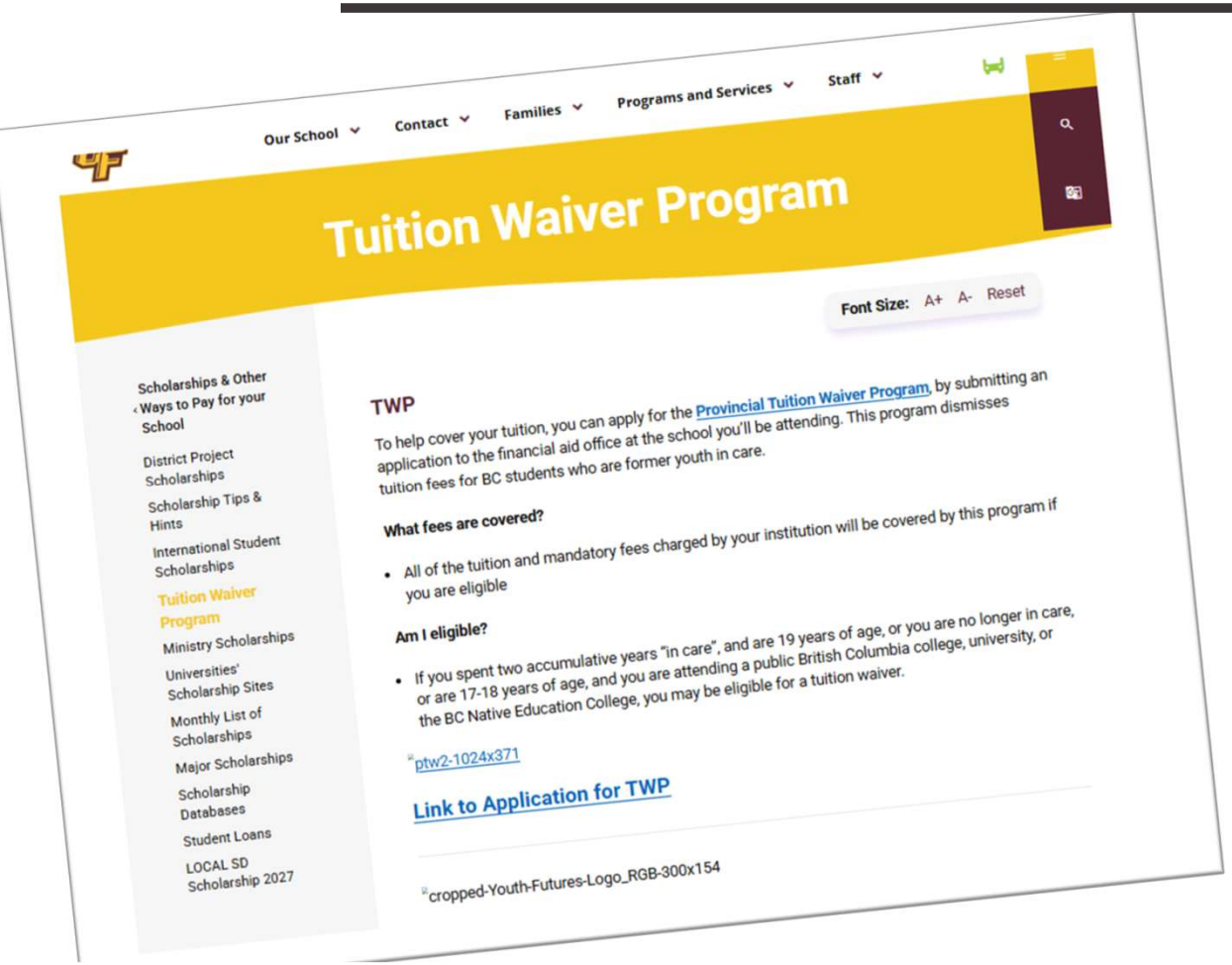
"No interest is charged on all B.C. government-issued student loans."

Source: https://studentaidbc.ca/plan/debt

Student Loans…How much ?

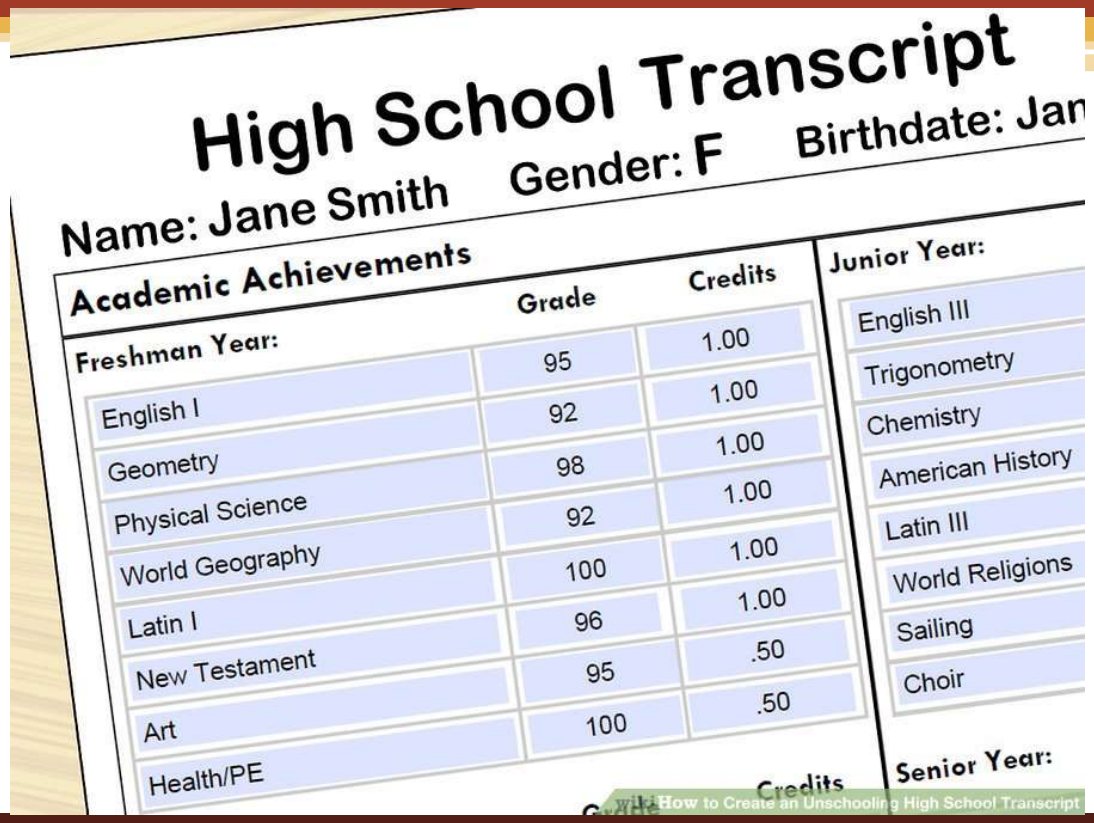
- Must have applied and been accepted into your program
- Application available AFTER June 1st
  - ONLINE version … fastest
  - Paper version available

Tuition Waiver Program



Financial Support for

Youth in Care *with the Ministry of Children and Family Development*



Student Transcripts

BC Student Transcript Service



- ***STUDENT SELF-SERVE*** process.
- School Counsellors can help, but students must enter their own information
- Please allow for AT LEAST 30 minutes to create your account and order your transcripts

Source: https://clarencefulton.sd22.bc.ca/transcripts

Ordering & Sending your transcript

VIDEO HELP

- This Government of BC **instructional video** will walk you through the process for ORDERING and SENDING your transcripts to the PSI of your choice

- **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzmY0WeTfFs**



Scholarship Information Sources

- **Websites**
  - High School sites
  - University/college financial aid pages
  - Professional associations related to your career choice
    - *e.g. Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia website has links to relevant scholarships*
- **Companies/Employers**
  - Check with your employer to see if they offer any scholarships or bursaries
- **Internet Searches**

Get Organized

- Keep Electronic copies
- Give those writing you a reference letter at least a 2 weeks notice
  - *(use the reference letter planner, brag sheet, etc.)*
- Official transcripts are available from the school
  - Get a Social Insurance Number *(SIN)*
- Create a personal *(appropriate)* email address *(non-SD22)*

Conclusion

- Enjoy your Grade 12 year
- Research, Research, Research
- Study and Maintain a good Average in your classes
- **GET INVOLVED**
- Social Media Channels and Website
- WHEN IN DOUBT…
  - Apply Apply Apply

Questions?

schedule an appointment with your school counsellor