



Information for Grade 12's

Part of your job right now is planning for your life after high school. This may mean checking out job opportunities, planning a trip or applying to universities and/or college. Start discussing this with your parents and realistically thinking about your options. If you are uncertain, TRU offers aptitude testing and career counselling (250-828-5023). Most universities start accepting applications on October 1st. Some have early admission and early scholarship deadlines. Many universities have their own entrance awards, and it is up to you to make yourself aware of timelines. **EdPlannerBC** is an excellent resource for looking at admission requirements and programs offered at post-secondary institutions within BC.

BCeID

It is important that you sign up for a BCeID. This will allow you to order and send transcripts to post-secondary institutions free of charge. There is a link on the Sa-Hali Secondary website (Path to Graduation) that will take you to the website to complete your BCeID, which will then help you share your transcript.

How to get Scholarship Information

#1 Bulletin board outside the counselling office.

#2 Scholarship Calendar posted on our school website.

<https://sahali.sd73.bc.ca/en/path-to-graduation/scholarships-bursaries.aspx>

Our school and District scholarship processes will not start until spring (the deadline is May 1st). If you want to review the process and application you are welcome to look at last year's information and documents (updated in March), which are found on the school website. Please **don't submit an old application**, it will not be considered valid.

Community Scholarships

Community scholarships (Ex. McDonald's, Rotary, Banks, RIH, Employers) have their own process and deadlines that are separate from the school. The counseling department will provide some of these links to you, but it's wise to do your own research as well. Here are some of the websites posted on the SD 73 website:

- ❑ [Scholarships Canada](#) has a large, searchable database of awards and scholarships.
- ❑ [CanLearn](#) is the Federal government's website designed to help students plan for post-secondary education.
- ❑ [Student Scholarships](#) is another source for awards and scholarships.
- ❑ [BC Ministry of Education](#) has information on scholarships, bursaries and loans.
- ❑ [BC Interior Community Foundation](#) has information on local scholarships and bursaries.

Post-Secondary Institutions

Students hoping to continue onto post-secondary education should be actively researching prospective universities and programs. Universities are eager to welcome you to their campuses and are currently offering virtual open houses/appointments. The bulletin board outside the main office contains information sent to us by the universities.

External Scholarships and Bursaries

This is a comprehensive list of external scholarships/bursaries that are available to Sa-Hali Secondary graduates. Please make sure you meet eligibility requirements before applying. Also, make sure you have properly completed the application packages and enclosed all required documents. Please see Mrs. Douglas in the counselling office if you need support doing this. School District and Sa-Hali Secondary Scholarships have a separate application package which will be available in February.

The BC Excellence Scholarship

This \$5000 award is for students who show excellence in academics, volunteering and leadership. This must be demonstrated both in and out of the classroom. In BC, 55 students will be chosen for this award.

Our school can only submit one nominee for this award. In order to be eligible students must be a Canadian Citizen, have a minimum “B” average in grades 11 and 12 and have volunteered in the school and community. Students are strongly advised to visit the Ministry of Education website to view the full application process:

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

BC Achievement Scholarships

This scholarship is awarded to students in BC who have the highest cumulative average in both required and elective courses. This average is based on achievement in courses in grade 10, 11 and 12. This

scholarship is valued at \$1250 and must be used towards post-secondary tuition. In order to be eligible students must achieve a “B” (73%) in their English 12 course. A student can receive only one BC Achievement Scholarship in their lifetime.

There is no need to apply for the BC Achievement Scholarships. All students who meet the criteria for the Scholarship are automatically considered for the award.

Loran Scholarship

This award is for students who show excellence in character, service and leadership. This must be clearly demonstrated both in and out of the classroom. As well, students must have a minimum average of 85% over the past three years of school. Although this is the minimum, applicants usually have an average of 90% or higher. The application process is an extensive and time-consuming process so students are strongly encouraged to read the information on the Loran website <http://www.loranscholar.ca> before submitting an application.

This application requires a reference letter from a teacher, community member or someone else who is familiar with your activities **AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION**, which is due October 16th, at 5 pm, no exception.

Schulich Scholarship

This award is for students who show excellence and passion in the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). This passion must be demonstrated both in and out of the classroom. As well, students must be applying to one of the following universities: University of Victoria, York, Dalhousie, Laval, Queen’s, Simon Fraser University, Western, uOttawa, University of Calgary, Université de Montréal, McMaster, Waterloo, University of Alberta, UBC, Memorial, University of Saskatchewan or McGill.

Our school can only submit one nominee for this award. Nominees must possess two of these three criteria: academic excellence, leadership, or financial need. The nomination application will be posted to the calendar and then the nominee will have a minimum of two weeks to complete their actual application, which is due February 18th. Students are advised to visit the Schulich website for further details: <http://www.schulichleaders.com/>

TD Scholarship for Community Leadership

This scholarship is available to students who have shown exceptional initiative in making a meaningful and lasting difference in their community. TD is interested in students who have demonstrated consistent and outstanding dedication to solving a community problem or making their community a better place. This scholarship has an extensive interview process, and applications for the 2025-2026 year will be open until October 22nd, 2025, at 10 am .

<https://www.td.com/ca/en/personal-banking/solutions/student-banking/community-leadership-scholarship-for-canadians/>

Terry Fox Humanitarian Award

This award is designed to honor the spirit of Terry Fox, by encouraging young Canadians to emulate Terry Fox's courage and determination by providing their communities and those in need with humanitarian service. Applicants must provide three (3) referees and upload online an (un)official transcript detailing the applicant's last two years of schooling (official transcripts will be requested from applicants who are selected for an interview). This scholarship has an extensive interview process, applications will be available after November 1st and applications will be due December 1, 2025. Please see <http://terryfoxawards.ca/> for more information.

TRU Entrance Scholarships

TRU Undergraduate Entrance Scholarships

Applicants must be enrolling in a TRU degree program or a two-year program. You must demonstrate a history of activities promoting leadership, service and be goal oriented, with grit! An essay and references are required.

Deadline: April 1

Alvin & Lydia Grunert Entrance Scholarship

Award of \$30,000 (renewable over four years)

The Alvin & Lydia Grunert Entrance Scholarship recognizes documented exemplary leadership and community service combined with solid academic performance based on secondary school averages in the core subjects. The recipient will meet all of the requirements for TRU undergraduate entrance scholarships.

Deadline: March 1

TRU Ambassador's Entrance Scholarship

Awards of approximately \$24,000 (full standard undergraduate tuition & fees, renewable over four years)

The Ambassador's Entrance Scholarship recognizes documented exemplary leadership and community service combined with solid academic performance based on secondary school averages in the core subjects. Students who are offered this scholarship may also accept the responsibility of student leadership activities during the academic year.

Deadline: March 1

TRU Leadership Entrance Scholarship

Awards ranging from \$8000 to \$12,000 applied to tuition over four years.

The Leadership Entrance Scholarship recognizes documented leadership and community service combined with solid academic performance based on secondary school averages in the core subjects.

Deadline: March 1

TRU President's Entrance Scholarship

Awards of \$5,000 each

Minimum of 15 awards. The TRU President's Entrance Scholarship recognizes student academic excellence based on admission averages in the top four Grade 12 academic courses, including an academic English (the equivalent Grade 11 academic subject will be used in each case where a Grade 12 course is in progress). Typically, applicants should have an admission average of 92% or higher.

Deadline: March 1

CIBC Entrance Award

For students entering a degree program in Computer Science, Software Engineering or Business Administration, who are experiencing barriers to completing their degree: you must mention this in your essay.

Deadline: March 1

Please see the website for more information and additional scholarships and bursaries.

<https://www.tru.ca/awards/awards/entrance.html#requirements>

Tips for Completing your Scholarship Application Letters

Technical Aspects (What is should look like)

- Include date
- Who is the letter addressed to (be specific as possible)
- End letter with a salutation and sign with a black pen
- Use paragraphs
- Must look good (remember this is the primary thing they associate with your application)
- Clear legible letterhead
- Include email addresses when appropriate
- Single sided
- Single or 1.5 spaced
- Clear and easy to read font

Content of Letter

The purpose of this letter is to highlight your strengths and accomplishments. It should also identify your future goals and how you plan to achieve those goals. It is a way for people to connect who you are to your application.

- Your letter should be 3-4 paragraphs depending on the content of your letter. Paragraph three could be separated into two paragraphs.

Paragraph 1

Introduce yourself and indicate what award you are applying for. Also highlight why you think you deserve the award. What makes you different than other applicants? Don't be humble, this is a place to showcase your strengths, and what makes you the best candidate for the award.

Paragraph 2

Talk about yourself and the activities you have been involved in. Please don't just provide a list of activities; showcase how the activities have helped build skills and strengths within you. For example, if you play volleyball, basketball, soccer, and participate in swimming, you could summarize this involvement by saying "During my time in secondary school I have been involved in a variety of school and community sports. Through this involvement I have learned time management skills and have developed an understanding of the time and effort required to successfully complete my goals".

Paragraph 3

What are your future goals and how do you plan on achieving them. Also thank the donor for taking the time to review your application.

Reference Letter

- Make sure you have letters when required.
- There is a data collection sheet that you can use to share relevant information with your reference. It is available online and in the counselling office.
- Make sure your reference has ample time to complete your letter.