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Scholarship Camp #3

--How to apply & where to look

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The difference between
ordinary and
extraordinary is that little
extra.

--*Anonymous*

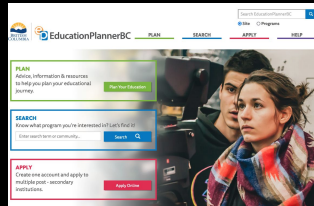
Recap: HOMEWORK from Session #2



Sign up for Educationplanner.ca



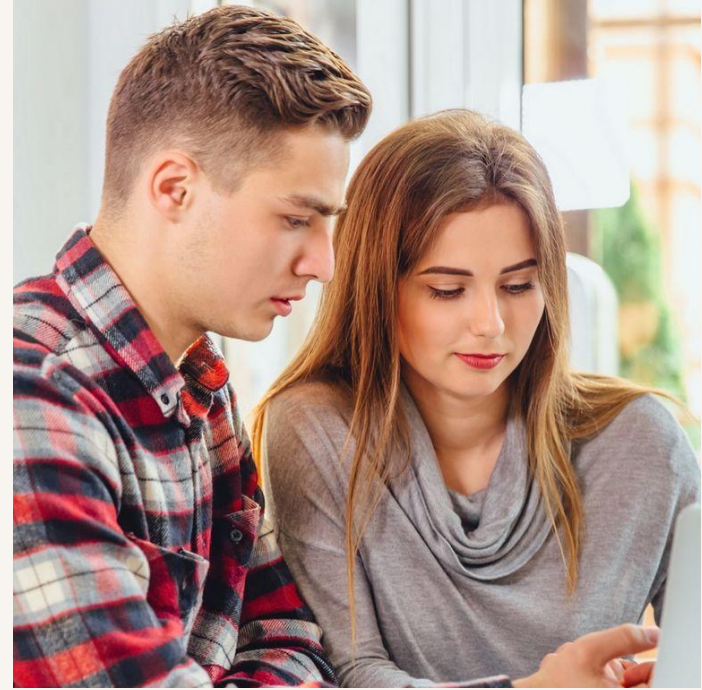
Research ONE university or college
of your choice and determine what the
cost is for any 4 year program .



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Post-Graduation and Financial Planning Part 2



Post Graduation Plan

Steps--Plan to plan

- Do your **research**:
<https://www.macleans.ca/education-hub/>
- Examine your **options** through Education Planner BC
- Meet with your **GA**
 - What are you hoping to do
 - Do you meet the requirements or do you need to take other courses?
 - When do applications open and close
 - If undecided, what info or experiences will support your planning
- **Budget** and **plan** through CLE/CLC+Capstone or through govt websites:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/finance/educationfunding.html>
- Sign up for **BCeID**
- Apply to post-secondary schools and scholarships by deadlines

The image shows two screenshots. The top screenshot is from Maclean's website, featuring a navigation bar with 'MACLEAN'S' and categories like 'Authors', 'News', 'Politics', 'Economy', 'Education', 'Society', 'They Were Loved', and 'MORE'. The main article is titled 'UNIVERSITY RANKINGS Canada's best universities by reputation: Rankings 2021' and is dated October 8, 2020. The bottom screenshot is from the Government of Canada website, specifically the 'Education funding' page, which includes sections for 'Services and information' and 'Most requested' services.

BCeID

- What is BCeID?
- Why do I have to sign up?
- How do I sign up?



Register for a BCeID

There are three [types of BCeID](#) accounts.

Already know what type you want to register for?

Register for a Business BCeID >

Register for a Personal BCeID >

Register for a Basic BCeID >



BCeID *requires PEN , full name, date of birth and email address

Student Transcripts Services

You can use the Student Transcripts Service (STS) to:

- View or order your secondary school transcript
- Send your secondary school transcripts to post-secondary institutions
- Order your graduation certificate
- View scholarships awarded by B.C.
- View your provincial exam or graduation assessment results
- Forgot your ID? click "Forgot your user ID or password?" You'll be taken to a screen where you can reset your password or find your user ID.

Order Transcripts and Certificates

- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>

**He calls His own
sheep by name,
and He leads them
out.**

~John 10:3

How do I apply for scholarships/ bursaries/ awards?

- How do I know how much I need to apply for?
- Scholarship Terms
- Scholarship Factors
- Where do I find or search for scholarships?

Before and during application

Step 1: Determine what your financial need is and how many bursaries and scholarships you will be applying for.

Step 2: Develop a template to track all the scholarships and bursaries, particularly if you are applying to more than 5. Create your own using excel OR [Use our template](#)

Step 3: Ask teachers, coaches, GA, pastors, employers or appropriate representatives to write a letter of recommendation for your specific scholarship. Please provide your reference a minimum of 1-2 weeks to return a letter to you. Consider asking well in advance. Eg. Sports scholarship = coach. Leadership experience = leadership teacher or Grad Advisor.

TIP: Useful fields on your spreadsheet for tracking your scholarships:

- Scholarship name
- Scholarship provider
- Contact information
- URL for additional information or online application
- Deadline date
- Award amount
- Criteria (age, grade, GPA, etc.)
- Documentation required (transcript, financial records, letters of recommendation, essays, etc.)

Before and during application Continued...

Step 4: Develop a scholarship resume: contact information, career goal, academic experience, awards and honours, extra curricular activities, volunteer work, work experience. Have someone proofread your points and paragraphs.

Step 5: Fill out the scholarship application. You can use points from your scholarship resume. Attach letters of recommendation and transcripts, if required.



Financial Plan

How much will your first year cost?

- Educational costs (tuition, student fees, books and supplies)
- Living costs (food, rent, utilities etc)

Financial support and resources

- How much have you personally saved?
- Do you have RESPs, savings from family or friends, awards, sponsorships?
- Will you be working while you go to school?
- Other funds

Resources: [Planning worksheet UBC](#); [Student Aid BC](#); [RBC Student Budget Calculator](#); [CIBC Student Budget Calculator](#); [TD Student Budget Planner](#)

The screenshot shows the StudentAidBC website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the StudentAidBC logo and several menu items: PLAN your future, EXPLORE funding options, APPLY for a loan, MAINTAIN your loan, REPAY your loan, INSTITUTION Officials, and FORM library. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar with the text 'How can we help you?' and a placeholder 'Enter a question or topic...'. To the right of the search bar, there is a section titled 'About StudentAid BC' with the text 'We help with the cost-secondary education through scholarships. We also have a repayment.' and a 'LOGIN / REGISTER' button. In the foreground, there is a 'BUDGET-PLANNING WORKSHEET' overlay. The worksheet is a table with columns for months from September to April. It is divided into sections: 'Educational costs' (listing tuition, student fees, books and supplies, and other educational expenses), 'Living costs' (listing rent, utilities, food, and other living expenses), and 'Financial support and resources' (listing scholarships, awards, and other financial support). The worksheet also includes a 'GRAND TOTAL' row at the bottom.



“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

~ Philippians 1:6”

Let's start applying

Scholarship applications and academic contests pop up throughout the year. It is your job to ensure that you are actively looking for them and are mindful of their deadlines.

1. Any university supplementary applications (especially those linked with an application deadline)
 - Program scholarships
 - Entrance scholarships
2. Affiliate
 - Parents (links through business, extended family)
 - Employer (some employers award students)
 - Clubs (Girl Guides, Scouts, Cadets)
 - Teams (sports teams, provincial teams)
 - Church (sponsorship, grants, awards)
 - Community organizations (Legion, Kin Club etc)



Applying continued

3. HCOS PAC scholarships/bursaries
4. Ministry of Education (outlined in presentation)
5. Online sites (shared in the presentation below)

Now grab your calendar or tracking sheet and add the deadlines. Then work backwards to determine your work blocks to complete the applications.

**“Things that matter most must
never be at the mercy of things
that matter least.”**

– Goethe

Helpful Hints.

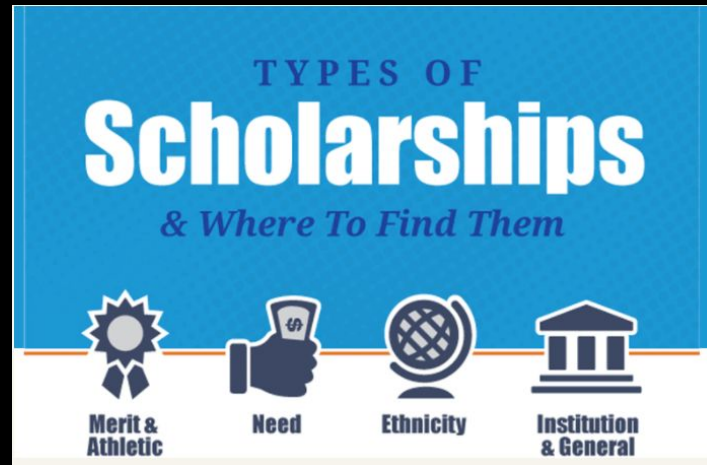
Here are some tips to consider:

- Start researching scholarship options NOW. Do not wait. Begin the process as soon as possible
- BCellD, Education Planner, make a list of all volunteering and community work – begin now.
- Each award has unique criteria. You may have to complete an essay and/or provide school transcripts and references, etc.
- Consider a variety of smaller scholarships/awards as they may attract fewer applicants
- Have an updated resume and cover letter, that you can change for a specific scholarship
- Dedicate a specific time each week for your scholarship research
- Pay close attention to application deadline date/time, particularly if sending hard copy documents

**“Whenever you feel unloved,
unimportant, or insecure,
remember to whom you
belong”**

– Ephesians 2:16-22

Types of Scholarship & Bursary Awards



Types of Scholarships / Bursaries / Awards

1) Post-Secondary Scholarship Options – University specific

These scholarships are contingent on accepting the offer of admission for that specific institution. The applications for these scholarships may be:

- Automatic (you are not required to submit a separate scholarship application) such as an Entrance Award
- General scholarship application may be required
- Faculty specific (e.g. only for Engineering students)
- Nominated (each school may nominate a limited number of students)
- Scholarships based on marks or financial need (bursary)



Types of Scholarships / Bursaries / Awards

2) Association and Community Scholarship Options

Many groups offer scholarship/bursary opportunities to high school students such as unions, clubs, businesses, associations, organizations and so on. Students should consider their individual situation to see if any opportunities are available through their skills, involvement or family. Criteria for each of these opportunities varies including artistic ability, academic performance, community service, leadership, athletics, financial need, etc.



There are many other awards available to grade 12's that do not come through the school. It is recommended that students check scholarship websites, parents' workplaces, and associations and organizations with which parents or grandparents are affiliated.

Types of Scholarships / Bursaries / Awards

3) Find a Match

Some websites will match a student with a variety of awards in their database.

Register online for this option at:

https://yconic.com/?redirect_from=studentawards

<http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>

<https://scholartree.ca/>

www.studentscholarships.org

www.macleans.ca/oncampus - under "Scholarships" tab

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***“Teachers open the door,
but you must enter by
yourself”***

– Chinese Proverb

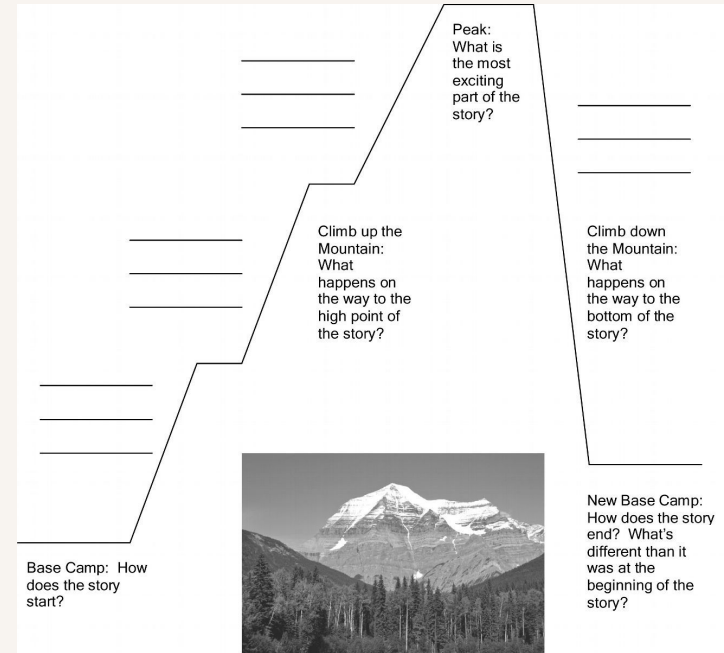
Telling your story...

Quick English lesson: Character/Conflict and Storytelling

When you write about activities and things you are doing you are in essence telling a story. In THIS story, you are the main character and you will tell your audience who you are, the conflicts standing in your way and how you will overcome those obstacles.

Be authentic.

What makes YOUR story stand out from others?
Take the time to reflect.





There's more to tell

3 keys to scholarship writing

Know your **why**--What is important to you and why? What lights you up? What are you passionate about?

What are your **future plans** and **goals**? Are you going to attend post-secondary education? What are your career plans? What do you see yourself doing 5 years from now? What impact do you want to have in your community/life/world.

Strengths and **stretches**--What are you good at? What do you need to improve? (list skills, values etc)

WRITING ABOUT YOURSELF

How to start your writing

During high school, I developed a passion for...as a result of my experiences with ...I have decided to pursue a career in...

Self Awareness Examples

- I encountered a challenge where I.... Because of this experience, I was able to grow by learning ...
- Now that I have ...I can....

Personality Examples

I may have (learning challenges, chronic disability, anxiety, perfectionism etc...) but my identity is more than a diagnosis...I am also a (competitive swimmer, talented computer programmer, skilled woodworker...etc)



Your Essay.

Introduction (you are the main character)

Who am I? What do I want? What obstacles are standing in my way? What will I do to overcome these obstacles?

Body (action steps) *reflect, reflect, reflect Hint: make it engaging and personable (your why)

When you share your values that matter most, also reflect on your impact. Ask yourself: how did I feel during this experience? What challenged me and why? Why did I keep going? What kept me motivated? What did I learn about myself or this experience?

Conclusion Hint: this isn't the end of your story, it's just the beginning

Talk about the skills above and how you will continue to advocate for a cause or foster the value in actions (a genuine desire to make a difference). You can answer these questions: What am I most passionate about? How do I want to impact the world? What kind of person do I want to be? *what would God say about you!

**“I give all to the Glory of God. It’s
a win-win situation. The glory
goes up to Him and the blessings
fall down on me.”**

– Gabby Douglas

How to apply to post-secondary institutions...

Decide which institution, program and campus you want to attend

Meet the requirements: general or program admission

Confirm the application deadline and plan for time to get your application completed before the deadline.

Gather the following information:

- Personal contact information, including an email address you check regularly
- Proof of citizenship
- High school transcript access information
(If in BC, the Personal Education Number - PEN)

- Official Post-secondary transcripts from all post-secondary institutions you have attended; even if you did not complete your studies. The official transcript must be sent directly to the institution you are applying to from the originating institution.
- Study Permit (if you are a student from an international high school or post-secondary institution)
- Program name, campus location, and estimated start date

Organize supplemental information, such as:

- Personal statement about why you would like to take the program
- Career goal statement outlining how the program you are applying to fits your career goals
- Reference letters
- Writing sample from a project or essay you have done in another class
- Resume or portfolio

Apply online through [EducationPlannerBC](#) or as per the institution's instructions. Tips at [How to Apply](#).

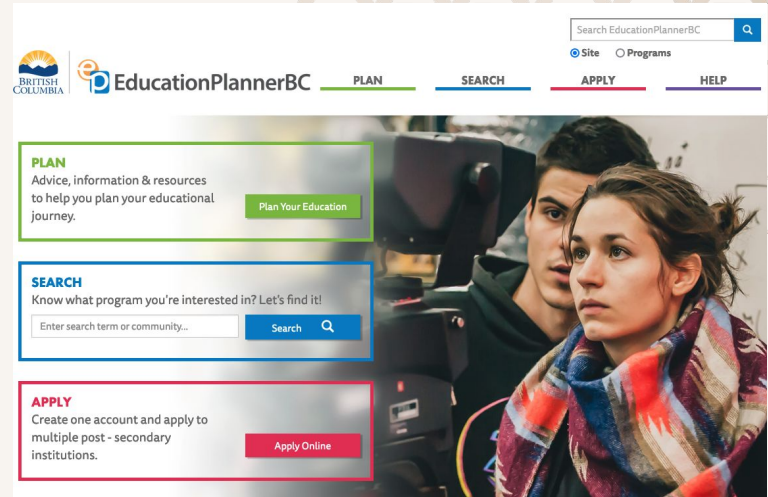
Pay the Application Fee. Fees vary depending on the institution, from \$0 to \$100.

Submit the application. You should get a confirmation email within 3-10 business days saying your application has been received. If you do not get a confirmation email, check your Junk/Spam folders first, then contact the institution's Admissions/Registrar's office to ensure they received and are processing your application. It is your responsibility to follow-up.

Check your application status. Many institutions offer the ability to monitor your application status online. Information about how to check your application status will usually be included in your application confirmation letter.

[Post secondary education planning guide](#)

*All information included on the post secondary application slides is from Education Planner BC



**“The *beautiful* thing about
learning is that no one
can take it away from you”**

– B. B. King

Upcoming Scholarship & Bursary Deadlines

The HCOS Grad website has a link to a document with a list of many scholarships and their deadlines.

<https://grad.onlineschool.ca/post-secondary-information/scholarships>

Additional Scholarship Resources

- Sign up for Scholarship Newsletters
 - [Scholartree](#), [Yconic](#), etc.
- Visit scholarship websites weekly for give-a-ways and draws.
 - [Canada's Luckiest Student](#)
 - [99 Scholarships](#)

Provincial Scholarship Programs



Provincial Scholarships Program

Scholarship	Amount	Application Process	Vouchers
8000 <i>given away</i> → BC Achievement	\$1,250	No application required	November
5500 <i>given away</i> → District/Authority	\$1,250	Apply through the school or district	November
55 <i>given away</i> → BC Excellence	\$5,000	Seek the school's nomination and apply by February 15	October
20 <i>given away</i> → Pathway to Teacher Education	\$5,000	Apply by February 15	October

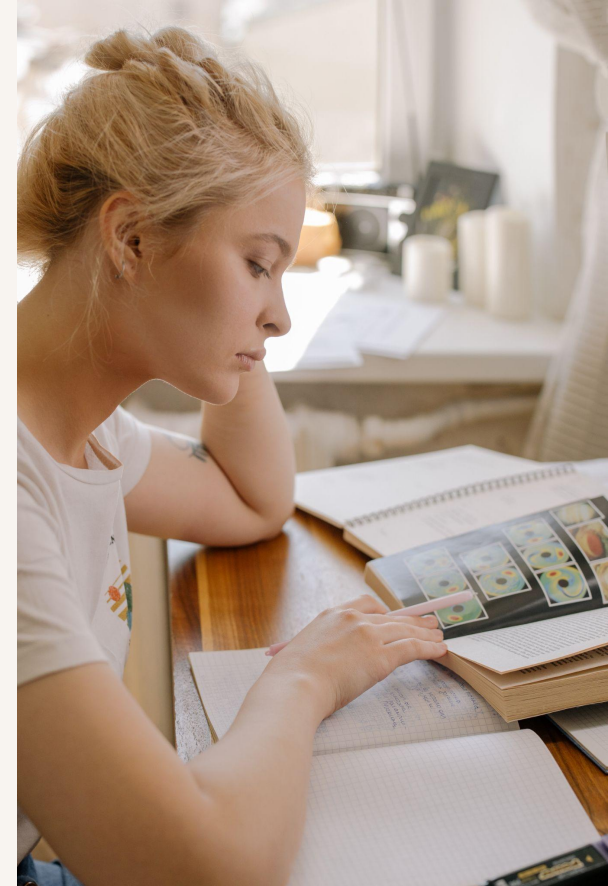
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships#help>



<https://fisabc.ca/scholarships-awards/>

The purpose of the District/Authority Scholarships is to acknowledge **superior** achievement in the following specialty areas:

- Fine Arts
- Applied Skills
- Physical Activity and Sports
- Second Languages
- Community Service
- Technical and Trades Training
- Indigenous Languages and Culture





HCOS students need to register with the [**DAS Fraser Valley & Interior Application Form**](#) (includes Coquitlam & Port Coquitlam, Interior BC, Northern BC) because HCOS main office is in the interior.

The application process has two parts:

(1) Electronic application submission deadline to FISA: March 4, 2022.
Access the Google Registration Form from here: <https://bit.ly/379yaKa>.

(2) Application submission deadline to your HCOS FISA Advisor: March 28, 2022, 4:00 pm. (Gord Robideau)
Download the application form and make sure you fulfill all criteria listed.
I am the HCOS FISA Advisor and will help HCOS students with their FISA application.
You will send it to me for review by March 28 and I will submit it to FISA.

It is important to prepare a digital presentation – powerpoint, video, etc. of your application.

**“Prayer is bringing your wishes
and worries to God.**

Faith is leaving them there.”

You received a bursary/scholarship, now what?

Congratulations!

If you have won an award or scholarship, please let your GA and/or the director of grad know so we can include this detail during the graduation ceremony.

Be sure you are aware of the remuneration deadlines.

Write a thank you letter to the organization who gave you this award.

Keep applying for more scholarships!



THANK YOU Letter

Congratulations, you have received a scholarship, bursary or sponsorship. Now it's time to say **THANK YOU**.

Next steps

- If possible, **hand write your letter**. If you need to write electronically, ensure you include an electronic signature.
- Start by **addressing the donor**. Keep the enthusiasm high.
- Structure your letter with a **brief introduction**, **body** (3 small paragraphs) and final note. Make sure to **address your future goals** and the importance or **significance of earning the scholarship**. In the last note, **add some words of appreciation**. Say thank you again. **Sign** the letter.
 - **Check for spelling and grammar errors**.
 - If you have received multiple awards, ensure **each one is different**.



- Make sure you **address** the letter with the **correct address** and **name**.
- **Award Deferral**: If you are not planning to attend a post-secondary institution in the year immediately following graduation, please indicate that you would like a one year deferral in your thank you letter. Most scholarships, bursaries and awards only allow a one year deferral

**“It takes a habit to break a habit.
You can pray every day for a
generous heart, but until you
start acting in that direction,
nothing will change.”**

– Andy Stanley

Post Camp Assignments

- 1. Sign up for BCeID**
- 2. Sign up for [Educationplanner.ca](https://www.educationplanner.ca) (if you have not yet)**
- 3. Book an appointment to discuss courses and requirements for your program with your Grad Advisor**
- 4. Complete Education Comparison Planner (if you have not yet).**

Q+A

If you weren't able to ask questions today and would like to follow up with the presenters, please contact them via email.

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