

# ESQUIMALT HIGH SCHOOL

## Student Scholarship Information Guide

2016-2017



# Important University and Scholarship Information 2016-2017

## HOW MUCH IS IT GOING TO COST? (approximately)

### University of Victoria

Tuition and Fees – Sept. to April - approx. \$5,700

Books, etc. - approx. \$1,700

### Camosun College Diploma Programs – Example:

Business Administration Diploma - for year one of two years – approx. \$3,630

Books and supplies – approx. \$1,500

### Camosun Trades

Example: Electrical Foundation (26 week program) – approx. \$2,500

Books: approx. \$600

### University of Toronto

Approx. \$16,500 - \$18,000 - This figure includes residence, tuition fees, books and miscellaneous fees.

## ESQUIMALT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

### Scholarships are advertised at Esquimalt by:

- Grade 12 Newsletter
- Scholarship 12 Google Classroom- email [ahoffman@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:ahoffman@sd61.bc.ca) for the code
- Grade 12 Assemblies
- P.A. Announcements

### The Scholarship Committee at Esquimalt School includes:

- Mrs. Hoffman (Chair)
- Mrs. Baylis
- Mrs. Wignall
- Mr. Orme
- Mrs. Renyard

### Help for completing scholarship applications and resumes:

Students should make appointments with Ally Hoffman by emailing [ahoffman@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:ahoffman@sd61.bc.ca)

Students in the Scholarship 12 class are guaranteed access to five mentorship sessions

### Nominated Scholarships

Some scholarships require nominations. See Mrs. Hoffman for information regarding these scholarships.

## TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

### 1. BC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

BC Achievement Scholarships 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.\***

#### ELIGIBILITY

Recipients must:

- Meet basic eligibility requirements
- Fulfil graduation requirements of the 2004 Graduation Program by August 31, 2017
- Have at least a “B” (73% or above) or better grade in their Language Arts 12 course
- Write and pass a Language Arts 12 provincial examination
- Have no more than one TS (Transfer Standing) or SG (Standing Granted) indicator among course marks used for the calculation of winners, excluding Language Arts 12, which must have a percentage score.

### 2. New: BC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

The BC Excellence Scholarship is a \$5000 scholarship awarded to 55 students, recognizing well-rounded graduates demonstrating community service and leadership, both inside and outside of their schools, as well as commitment and aptitude for their chosen career paths.

- Have at least a “B” (73% or above) in their Language Arts 11 final mark and have at least a “B” average
- in Grade 11 final course marks that fulfill graduation requirements of Science 11, Math 11 and Social
- Studies 11, with no more than one “C+” (67% or above) final course mark. Marks lower than “C+”
- are not accepted.
- Maintain a “B” average in Grades 11 and 12 final course marks required for graduation.
- Submit a resume.
- Provide two references, one from their community and one from their school.
- Provide a written statement (maximum 500 words) describing:
  - what lead them to their community service, volunteer activity, and/or leadership role
  - what they learned from this involvement
  - how these skills/experiences will benefit them in their chosen career path

Application packages must be submitted by the school before March 31, 2016

### **3. DOGWOOD DISTRICT/AUTHORITY AWARDS PROGRAM**

The District/Authority Scholarships reward graduating students for excellence in their chosen field of interest or strength. These scholarships are intended to assist with tuition for post-secondary education.

The Ministry will allocate 5500 scholarships pro-rated to school districts and independent school authorities based on each district's September 30th Grade 12 enrolment. The scholarship will now be a \$1250 voucher that can be used toward post-secondary education tuition.

#### **QUALIFYING FOR A DISTRICT/AUTHORITY SCHOLARSHIP**

To win a scholarship, a student must apply through the scholarship committee in the Spring and meet the basic eligibility requirements.

Meet criteria determined by the local scholarship committee, which requires a student to demonstrate outstanding achievement in any of the following areas:

- NEW: 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 with Integrated Resource Packages (IRPs) or External Assessments, including AP and IB courses
- 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)

Fulfill the BC Graduation requirements of either the 2004 Graduation Program or the Adult Graduation Program by August 31st of the student's graduating year

Have not previously received a District/Authority Award or a District/Authority Scholarship

### **4. UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE AWARDS**

Each university offers entrance scholarships. Check the calendars or websites for details. The University of Victoria website is [www.uvic.ca/safa](http://www.uvic.ca/safa)

### **5. ESQUIMALT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Our community provides approximately 25 scholarships for graduates of Esquimalt High School. Application forms are due in June.

There is a separate scholarship book that lists these scholarships that is available in April.

### **6. SCHOOL DISTRICT 61 SCHOLARSHIPS**

A small number of scholarships are available for graduates of School District 61. Details will be available on our website as soon as they are available in the Spring.

### **7. GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Can be any amount.

Administered by various donor scholarship committees, unions, foundations, associations and affiliated groups, religious organizations and employers.

## **SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES**

Various scholarship and financial aid websites are:

- CanLearn - [www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca)
- Scholarships Canada – [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com) - \*has some information for Canadian students and International students.
- Student Awards – [www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)
- Student Scholarships - [www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)
- [www.studyincanada.com](http://www.studyincanada.com) (International students)

## **SCHOLARSHIP STRATEGY**

Apply for as many scholarships as possible and be prepared to spend time and effort; successful scholarship applications are the result of care, good supporting documents and attention to detail.

- Begin early in the school year.
- Choose the scholarships and bursaries for which you are realistically eligible.
- Make sure the award applies to secondary students entering a post secondary institution and not just to students already attending.
- Complete the application, ask for letters of reference and procure all relevant documents.
- It may be helpful to make a chart with timelines of the scholarships for which you are applying.
- If the application requires a letter, make sure the letter is neat, accurate and legible.
- Use 8-1/2 x 11 inch white paper.
- Use one side only, standard business style.
- Include identity, academic standing, participation in school and community activities, and future plans.
- Be straightforward, concise and professional.

## SCHOLARSHIP RESUME

- List all the activities in school and community since grade 10
- Organize and date the information – most recent and important activities first.

### Suggested Categories:

**Academic Achievements** - Include all awards (some may be discarded in the final copy but leave the options there by including everything). Include such things as Honour Roll standing, math or writing competitions, gifted classes, etc.

**Athletic Achievements** – Include all awards, team, organizing events, participation in solo and team events, MVP awards, etc.

**Achievements in Visual and Performing Arts** – Music, dance, drama, and art: give details such as roles, exhibitions, events, etc.

**School Involvement** – Membership in Leadership, clubs, interest groups, peer tutoring, school volunteer experiences, Super G Club (recognizing excellent effort and attitude)

**Community Involvement** – (outside school) Groups, scouting/guiding movement, church groups (choir, teaching Sunday School), interest groups (Sierra), volunteer work (candy strippers).

**Conferences/Workshops** – Date, place, time, eg. Leadership Retreat, course related workshops eg. Basketball workshop, theatre workshops.

**Skills** – keyboarding, languages, inter-personal communication, first aid certification eg. CPR

**Interests** – anything which makes you an interesting person.

**Work Experience**

### Common Essay and Interview Questions

How will your study of \_\_\_\_\_ contribute to your immediate or long range career plans?  
What are the most important issues your field of study is facing today?

### Current Events & Social Issues

To test your skills at problem solving and check how up to date you are on current issues, many applications include questions about problems and issues facing society.

- What do you consider the single most important social problem?
- Why?
- What do you see as the greatest threat to the environment today?

### Personal Achievements

Scholarships exist to reward and encourage achievement. Essay topics often ask you to brag a little:

- Describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability both in and out of school.
- Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart.
- Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your field of study and your future goals.

## **Background & Influences**

- Pick an experience from your own life and describe how it has influenced your development.
- Who in your life has been your biggest influence and why?
- How has your education contributed to who you are today?

## **Future Plans and Goals**

- Briefly describe your long term goals.
- Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?

## **Financial Need**

- From a financial standpoint what impact would this scholarship have on your education?

## **Random Topics**

Committees use these to test your creativity and get a better rounded sense of your personality.

- Choose a person you admire and explain why.
- Choose a book or books that have affected you deeply and explain why.

## **OBTAINING LETTERS OF REFERENCE**

- Select your referees carefully to attest to: your character, your school/community involvement, your academic performance.
- Choose non family – coaches, employers, counsellors, teachers, neighbours
- Ask their permission to use their names as references.
- Put their correct names, addresses and phone numbers on your resume.
- Take a copy of your resume to the referee and ask for a letter of reference.
- Give referee information about the scholarship.
- Allow the referee enough time to write a good letter, preferably 10 days or more.

## **TRANSCRIPTS**

- Order your transcripts in the office.
- Give one week notice for transcripts.
- Usually only grades 10, 11 and 12 are necessary.

## HOW ARE SCHOLARSHIPS JUDGED?

### At First Glance

The judges' first evaluation of your application is a quick one – usually only 15–30 seconds.

- Is your application complete? Check that you've included all the requirements.
- Is your application neat? An application with coffee stains or messy handwriting won't make it past the cut.
- Are all of the required documents included? Be sure you're not leaving out references, transcripts, photographs or anything else the application requires.
- Are all the questions answered? Scan your application to see if you've left anything out.

### The Second Cut

After an application makes it past the first round, the judges separate "ok" from "great." The applications that make it through are those that have thorough and well-thought-out responses.

### The Final Decision

According to Mark Davis, President of the Coca-Cola Scholar Fund, judges pay special attention to:

- Academics – it's important to have a competitive GPA. However, providers also consider how challenging your course load is. They also check to see if you're taking the right courses to reach your goals and how well you did in those courses.
- Leadership - If leadership is part of the criteria they're looking for, judges will examine your activities. They'll also look for a range of leadership position.
- Service – Some providers are interested in knowing what community service you've done. They'll want to know if you have been continuous in your volunteer efforts. If volunteer work is required by your school, they'll look for activities that go above and beyond the required service job.
- Creativity – You can show your creative side if you play an instrument, write stories, paint pictures or act in plays. Demonstrate your ability by letting the judges know if you've won any awards.
- Special Circumstances – If you have overcome any obstacles to achieve your goals, the judges want to know about it. Let them know how you achieved all that you have done, in spite of the roadblocks you have encountered.

## SAYING THANK YOU

- **Thank you letters are essential.**
- Write a thank you letter to each referee.
- Write a thank you letter to the donor of each bursary or scholarship that you win.