

Scholarships/Bursaries/Awards

There are many sources of funding to help finance your ever-increasingly expensive post-secondary education. Here are a few suggestions:

BURSARIES AND GRANTS are based on **financial need** and sometimes on academic merit and citizenship. They do not have to be repaid. Students must apply for bursaries and will find information in the same places they find general scholarship information.

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS are awards offered by the post-secondary institution you select. In some cases, students are automatically considered for entrance awards when they are admitted, and other times require a separate application. Just as the name suggests, “entrance scholarships” are granted upon entrance to a university directly from high school. Make sure you check details and deadlines with the particular school you plan to attend.

OPEN SCHOLARSHIPS are based primarily on academics and often on extra-curricular involvement and leadership potential. There are large amounts of money available to high-achieving students who fit the profile for a particular scholarship. Here are some tips on how to search for open scholarship money:

1. Resources at Dover Bay

- *Careers Centre, Counselling Centre, individual teachers;
- *The back page of the Dover Bay newsletter;
- **For Your Eyes Only* grade 12 newsletter;
- *Dover Bay TV advertising.



2. Affiliations

Ask your family members what service clubs, churches, professional associations, unions and cultural groups they belong to. There may be an award you qualify for.

3. Sports/Dance/Music/Clubs

Your association with a sports team, dance school, musical group or club can make you eligible for awards. Speak to your coaches and sponsors about such opportunities.

4. Employers

If you have a part-time job, you could be a candidate for an award from the company you work for, or perhaps your parents' employers offer scholarships.

5. Community

“Local District Awards” (scholarships and bursaries) total approximately \$200,000.00 for high school students in this community. Grade 12's will be notified to apply in February, 2007.

6. Special Circumstances

There are scholarships, bursaries and grants for students with disabilities or health conditions.

7. The Web

A list of reliable Internet scholarship sites is set out on the reverse of this page. **Searching the Web will introduce you to literally thousands of scholarships that are not advertised in our high schools.** Some sites ask users to complete a personal profile to narrow search results and often you can apply online. Searching the Net is time-consuming, so start early in the year.

Scholarship Sites

www.sd68.bc.ca

Follow the links to Nanaimo Schools Financial Aid Society
(after Feb.2008)

www.scholarshipscanada.com

www.studentawards.com

bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca

www.studentcounsellor.com

logon: bc250dov

password: purple

www.schoolfinder.com

www.youthpath.ca (jobs)

www.myschool101.com

www.xplorations.ca

www.campusstarter.com

www.canlearn.ca

www.ainc-inac.gc.ca (go to Education and then Scholarships)

Government Student Loans and Grants

Student loans are offered on a needs basis. They are meant to supplement, not replace funds available to students through work, savings and family resources and income. Students from homes where both parents are working should not presume that they would be eligible for government loans.

www.aved.gov.bc.ca

BC Students' Assistance Program (BCSAP)