

2025/26 - DISTRICT/AUTHORITY SCHOLARSHIP: Application Package

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP:

The District/Authority scholarship is awarded to 5,500 high school graduates who have demonstrated excellence in their chosen area. The Ministry of Education and Child Care sets core eligibility requirements and general guidelines; local scholarship committees determine awarding criteria and select their conditional recipients.

Confirmed recipients receive a \$1,250 scholarship voucher. They can use this voucher to be reimbursed by the Ministry of Education and Child Care for tuition paid at a post-secondary institution that is designated by the Province of BC (i.e. approved for Canada Student Loans) or a program provided that is approved by the Industry Training Authority. Students have five years to redeem their District/Authority scholarship vouchers; an expiry date is printed on each voucher and extensions are not possible.

Key Dates

- Spring: conditional recipients notified by their district/authority
- September: conditional recipients checked against eligibility requirements
- November: paper scholarship vouchers mailed to confirmed recipients

Eligibility Requirements

Students selected as conditional recipients of the District/Authority scholarship must satisfy the following requirements by **August 31 of their graduating year** to be confirmed as a recipient and receive their scholarship voucher.

- Meet core eligibility requirements:
 - Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant) and have that on record with the school at which you registered for Grade 12
 - Be a BC resident
 - Be (or have been in the school year for which the scholarship is awarded) enrolled in a BC public school (including online learning schools), or enrolled in a Continuing Education centre
 - Complete all graduation requirements, and be on record as having graduated, by August 31 of the scholarship awards year (September 1 to August 31)
- Fulfill the graduation requirements of either the BC Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) or the BC Adult Graduation Diploma (Adult Dogwood); and
- Meet criteria determined by the student's local scholarship committee, including demonstration of outstanding achievement in one of the areas listed below:
 - **Applied Design, Skills and Technologies** (Business, Home Economics, Media Arts, Technology, Tourism)
 - **Community Service (Volunteer Activity)** (includes awareness of local, global and cultural issues)
 - **Fine Arts** (Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts)
 - **Indigenous Languages and Culture** (demonstrated at school or in the community)
 - **Languages** (External Assessment or Languages Curriculum, including AP and IB courses)
 - **Physical Activity (and Health)** (Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics)
 - **Technical and Trades Training** (Coding, Culinary Arts, Mechanics, Robotics, Woodwork)
- Have not previously received a District/Authority Scholarship

A completed application for the District/Authority Scholarship must include the following:

- References letters or recommendation forms from teachers or community sponsors;
- Resume;
- Unofficial transcript;
- Written statement of application or essay, outlining motivation for pursuing area of interest, impact of this involvement, highlights of achievement, personal/educational goals in this area and plan for attaining these goals; and
- Evidence of other attributes such as: creativity, innovation, initiative, motivation, leadership, cooperation, good citizenship in school/community, attendance, punctuality, work habits.

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APPLICATION FORM

1) Personal Information

Legal Name _____
(Surname) (Given Names) (Preferred Name – if applicable)

Date of Birth (M/D/Y) _____ PEN Number _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Personal Email _____

High School that you will graduate from _____

I am a Canadian Citizen

I am a permanent resident (landed immigrant)

**Related note: Under the Income Tax Act, the Ministry of Education and Child Care must issue scholarship recipients a T4A for the taxation year in which the scholarship cheque is issued. When redeeming a scholarship, recipients will need to provide a Social Insurance Number (SIN) for this purpose. Temporary SINs, beginning with '9', cannot be accepted.*

2) Post-Secondary Plans

Which post-secondary program(s) do you plan to apply for?

What are your long term career plans?

3) Area of Achievement/Interest

Please check the one area of interest or strength for which you are making this application

- Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies** (Business, Technology, Media Arts, Tourism, Home Economics)
- Community Service (Volunteer Activity)** includes awareness of local and global issues and cultural issues
- Fine Arts** (Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music)
- Indigenous Languages and Culture** (demonstrated at school or in the community)
- Languages** (External Assessments or Languages Curriculum, including AP and IB courses)
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4) Course work and extracurricular activities related to your area of interest

Grade 11 and 12 Courses

Teacher/Sponsor

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Extracurricular Activities

Teacher/Sponsor

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

5) Evidence of Achievement

Students must provide evidence of outstanding achievement in your chosen area. Please attach a one page statement that describes your achievements. Depending on your chosen area of interest, you will also be required to provide further information or participate further activities, such as a portfolio, project, research paper, performance, presentation, demonstration, or interview. Your school counsellor or local scholarship committee will provide you with more details.

6) References

Please list two teachers and/or community members who can attest to your achievements in your chosen area of interest and who will provide a written reference on your behalf, using the reference form attached.

Name _____ Position _____

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Applicant Signature

Date

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CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORM

Thank you for providing a reference for the student named below, who is applying for a District/ Authority Scholarship in the indicated area of interest. Please complete the form and return it (and any additional relevant information you choose to include) to the student inside a sealed envelope with you signature across the envelope flap.

Student Name: _____

Area of Interest: _____

1) How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2) How would you comment on the applicants general attributes, such as attitude, communication, creativity, critical thinking, interpersonal skills, initiative and leadership?

3) Please provide examples of and comment on the applicant's strengths in their chosen area.

4) What other comments do you wish to make in support of this applicant?

Your Name _____ Position _____

Relationship to applicant _____

Signature _____ Date _____