# **STMC Career Counselling Resources**

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# **Purpose**

The intent of this resource is to give you a comprehensive overview of the graduation requirements, post-secondary application process and scholarship application process. It is not meant to overwhelm you! Rest assured that the information will also be provided on an 'as-needed' basis through reminders on the Post Secondary Google Classroom Site. Think of this resource as a full large map of the process and the Google Classroom as the step-by-step navigation guide through Google Maps. This is an exciting time for you as you consider your post-graduation plans.



#### **Dedication**

It is a joy to watch students enter St. Thomas More Collegiate with excitement and anticipation. As a school, we then have the privilege of partnering with parents and faith communities to teach and nurture these young people. The process of transitioning to "life after graduation", however, can seem daunting. As the Academic Counselling Team, it is our pleasure to walk alongside our students as they explore their gifts, talents and callings and as they plan for possible career paths. STMC is proud of the graduates who leave our school to make their mark in our broader communities. We pray that each will not only consider "what" they will become, but "who" they are becoming as Christ-followers.

We dedicate this resource guide to all the graduates of STMC and hope this resource offers some guidance in your future planning.





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# **List of Acronyms**

PSI Post Secondary Institution
CUE Canadian University Event
STS Student Transcript Services



# **Chapter 1. Graduation Requirements**



# 1.1. Graduation Requirements

For more information, consult the <u>BC Graduation Program Guide</u>

To confirm that you have met all the **requirements needed to graduate**, consult the charts below.

#### Graduation Program Requirements for the BC Ministry and STMC

To graduate from the province of BC, every student in the Graduation Program has to pass certain basic courses in their grade 10, 11 and 12 years. Students must also successfully complete Religion 10, 11 and 12 to graduate from STMC.

SUBJECT AREA	Credits
Career Life Education (Replaces Planning 10)	4
Career Life Connections (Replaces Grad Transitions)	4
English 10	4
English 11	4
English 12	4
a Mathematics 10	4
a Mathematics 11	4
an Arts Education and/or Applied Design, Skills, & Technology 10, 11 or 12	4
Social Studies 10	4
a Social Studies 11 or 12 (See below)	4
Science 10	4
a Science 11 or 12 (See Below)	4
Physical & Health Education 10	4
Total Required Course Credits	52 credits
ELECTIVE CREDITS Students must earn at least 28 elective credits from Grade 10-12 courses.	
THESE REQUIRED STMC COURSES ALL COUNT IN THE ELECTIVE TOTAL	
Religion 10	4
Religion 11	4
Religion 12	4
ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES At least 4 courses must be numbered 12.  (English 12, Religion 12 plus two more)	16
Total Required Elective Credits	28 credits
OVERALL TOTAL:	80 credits

Figure 1: Ministry of Education/STMC Graduation Requirements

#### 1.2. Math Options

Consult the program/faculty that you are interested in to determine which 'math pathway' might be best suited for you.

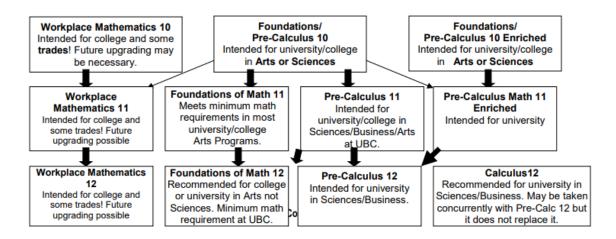


Figure 2: Math Options for Gr. 10-12

# 1.3. Timeline for Graduates Considering Post-Secondary Options

# Enroll in the Google Classroom "Post Secondary Information for Grade 12's" If you have completed any online/summer courses in grade 10 or 11, you must bring in proof of your final mark to Ms. Jensen the front office. Failure to bring in proof of your mark could result in the course being left of your official transcript. Taking any AP courses outside of STMC this year? You must inform Mr. Steele ASAP. Review high school graduation requirements (especially ensure that you have an applied skills/fine arts course completed in either gr. 10, 11 or 12) Review Canadian post-secondary entrance requirements (check both general entrance requirements and the specific requirements for the programs you are considering). You are in

the **Shopping Mode** at this point; browse through various view books to see what interests you. Wanting to study abroad? USA? Check their requirements for application dates and where to take the SAT or the ACT assessments. http://www.collegeboard.com/ http://www.act.org/ Study and Go Abroad Fair: https://www.studyandgoabroad.com/ Canada Ivy Plus Student Sessions: includes very brief introductions from the schools in attendance (Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, MIT, Princeton, Stanford, University of Pennsylvania, Yale) Language Challenge Exam: for students wishing to receive External Language 12 credit, can challenge the exam with the Delta School District. Delta School District please note: The Language Challenge Exam will meet the Language Entrance requirement for university. However, not all institutions will use the mark in the calculation for your entrance GPA (e.g. UBC and U of T will not use it in the calculation of your Academic GPA). Register by the end of September and tests are written in January. https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challengeexams/ Scholarships: review searchable database; prepare your resume; request Letters of Reference; write draft essays Attend Canadian University Event Additional information may be available on the CUE website: https://cuebc.org/ Apply for a Social Insurance Number if you don't have one. Apply for SIN Prepare PSI applications for limited enrolment programs and first qualified, first accepted basis that open on October 1. Ex. nursing (KPU, UFV, BCIT). For those applying to these programs, request a pdf of your unofficial transcript from STMC by Sept. 25. Request for Reference Letter Form Do you require a reference letter? Please complete this form and submit with your request. October Early Admission Dates for select programs includes: o Langara (Oct. 1, 2020) Douglas College (Oct. 1-Oct. 5, 2020) Academic Foundations for Potential Nursing Applicants

<ul> <li>Post-secondary options: note dates/times of information sessions make a list of requirements and application deadlines for institutions you are considering</li> <li>Attend Post-Secondary (PSIBC) Fairs <a href="https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/events/">https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/events/</a></li> <li>Student Transcript Services: create your BCeID account (<i>Interim grades will be available to post-secondary institutions in BC and Ontario in May and Final transcripts will be sent through Student Transcript Services in late July. It is the student's responsibility to indicate the choices of institutions on their STS account before May 1.</i></li> <li>Letters of Reference: If you require a letter from a teacher, coach or counsellor, please give them 3 weeks notice and include a copy of your Student Profile or Resume.</li> <li>Request for Reference Letter Form</li> </ul>
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Request for Reference Letter Form
Key Scholarship Deadlines:
Loran Scholarship Deadline is early October
o Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarships: mid October
November • Finish applying to the PSI's of your choosing
Application documentation: once you have applied to a PSI, you will receive a student number and login information. Double chec this account regularly to make sure you haven't missed any additional documents.
US Applicants: check application dates carefully. (some are November 1 and others may be December 1)
Review external scholarships (deadlines, guidelines) and begin completing your applications
Application deadlines: UBC is December 1 to be considered for entrance scholarships. SFU is December 15.
Review your Transcript Verification Report
Prepare for Major Entrance Scholarships, local and district scholarships

	<ul> <li>Online or Distance Courses: be sure to finish by mid January. (UBC, for example, requires that the course is 100% complete and the mark is reported to the Ministry of Education by Jan. 31 for that course to be used in your PSI application.</li> <li>Request for Reference Letter Form Do you require a reference letter? Please complete this form and submit with your request.</li> </ul>	
	·	
January	UBC: final application deadline is Jan. 15, 2021	
	<ul> <li>SFU: application deadline for consideration for Entrance Scholarships is Jan. 31, 2021</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Finish PSI applications and submit (if you haven't already done so)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Check your PSI accounts to verify if you have any outstanding documents to submit</li> </ul>	
	District Authority Scholarships: consult application deadlines	
February	<ul> <li>District Authority Scholarships: application due March 12; begin preparing</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Check your PSI accounts to verify if you have any outstanding documents to submit</li> </ul>	
March	District Authority Scholarships: application due March 12	
	<ul> <li>Graduation Transition Exit Interview: continue to work on your presentation</li> </ul>	
April	Graduation Transition Exit Interview: continue to work on your presentation	
Мау	Graduation Transition Exit Interview: dates to be confirmed	
June	Prepare for final assessments	
	Prepare for graduation	

#### 1.4. Provincial Assessments

#### 1.4.1 Provincial Assessments

Ministry of Education assessments required for Graduation:

- Numeracy 10
- Literacy 10 (beginning in 2021 for current grade 10 students; students graduating in 2021 and 2022 are exempt)
- Literacy 12 (beginning 2021/2022)

<u>Graduation Assessment Information for Parents and Students</u> (includes assessment schedule, how to prepare for assessments and sample assessments & answer keys)

#### 1.5. Transcripts

#### 1.5.1. Releasing Your Marks to the Ministry of Education

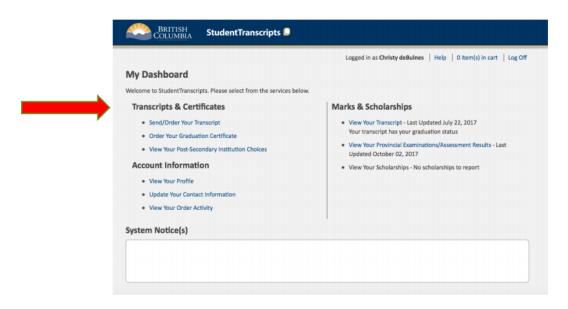
- Students must release their marks through the Ministry of Education's Student
   Transcript Service so the schools you apply to can access your grades. Due
   to privacy reasons, they cannot access these unless you give them
   permission. <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates</a>
  - IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE THIS TASK BY THE DEADLINE ESTABLISHED BY YOUR SCHOOLS OF CHOICE (i.e. UBC-Dec. 1), YOU RUN THE RISK OF LOSING YOUR ADMISSIONS STATUS.
  - o To release your marks:
    - You need your PEN (a nine digit Personal Education Number).
       This is accessible on your gr. 11 report cards through Power School.
    - Make sure you get your full name right. Students who have issues typically have not entered their correct name.

 Go to the following link to access help videos on how to Release Your Marks on the Student Transcript Service

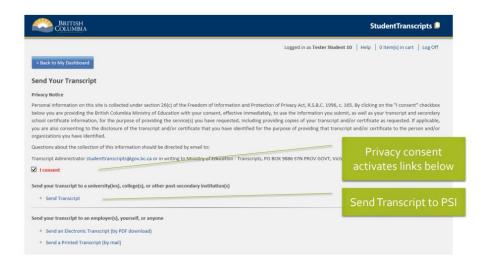
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates/help

- 1. PLEASE BE AWARE: After you choose the schools that you are applying to, you will see a "Send Now" option. The only schools set up to do that are the main BC Schools. Simply use the default option for BC schools. Schools outside of BC all have their own method of accepting transcripts. Follow their SPECIFIC instructions. If you go through the process and they ask you to pay, you have done something wrong. It will take you to the Checkout but the balance will be zero if you did it right. This process seems more complex than it is.
- 2. Student Transcript Services: watch the short 3 min. Video on then sign up for an account which will allow postsecondary institutions access to your transcripts needed for your university applications.
  - 1. Registering for Student Transcript Services
  - 2. How to order transcripts for university applications

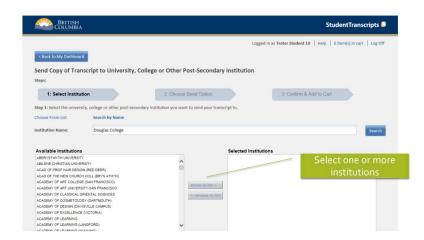
Once registered with your account, click on 'Send/Order Your Transcript'



Give your consent.

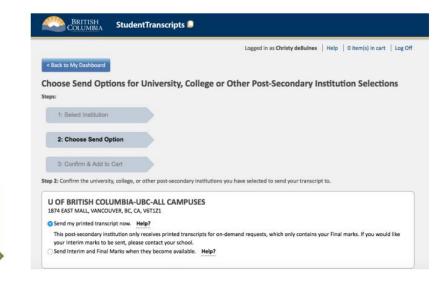


Select the institutions you are applying to. Note that you have access to 25 free transcripts before graduation and then each subsequent one will cost \$10.



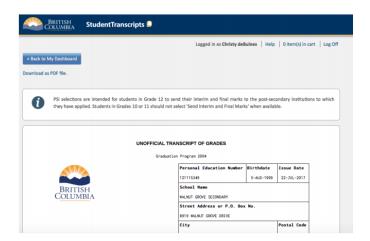
For international schools, change the Tab. For Athletes studying in the USA, choose NCAA Eligibility Centre.

Select the right SEND option (**DO NOT** leave it as shown with the Send my printed transcript selected) choose 'send interim and final marks when they become available which should be the default setting.



Always leave in default setting for each institution

Review your transcript and verify your courses.



#### 1.5.2. External Credits

According to the Ministry of Education, the awarding of external credits is under review. Although no new external credentials will be considered at this point, students can still qualify for external credits by taking courses, programs or activities that fall outside the normal B.C. school curriculum. Some courses may count for credit towards required courses under the Graduation Program (e.g. Fine Arts or Applied Skills), while others may count as credit towards elective courses. External credentials may also count toward credit for the Adult Graduation Diploma provided they are 4-credit courses at the Grade 12 level.

Organizations offering these kinds of courses must also:

Be governed by a provincial, national or international body

- Have certified instructors
- Be non-discriminatory and offer credentials that are available to a significant number of students throughout B.C.

#### Some examples include, but are not limited to:

#### Athletic Credits:

- BC Summer or Winter Games (gr. 10 credit)
- Provincial or National Teams
- Coach Credit (such as Run, Jump, Throw Certification)
- Officiating (such as Small Sided Referee in Soccer)
- Bronze Cross Lifesaving Course

#### Music Credits:

• BC Conservatory of Music

#### Military Credits:

Canadian Pacific Region Cadets

#### Other Credits:

• Driver Education Course (registered through BC, such as ICBC Course)

There is a huge variety of external credits available! Take a look through the link to verify if your extracurricular activities might give you credits towards graduation.

**External Credentials** 

# Chapter 2. Career Cruising

Choosing one's career path can seem daunting. To help you through this process, take time to:

#### 1. Network

- a. Ask questions about job searching (why did you choose your career?
   What do you like most? Least about your profession?)
- b. Alumni from STMC: seek out those who are in fields that you are interested in

#### 2. Research

- a. What Can I do with a Degree In...? This site from SFU is a great place to compare career options.
- b. Career Cruising

This interactive career guidance resource is available through Burnaby Public Library website and can be accessed with a library card. It has a ton of resources for personal assessment, career descriptions, education, and employment searches. It walks you through the process of building resumes, interviews, cover letters etc...and includes lots of templates! Career Cruising

- c. Inventory Assessments <a href="https://www.thebalancecareers.com/free-career-aptitude-tests-2059813">https://www.thebalancecareers.com/free-career-aptitude-tests-2059813</a>
- d. MyBluePrint (assessments, inventories, career matches...)https://myblueprint.ca/
- e. University and College view books and websites: explore programs and potential career options

# **Chapter 3.** Post-Secondary

#### 3.1. Post Secondary Information for Students & Parents

#### 3.1.1. Post Secondary BC

This is an excellent site with information regarding:

- Narrowing down your areas of study and institutions
- Guides for parents: how to support your children in choosing, applying and transitioning to post secondary institutions
- Events, open houses and information sessions
- Institution Directory

https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/

#### Other helpful sites to check out for reference:

https://msjonescareercentre.wordpress.com/scholarships-to-note/university-scholarships/

(Richmond High School's Career Counselling Site)

http://wgsscounselling.weebly.com/ (Walnut Grove Secondary Career Counselling Site)

#### 3.1.2. Education Planner BC

Education Planner BC helps learners make well informed decisions about their education and career options. Education Planner Video to see all that this site has to offer Education Planner Tutorial

Education Planner BC



Figure 3: Education Planner BC

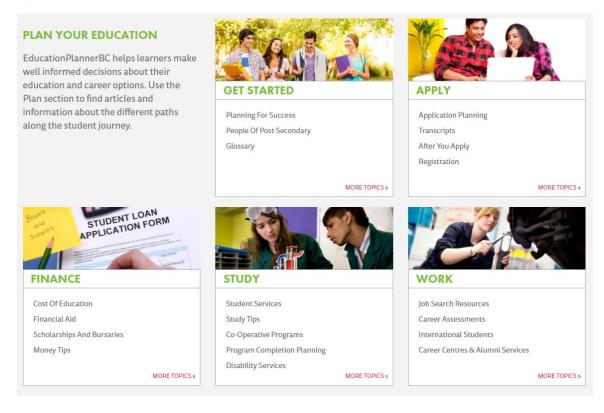


Figure 4: Topics Available on Education Planner BC

#### 3.1.3. BC Colleges

#### https://www.bccolleges.ca/

Colleges are a great option as they tend to be smaller in size, offer most personal instruction, less expensive and allow for a smoother transition from high school to post secondary institution. Most courses taken at a college level can be transferred directly into subsequent university programs.

#### 3.1.4. Trades Programs

#### https://www.itabc.ca/

Industry Training Authority manages over 100 trades programs in BC, 49 of which are Red Seal. On this site, you will find information regarding:

- Apprenticeship programs
  - Forms
  - Grants
  - Training hours
- Careers in trades/Top in-demand trades
- Youth in trades
- Essential skills assessments to see if a trade is a good fit for you

#### 3.1.5. Student Transcript Services

Ordering Transcripts: Student Transcript Services
 https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates

<sup>\*\*</sup>See Section 1.4 for more information.

You can use the Student Transcripts Service (STS) to

- View or order your grade 10 to 12 course transcript
- Send your high school transcript to post-secondary institutions
- Send your high school transcript to a third-party (another person or group)
- Order your graduation certificate
- View your <u>provincially awarded scholarships</u>
- View your provincial graduation assessment and exam results

Watch Help Videos on using the Student Transcripts Service.

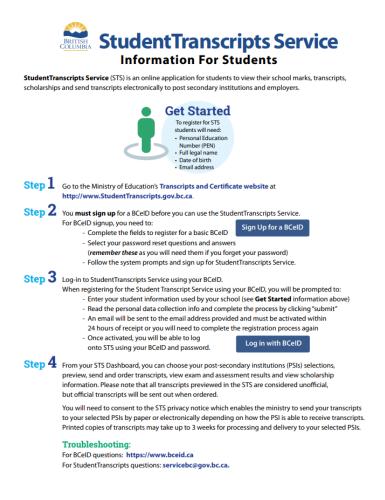


Figure 5: Student Transcript Services

#### 3.1.6. Self Reporting Grades

Each post-secondary application will be slightly different process. Be sure to read the instructions carefully in regards to whether you are "self-reporting" your current grades or submitting an unofficial transcript.

This chart was prepared by Walnut Grove Secondary School counsellors and may be a helpful resource.

#### Self Report or Submit Transcript?

#### **Self-Report /Transcript Information**

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All students need to complete the Student Transcript Service (STS) before May 1<sup>st</sup> in order to have their **interim** transcript automatically sent to their selected institutions and organizations. In July, **final** transcripts will be issued according to the selections chosen before May 1<sup>st</sup> (including institutions outside of Canada, the NCAA Clearinghouse, and private institutions).

#### Link to Student Transcript Service

Institution	Deadlines	Transcript Instructions / Marks to use	STS: Select Default
BCIT	No Self-Report Option	Provide electronic transcript when you apply; provide up-	Select Interim & Final
	Nothing should be mailed	dated transcript as requested by the department	
Capilano	Priority Admission Deadline: April 10	Upload official transcript or report Card through EPBC	Select Interim & Final
		portal	
<u>Douglas</u>	Deadlines: Various	Some competitive entry programs will request a transcript	Select Interim & Final
	Check the Program Deadlines	after you have applied; all other programs use STS	
Emily Carr	Application/Doc. Deadline: Jan. 15	Physical transcripts should be mailed, couriered, or	Select Now
		dropped off in person	
KPU	Limited Intake Program Transcript	Submit transcript through STS for EPT, CADD, and MAMT	Select Now
	Deadline: March 1	after first quarter marks have been submitted to the	
		Ministry; all other programs use STS	
McGill	Early Optional Self-Report: Jan. 6 - Feb. 1	Required to self-report grades using Minerva	Select Final
	Mandatory Self-Report: Mar. 1 – May 1		
McMaster	Early Consideration: February 15	School to email an unofficial transcript to:	Select Interim & Final
	Final Submission Deadline: April 1	macdocs@mcmaster.ca. If a conditional offer is granted,	
		send an official transcript via STS	
Queen's	Last Day to Submit Transcript: April 30	If students have not received an offer by end of Q2, ask	Select Interim & Final
		counsellor to send an electronic copy to Queen's	
		admission@queensu.ca	
SFU	Self-Report Opens: Dec. 2	Self-Report Grade 11 + available Grade 12 marks in goSFU.	Select Now
	Self-Report Scholarship Deadline: Jan. 31	Students who do not self-report by the deadline will have	
	Self-Report for Beedie + SEE: Feb. 7	their application cancelled. Compete STS before Feb. 28	
	Self-Report Closes: Mar. 15	(last day to request program change).	
TRU	Admission Deadline: March 1	Official transcript required when apply; up-dated transcript	Select Now
		may be required for certain programs	
TWU	Early Admission Deadline: March 1	Official transcript in sealed envelop at the time of	Select Final
		application or shortly thereafter; authorize STS to release	
		final grades	

Figure 6: Self Report/Transcript Information

#### 3.1.7. Faith Based Colleges and Universities

# Canadian Christian Post-Secondary Institutions



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Figure 7: Faith Based PSI p.1



Figure 8: Faith Based PSI p.2



Figure 9: Faith Based PSI p.3



Figure 10: Faith Based PSI p. 4

#### 3.2. Application Tips and Pointers

- Application Tips
- How UBC evaluates applications
- Choosing a program by interest
- Walnut Grove Secondary Sample Website (\*\*this is an excellent website!!)

#### 3.2.1. UBC Personal Profile Sample Questions

- 1. Tell us about who you are. How would your family, friends, and/or members of your community describe you? If possible, please include something about yourself that you are most proud of and why.
- 2. What is important to you? And why?
- 3. Explain how you responded to a problem and/or an unfamiliar situation. What did you do, what was the outcome, and what did you learn from the experience?
- 4. Briefly describe the culture of your school community and your involvement within it. What impact has the school culture had on you? How would you enhance or change it?
- 5. Describe up to **five activities** that you have **pursued or accomplishment achieved** in one or more of the following areas. Please outline the nature of your responsibilities within these activities. 50 words per description.
- 6. Tell us more about ONE or TWO activities listed above that are most important to you. Please explain the **role you played and what you learned in the process**. You will be asked for a reference who can speak to your response.

#### Your Personal Profile Tips Video

UBC's trained readers will read and evaluate your Personal Profile and compare it with the profiles written by other UBC applicants. They are not looking for a particular experience, and there are no right or wrong answers. Your profile will be assessed against **four criteria**.

#### 1. Engagement and accomplishment

How do you pursue your interests and manage your responsibilities? What do you do with your time when you are not in class? What would you (or others in your community) consider your most significant contributions and accomplishments? Whether it's winning an international award or taking care of a younger sibling, any experience can teach you something about yourself and/or the world around you. We want to know what you have been doing and what have you have learned from your experiences. Make sure to give specific examples.

#### 2. Leadership

Have you undertaken responsibilities and activities that have benefited those around you and/or contributed to your community in a meaningful way? If so, what have you learned about yourself and others in the process? Leadership can come in many forms. Any act of responsibility and/or initiative that serves others is a form of leadership. Leadership can be demonstrated in a formal role, within a group (e.g., being president of a club or captain of a team), or in an informal role, as an individual (e.g., taking it upon yourself to help in your community). And remember – it's not just about being in a leadership role, it's about what leadership has taught you.

#### 3. Substance

Have you spent sufficient time reflecting upon what you want to say? Have you answered the questions in a detailed and meaningful way? Is the content of your Personal Profile superficial or clichéd, or are you presenting interesting, well-thought-out, and relevant ideas? Remember that trained UBC readers will be reviewing and comparing thousands of Personal Profiles. The best way to stand out is by making sure you have something meaningful and insightful to say.

#### 4. Voice

Communication is important. Have you written a Personal Profile that is genuine and unique to who you are? Does your profile authentically reflect your own words? Will your voice stand out in a meaningful way, or will your profile read like many others?

### 3.3. Studying in the USA

https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/ Comprehensive Website with database to search for colleges, scholarships and planning information.

http://wgsscounselling.weebly.com/studying-in-the-usa.html Helpful site with practical information to guide your process.

#### 3.3.1. **SAT Exams:**

https://prepskills.com/

https://prepskills.com/prepstore/sat-prep/

SAT assessments are required for applications to the USA colleges. For more information regarding where and when to take these tests and how to best prepare for them, <a href="https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat">https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat</a>

# 3.4. Studying Abroad

https://www.studyandgoabroad.com/

This site provides information regarding program types, locations, semesters abroad, and summer programs.

# Chapter 4. Gap Year

# 4.1. Volunteer and Service Opportunities

STMC has created a site that allows students to search out volunteer activities at STMC and in the greater community! On that site you will actually see a link to a site set up by members of the Grad Class of 2020 that includes several volunteer opportunities. Check it out! STMC Volunteer and Job Opportunities



A variety of search engines can help you if you are considering a gap year. It is imperative that you research companies thoroughly to ensure that they are a safe and viable option. This list was compiled by the Academic Counselling Department at Walnut Grove Secondary School.

https://www.gapyear.com/

https://www.gooverseas.com/gap-year

https://gapforce.org/ca/gap-year-programs

Latitude Canada Brochure

Latitude Gap Year Handout

<u>Latitude Canada</u> this is an international youth development charity offering volunteering and gap year placements.

<u>Project Abroad</u> sends youth 16 years and older to 24 countries to do over 150 different unpaid internships and service projects.

Swap Program is for young Canadians who want to go abroad to work and travel.

<u>Katimavik</u> provides Canadian youth between 17 and 21 years old the unique opportunity to take part in an intensive 6- 9 month volunteer service program.

<u>WWOOF Canada</u> is a worldwide movement linking volunteers with organic farmers and growers to promote cultural and educational experiences based on trust and non-monetary exchange, thereby helping to build a sustainable, global community.

# Chapter 5. Scholarships

#### 5.1. Where and How to Find Scholarships

Looking for scholarships does involve work. Typically the scholarships awarded in the fall are very competitive, but as the year unfolds numerous smaller scholarships become available. There is no magic list, but we will keep you informed as best as we can.

7 Tips to help you Find and Win Scholarships

5 Tips to Win Scholarships and Awards

#### 5.1.1. Searchable Databases

One thing that students should do to keep themselves informed is to register on reputable scholarship search sites like **YCONIC**, **Scholar Tree** or **Scholarships Canada**.

Other Searchable sites include:

- SD 35 Database
- Aboriginal Searchable Bursaries Database
- Academic Invest
- BC Government Scholarships and Awards
- Grant Me
- Scholarships Canada (this is a great site to begin with)
- Scholar Tree
- Student Awards Search
- Student Scholarships
- Unlock Your Future
- Yconic

#### 5.2. Scholarships and Bursaries Check List

- Apply for a Social Insurance Number if you don't already have one SIN Application Information
   Create a Comprehensive Resume (see samples) Sample Resumes from Langley School District
- ☐ Create **Personal Spreadsheet** to keep track of your applications
  - Fields to include: Deadline, Scholarship, Website, Criteria, Required documents, Status.

 Alternate spreadsheet: include Name, Source, Open Date, Due Date, Amount, Status, Comments (website)

Contact References \*\*See attached form Request for Reference Letter Form

- One or two from school personnel
- One or two from community members
- ☐ Write a draft Scholarship **Essay**
- ☐ Prepare a draft Letter of Application
- ☐ Meet deadline criteria
- ☐ Write **thank you letters** to those who provided Letters of Reference

#### Start early!

Applying for scholarships takes commitment, persistence, and organization. The District Scholarship Handbook is designed to provide students and their families with a resource to help prepare for the application process.

#### 5.3. Scholarship Tips

#### 5.3.1. Application Checklist

# **Application Checklist**

Keep the points below in mind as you are preparing for the scholarship process and before you send out an application. The details are important!

- ✓ Read the application—including the small print.
- ✓ Make sure you qualify for the scholarship: double check the eligibility criteria
- ✓ Know the deadline and mark it in your calendar
- ✓ Find out if you need transcripts (originals or copies?)
- ✓ Answer all questions
- √ If you need reference letters, give the person writing your letter 2-3 weeks notice if possible.
- ✓ Give a copy of your Activities and Accomplishments list to the person writing your reference letter
- ✓ Try to have a minimum of one reference from outside of school
- ✓ Have someone proofread
- ✓ Make a photocopy of the completed application
- ✓ Mail the application in time for the deadline
- ✓ Mark the date you mailed the application in your records book

Figure 11: Unlock Your Future

Retrieved from http://www.keytoscholarships.com/application-checklist.html

#### 5.3.2. Request for letters of recommendation/reference

When requesting reference letters, it is imperative that you give sufficient time for the person to write a letter on your behalf. Please complete the attached form when

requesting a letter as this helps the teacher/coach/counsellor to write a more detailed and informed letter.

Request for Reference Letter Form

### 5.3.3. Thank you letters

Have you received a scholarship? It is important to thank your sponsors. Here are two university sites which have samples on how to write a thank you letter <u>SDSU</u> and <u>U of</u> Toronto.

### 5.4. STMC Internal Scholarships (Application Required)

NOTE: this list of scholarships available is subject to change from year to year.

The applications for all these scholarships will be provided on the STMC Google Classroom Scholarship Site. Read the descriptions and apply for the ones that are a good fit for you. The Academic Counsellors will download transcripts to verify academic performance. These award recipients will be selected by the STMC Awards Committee. The winners will be announced at the Commencements **Applications typically are available in April and due mid-May.** 

### 5.4.1. Scholarships and Awards for Community Involvement

**Anne Metzak Memorial Award** Two awards of \$750.00 each are offered by the STMC Parents' Association, in memory of Anne Metzak, to assist graduating students with their post-secondary education. Applicants must have a good academic record, made a contribution to the school and the community, **and must have financial need.** To view past application form: <a href="Anne Metzak Memorial Award Application Form">Anne Metzak Memorial Award Application Form</a>

Josemaria Palma Manrique Memorial Scholarship \$1,200.00 scholarship has been made available by family and friends, in memory of Jomar Manrique ('04). The award will go to a graduating student who loves music, fosters camaraderie and friendship among peers, has been involved in community service at STMC and is actively involved in their church/parish community. To view past application form: Josemaria Palma Manrique Award Application Form

Nancy Yeadon Scholarships for Community Involvement (college or technical school bound) Two scholarships of \$500.00 each have been made available by a generous donor to graduating students (preferably one male and one female) heading to a local college or a technical institution. Applicants must have a good academic record, have made a contribution

to the school and the community, and must comment on financial need. To view past application form: Nancy Yeadon Scholarship Application Form

Nancy Yeadon Scholarships for Community Involvement (university bound) Two scholarships of \$500.00 each have been made available by a generous donor to graduating students (preferably one male and one female) heading to a university. Applicants must have a good academic record, have made a contribution to the school and the community, and comment on financial need. To view past application form: <a href="Nancy Yeadon Scholarship">Nancy Yeadon Scholarship</a> Application Form

**StanJean Community Involvement Scholarships** Thanks to the support of a generous donor, two scholarships of \$1,000 each have been made available to graduating students who are heavily involved in the STMC community and have a strong academic record. Preference will be given to students who can comment on financial need.

**The Knights Of Old Alumni Scholarship** Knights of Old St. Thomas More Collegiate Alumni Association will award up to \$2,500.00 in scholarships to a maximum of five students each academic year, who best demonstrate the Alumni Association's spirit and values. To view past application form: Knights of Old Scholarship Application Form

# 5.4.2. Scholarships for Students Pursuing Engineering or Science in Post-Secondary

*Mark Baldonero Memorial Scholarship* A \$2,000.00 scholarship has been made available by family and friends, in memory of Mark Baldonero ('91). The scholarship is given to a top science student who is also involved with activities outside of STMC. Preference will be given to a student pursuing a degree in engineering or science. To view past application form: Mark Baldonero Memorial Scholarship Application Form

**StanJean Engineering Scholarship** Thanks to the support of a generous donor, a \$2,000.00 scholarship has been made available to a graduating student who is pursuing a degree in engineering. The winner must have a strong academic record with a high level of community involvement. To view past application form: <a href="StanJean Engineering Scholarship">StanJean Engineering Scholarship</a> Application Form

### 5.4.3. Scholarship and Award for Music, Arts, and Athletics

**StanJean Music/Arts Scholarship** Thanks to the support of a generous donor, a \$2,000.00 scholarship has been made available to a graduating student who is enrolled in a music or arts program at the post-secondary level. In addition to a music/arts background the winner must have an outstanding academic record and a high level of community involvement. To view past application form: StanJean Music, Arts and Athletics

**The Friends of Paul lannone Award** A \$500.00 award has been made available by the friends of Paul lannone ('75), to a graduating student who has achieved a high level of success in both Athletics and Music. To view past application form: Friends of Paul lannone Award Application Form

### 5.4.4. Other Major Scholarships and Awards

The Brother Charles Slattery Young Social Entrepreneurship Award A \$2,500.00 award has been made available by a generous anonymous donor to a graduating student (male or female) who can comment on how the funds will help them achieve their post secondary goals. The student must intend to major in business at any college or university, with an expressed interest in "social entrepreneurship." Social entrepreneurship refers to business ventures that are focused equally on solving social problems while generating profit or financial sustainability. This award aims to inspire students to become social entrepreneurs, and commemorates Brother Charles Slattery's deep commitment to helping those around him, and his characteristic "nothing is impossible" attitude. To view past application form: Brother Charles Slattery Young Social Entrepreneurship Application Form

The Rich Goulet "Unsung Hero" Award A \$2,500.00 award has been made available by a generous anonymous donor to a graduating student (male or female) who can comment on how the funds will help them achieve their post secondary goals. The applicant may not have the highest grades or be a star athlete, but who makes a consistent contribution to any teams or clubs in which he or she is involved. An "unsung hero" who may not be the first in line to win other scholarships, but is deserving of support and recognition. All candidates will be evaluated on their grades (transcript will be accessed by the Academic Counselling Office) and on the successful completion of this application. To view past application form: Rich Goulet Unsung Hero Application Form

**StanJean Achievement Scholarships** Thanks to the support of a generous donor, four scholarships of \$1,000.00 each, have been made available to graduating students who can demonstrate an all-around commitment to high achievement in the areas of faith, academics, athletics, arts, and sciences. To view past application form: <a href="StanJean High Achievement Scholarship Application Form">StanJean High Achievement Scholarship Application Form</a>

# 5.5. STMC Internal Scholarships (Application NOT Required)

NOTE: this list of scholarships available may be subject to change from year to year.

#### Archbishop James Carney Award

Two Catholic students are selected by the Grade 12 Religion teachers and Religion department head. Each award is for \$1,000.00.

#### **Brad Hardham Scholarship**

A \$500.00 award is given to the graduating student who best exemplifies a love of life, is popular with the other students, and is not receiving another award. This scholarship is awarded by the school administration in consultation with Grade 12 teachers.

#### Bro. Bill Carrothers Art Scholarship

This is a \$500.00 award that is given to the best art student by the Art Department. This student must be going to a fine arts program at a post-secondary institution.

#### FutureBook Yearbook Award

A \$1,000.00 award has been made available by FutureBook Printing Inc. to a graduating student who has demonstrated an exemplary commitment level to this year's publication.

#### Isidor Eisner Trades Scholarship

A \$600 scholarship has been made available by family and friends in memory of Isidor Eisner. Mr. Eisner was always very impressed with what STMC meant to his granddaughters Jacqueline (2014) and Katelyn (2018). He was a German immigrant arriving in Canada in 1957 as a tradesman bricklayer and in the 1970s returning to school to become steel fabricator. He created a great life for his family in Canada by leveraging opportunities in trades careers and hopes that others can do the same. The scholarship is given to a graduating student who has demonstrated a strong work ethic and has an expressed interest in pursuing a post-secondary education and a career in trades. The Award is made on the recommendation of the STMC Awards Committee.

#### James Wade Bourget/Senior Knight of the Year Award

A \$1,500.00 award has been made available by family and friends, in memory of James Bourget (Class of 1993), to be given to the recipient of the Senior Knight of the Year Award.

#### John Favro Drama Award

A \$500.00 award is given to a graduating student who made the greatest contribution to STMC's Drama program.

#### John Kozak Spirit Award

A \$1,000.00 award has been made available by family and friends, in memory of John Kozak. This award is given to the graduating student who best exemplifies John's

outlook on life: lives life to the fullest, shows strength and encouragement, treats others with courtesy and respect, inspires us to all be better people, displays true school spirit and inspires others to do so as well. The award recipient is selected by the student body.

#### Larry Johnston Memorial Award for Citizenship

This recipient of this award, presented at the Night of Knights to a graduating student for outstanding citizenship, is given an \$800.00 scholarship from Mountain West Studios Ltd.

#### President's Award for Compassionate Service

A \$500 award is offered by the STMC President to a graduating student in recognition of his or her dedicated and compassionate service to help the marginalized in STMC or in the greater community. The award acknowledges a candidate who embraces the Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education Essential Element, "Stand in Solidarity with those marginalized by poverty and injustice", and is made on the recommendation of the STMC Awards Committee.

#### Sally Gribble Memorial Scholarship

All grade 12 students will write an essay as part of their English 12 curriculum. The student with the best essay will be awarded \$500.00.

#### The Brother Charles Slattery Memorial Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship is named in honour of a former principal of STMC. It will be awarded to a student who "has been a powerful positive influence on the lives of their fellow students by affirming others' value, supporting their peers in their endeavours, inspiring those who are struggling, contributing positive energy with their sense of humour, and displaying the "nothing is impossible" attitude with which Bro. Slattery approached challenges. Someone who is the "heart" or "energy" of their team or class."

#### The CISVA Athletics Scholarship

The Catholic Independent Schools of the Vancouver Archdiocese (CISVA) is pleased to offer a \$250.00 scholarship to a graduating student who excels in athletics at STMC. The winning student can be involved in extra-curricular teams or in the PE Department. The winner will be chosen by the administration in consultation with the faculty.

#### The CISVA Fine Arts Scholarship

The Catholic Independent Schools of the Vancouver Archdiocese (CISVA) is pleased to offer a \$250.00 scholarship to a graduating student who excels in Fine Arts.

#### The Ferdie Carrion Memorial Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship is awarded to a student who best combines the qualities of athleticism with a good sense of humour and a pleasant disposition. He or she should possess a true zest for life.

#### The Terry Grant McLean Memorial Scholarship

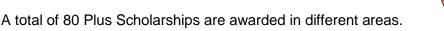
This \$750.00 award named in the memory of alumnus Terry Grant McLean and is awarded to a grade 12 student who, in the opinion of the faculty, best combines participation in school activities with concern for his or her classmates, sportsmanship and a solid academic record.

#### Other Academic Scholarships

The STMC Parents Association and the STMC staff recognize the top academic students each year. The top 5 ranked seniors receive scholarships ranging from \$750.00 to \$1,250.00.

### 5.6. External Scholarships

### 5.6.1. Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarships





Funded through the generosity of the Members of the Horatio Alger Association of Canada. The Canadian Scholarships are awarded to eligible students demonstrating financial need across all provinces and territories in Canada. The deadline is October 25th.

Horatio Application

### 5.6.2. Loran Scholars Foundation



The Loran Awards are extremely prestigious and highly competitive. Awards range from \$100.00.00 on down. Students can apply either as school sponsored applicants or direct pool. Each high school is limited to nominating 3 students. Typically STMC has 6-8 applicants (3 sponsored; the remainder apply as direct pool candidates.) The final application deadline is October 18th; however, we are asking STMC students to complete the online application by October 12th.

On that application, you are asked to indicate if you want to be considered as a school sponsored candidate. You will also be asked to include the school's rep and e-mail address. Use Mr. Bouwman's contact information: <a href="https://hank.bouwman@stmc.bc.ca">hank.bouwman@stmc.bc.ca</a>. And he will be sent an email indicating the names of all the students who have asked to be sponsored. A panel made up of STMC department heads, admin and staff will choose the 3 sponsored students. The remaining applicants will still be entered into the direct pool.

For more details concerning the application process and the award itself, go to <a href="http://www.loranscholar.ca/">http://www.loranscholar.ca/</a>

### 5.6.3. **TD Community Leadership**

Unique in Canada, the TD Scholarships for Community Leadership are offered to students who, like TD, help support change, nurture progress and contribute to making the world a better place. Have you shown exceptional initiative in making a meaningful and lasting difference in your community?

Deadline is in early November.

TD Community Leadership Scholarship

### 5.6.4. Schulich Scholarships



The Schulich Scholarships are hugely competitive. Interested applicants must be heading into a STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH) related program. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Graduate high school in the 2019/2020 academic year
- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Plan to enroll in STEM at one of the partner universities Click this link to see a list. http://www.schulichleaders.com/#slide-universities
- Meet at least **two** of the following criteria: 1. Academic excellence, 2. Leadership (community, business or entrepreneurial) or 3. Financial need
- Not planning a career as a medical practitioner

For more info related to the scholarship go to http://www.schulichleaders.com/

**STMC can only nominate one individual**. To put your name in to be considered as a nominee, complete the STMC Schulich Nomination form and turn it in to the Academic Counselling office by mid January. These completed forms will then be shared with the nomination committee which is made up of department heads, teachers and administration team members. The nominee will then be notified and must complete and submit the actual Schulich Application by mid February.

### 5.6.5. Father Ted Colleton Pro Life Scholarship Essay Contest

This scholarship requires the applicant to write an essay about the pro-life movement and the preciousness of human life. The deadline is Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. (2020)

Colleton Brochure

Colleton Application form

#### 5.6.6. **STEAM Horizon Awards**

#### https://steamhorizonawards.ca/

Are you often described as a leader, an achiever, or an innovator? Do you have limitless drive, ambition, and determination? If so, there's an opportunity to receive a \$25,000 prize towards your post-secondary education.

Founded in 2016, the Ingenium-NSERC STEAM Horizon Awards invite Canada's youth to promote positive changes throughout their community using science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM). Five Canadian students will be awarded \$25,000 each, to attend a Canadian university, college or CEGEP to study in a STEAM field. Two of these awards will be given to Indigenous students. The winners may be invited to Ottawa. The deadline for applications is mid-January.

### 5.6.7. BC GEU Scholarships

#### https://www.bcgeu.ca/scholarships

Do your parents work for the BC Government and are a part of the BCGEU Union? If so, you can apply for a \$2000 scholarship!!! (FYI, my daughter applied in her first year and was unsuccessful; she applied again in second year and won a scholarship with this one) For more information, check out the document and the link to see if you are eligible. Typically due in early May.

### **Eligibility**

- A BCGEU member in good standing, or related to a current, retired or deceased BCGEU member or staff; and
- A student or prospective post-secondary or higher learning student enrolled, registered or planning to attend an eligible educational institution in 2020.

Eligible relatives include spouses, parents, and children or grandchildren (including foster, adopted and stepchildren and grandchildren).

### 5.6.8. RCMP Youth Academy

Are you considering a career in the RCMP? Check out the Burnaby Public School District RCMP Youth Academy. RCMP YOUTH ACADEMY Applications are due mid-March but there is quite a process to completing your application. If interested, have a look at the application from 2020. RCMP Youth Academy

### 5.6.9. Manulife Lessons Scholarship

Post-secondary education is an expensive endeavor—especially for students impacted by the loss of a parent or guardian with little to no insurance coverage. The emotional and financial stress during this time can be devastating and hinder the dream to pursue post-secondary education.

#### To be eligible:

- are a permanent resident of Canada;
- are between 17 and 24 years of age at the time of application; and
- have experienced the death of a parent or legal guardian who had little or no life insurance coverage

https://www.manulife.ca/personal/plan-and-learn/life-events/life-lessons-scholarship.html

### 5.6.10. Charlene Reaveley Children's Charity Bursary

http://www.crccs.ca/bursary-program/

To qualify for a \$1000 CRCCS bursary, the student will be required to meet the following criteria:

- Grade 12 graduating student
- Experienced the loss of a parent and/or a sibling
- Enrolled in a certified post-secondary program within the same year of graduating
- Involved in the community/volunteer work
- A BC Resident

## 5.6.11. Confratellanza Italo-Canadese 2020 Scholarship Information

The Confratellanza Italo-Canadese was founded in 1904 and is committed to the preservation of Italian cultural heritage and contributing to the enrichment of the multicultural community in the Greater Vancouver area (for more information about us visit our web site at <a href="https://www.confratellanza.com">www.confratellanza.com</a>. This year we are offering several \$1,000 scholarships to assist eligible students in their post-secondary studies:

The scholarships are open to this year's graduating secondary school students planning to enroll in a post-secondary educational institution for the first time in 2020. To be eligible for this scholarship candidates must 1) be of Italian origin i.e. as having at least one parent or grandparent of direct Italian descent, 2) be living in a city or municipality within the 21-member Greater Vancouver Regional District, 3) have an academic standing sufficient to qualify for entry into the post-secondary institution of their choice, and 4) submit a completed application form with supporting documentation post-marked before mid-June.

### 5.6.12. **Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship**

The Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame was formed in 2001 to honour Burnaby's past athletic excellence. The Hall also encourages future excellence in athletics, academics and sportsmanship by offering \$1,000 scholarships to a male athlete and a female athlete from Burnaby. Due mid-April.

#### To be eligible:

- A graduating Grade 12 student enrolled at a B.C. secondary school (public or private). *Priority will be given to those attending school in Burnaby*
- A resident of Burnaby for at least the past three years

- Future plans to attend a post-secondary institution on a full-time basis
- Show evidence of high athletic ability and performance
- Maintain a minimum of a C+
- Demonstrated leadership
- Be active in school and community

#### Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship

### 5.6.13. Clean Energy BC Scholarship

Clean Energy BC (CEBC) is pleased to offer a student scholarship of \$1,000. The scholarship is available for students who are interested in pursuing a future in clean energy at a post-secondary institution.

### Clean Energy Scholarship

### 5.6.14. **Beedie Luminaries Scholarship**

The Beedie Luminaries Scholarship is for students with potential who are facing financial adversity and are constrained by circumstance. Here are some of the details: 105 scholarships in 2020; \$40,000 per student / 4-year undergraduate degree \$15,000 per student / 2-year college or trade-school diploma.

Beedie Luminaries Scholarship

### 5.6.15. **BC School Sports Scholarships**

**BC Dairy Association Scholarship** 

**BCSS Dave Gifford Memorial Scholarship** 

BCSS Zone Scholarship

**Badminton Scholarship** 

**Commission Scholarships** 

NFHS Student Summit Scholarship

https://www.bcschoolsports.ca/awards/scholarships

### 5.6.16. **South Burnaby Metro Club**

The South Burnaby Metro Club will be awarding three (3) \$1,0000.00 scholarships representing youth Soccer, Baseball and Basketball programs. The scholarships are open to all graduating Grade 12 students who have in the past or present been actively involved with one of our programs for a minimum of three (3) years. Multiple sport applications will be accepted, however you must have participated at least three (3) years in each specified sport and you may receive only one (1) of the scholarships. To view past application form: South Burnaby Metro Club Application Form

### 5.6.17. Coast Capital Youth Education Award

FISA also manages the distribution of the <u>Standing Tall: Coast Capital Youth Education Awards</u> for students attending independent schools. Three awards of \$3,500 will be distributed in 2020. This award supports youth who have faced adversity and have not only risen up against the odds, but are demonstrating a commitment to continue their education.

### 5.7. Ministry of Education Scholarships

### 5.7.1. BC Excellence Scholarships

BC Excellence Scholarships are awarded by the *BC Ministry of Education*. There are 55 scholarships available province-wide but STMC <u>can only nominate one student</u>. Any STMC student interested in applying for this scholarship must complete and submit this nomination application form by mid-January.

Winners must have demonstrated service and leadership, both at school and in their communities, and shown aptitude for and commitment to their chosen career paths. For further details concerning this prestigious award, go to <a href="BC Excellence Scholarship">BC Excellence Scholarship</a>

Once all applications have been received, a panel made up of STMC staff and administration will determine who will be the school's nominee. The nominee will be notified by **January 31st**. The nominee must submit the completed formal application to the Ministry of Education by late February.

### 5.7.2. Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship

The Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship is awarded to 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment and aptitude for a career path in K-12 teaching. Winners receive a \$5,000 scholarship voucher to redeem when they are registered and attending an approved K-12 teacher education program at one of BC's nine Faculties of Education.

Conditional winners and their schools will be notified by email in May. Winners will be notified directly in September when eligibility is confirmed.

In the online application, you will be asked to provide specific information and additional attachments.

- You can prepare by reviewing the list on the first page of the Application in advance
- You will upload any required attachments directly to the online application when prompted
- Attachments should be Word documents or PDF files under 15 MB in size

Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship

### 5.8. District Authority Scholarships

The Ministry of Education distributes 5500 District/Authority Scholarships across school districts and independent school authorities that recognize graduating B.C. students for excellence in **their chosen area of interest or strength**. Winners receive a \$1250 scholarship voucher to use towards their post-secondary tuition. FISA BC manages the adjudication process for independent schools.

### Areas of Achievement and Examples

Area of achievement	Examples
Indigenous Languages and Culture	Demonstrated at school or in the community
Fine Arts	Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music
Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies	Business, Technology, Home Economics, Information Communication Technology
Physical Activity	Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics, not limited to Physical Education
International Languages	International Languages Curriculum or External Assessments, including AP and IB courses
Community Service (Volunteer Activity)	Includes awareness of local, global, and cultural issues
Technical and Trades Training	Automotive, Robotics, Coding, Woodwork, Culinary Arts

The application for the 2020 District Authority Awards (DDAA) will be posted on the FISA website: <a href="https://fisabc.ca/scholarships-awards/">https://fisabc.ca/scholarships-awards/</a>

Interested must complete the application and submit it as a Google Folder (with all your files included) to the Academic Counselling Office by early March. STMC will then submit all the applications as one group to St. George's. STMC will also cover the application fee of \$10.00. Transcripts and marks release statements are not required.

Note: you will be required to make some kind of a presentation as part of your application.

Information from 2019: After submitting the application, you will need to **prepare a presentation** highlighting your area of achievement. You will be required to attend the adjudication evening where you will share your presentation, perform or display your artwork. The adjudication evening will be held in late April at St. George's School; more details to follow.

### **Chapter 6.** Opportunities for Teens

\*\*Please note that these opportunities will fluctuate from year to year.

### 6.1. Encounters with Canada:

### **Encounters with Canada Information**

Encounters with Canada is a unique opportunity for Canadian teens to meet other young people from across the country. Spend an adventure-filled week in your nation's capital! Check out future career options, discover your country, and share your hopes and dreams. For 37 years, EWC has delivered a rich and varied, bilingual program. To date, more than 113,000 youth have lived the EWC experience... now it's your turn!

### 6.2. Vimy Pilgrimage Award:

#### Vimy Foundation

The Vimy Pilgrimage Award consists of a fully funded week-long educational program in Belgium and France to study Canada's tremendous First World War contribution. The program, scheduled for April 2–10, 2020\*, is offered by the Vimy Foundation and features daily visits to important First World War sites including museums, cemeteries, and historic battlefields. A total of 20 students will be selected for the 2021 program.

Applicants are required to submit a 500-word essay describing their volunteer work; a 500-word essay on a specific question or subject posted in the application form; a personal statement video; a resume detailing achievements, awards, and notable activities; and a reference letter from a teacher, guidance counselor or principal, service club, volunteer organization, etc. In choosing Award winners, the Award Committee will take into consideration all elements submitted for the application with special emphasis placed on the applicant's volunteer work and service to their communities.

### 6.3. Minerva Leadership Program

Grade 11 girls are invited to participate in this interactive weekend at UBC where students will participate in workshops on values-based leadership, assessing their strengths, the power of mentorship and networks, and how to build their confidence. These workshops will guide each participant as they explore their own leadership style and potential.

There is no cost to participate as all costs (including transportations and flights) will be covered by sponsors. This is an excellent opportunity and would look great on your resume!

Please see our website for more details on the Learning to Lead™ program: <a href="https://minervabc.ca/learning-to-lead/">https://minervabc.ca/learning-to-lead/</a> (Promotional Video: https://vimeo.com/137653697)

### 6.4. Shad Program

### https://www.shad.ca/who-can-apply/

Shad looks for diversity and well-roundedness in Shad participants with an over-arching commitment to excellence. Students with a strong academic foundation, who are natural go-getters, curious about the world, community-minded, creative and engaged are the type that excel at Shad. The Shad program is a month-long immersion into a world of theory and hands-on STEAM and entrepreneurship modules for highly-driven students that are eager to take on real-world issues. Program fee is \$3, 200 (2020).

### 6.5. Future Science Leaders (through Science World)

Applicants must be in grade 10 or 11 in September. Applications due mid-May.

This competitive, multi-year program attracts exceptional students who are curious, eager for a challenge and willing to take risks while exploring new ideas. They explore 6 major themes in science and interact with field experts.

**Future Science Leaders** 

### 6.6. **UBC Engineering Opportunities**

### 6.6.1. High school girls in grades 11 and 12 are invited!

Women in Engineering is a student-run group in the Faculty of Applied Science at UBC. These current students have developed a high school mentorship program that your female students in Grades 11 and 12 are invited to participate in. Through this program, the hope is to provide inclusive and equitable access to engineering and to offer professional, academic, and interpersonal guidance to students as they transition into post-secondary. (Early November)

More information about the program can be found on their website. Geering up at UBC

### 6.6.2. High School Engineering and Design Competition

Co-hosted by Outward Engineering and Geering Up.

Through the lens of global health, students will work in teams to develop innovative solutions to the problem presented on the competition day. After developing their solution, groups will present their work and have it evaluated by a panel of judges. (Mid-November) Geering up at UBC

### 6.7. **Geneskool Summer Camps**

Week-long opportunity to learn the molecular biology techniques that scientists use every day. Through hands-on experiments and exciting guest speakers, teens explore aspects of biotechnology, genomics, inheritance, virology, forensics and microbiology to solve a murder mystery. The program is available for grades 9-12 @ Capilano University.

Summer Science Program

# 6.8. Creative Destruction Lab: STEM Program for High School Females

Are you ambitious and curious about entrepreneurship, technology or science-based innovation? You are invited to apply to attend one of three workshop sessions. Read on for more information! (Note: deadline to apply is typically in early February but applicants are assessed on first-come, first-serve basis so don't procrastinate!!)

The application and logistical details can be found <u>at this link</u>. A quick <u>one-pager on</u> <u>the program is attached here</u> - please feel free to share this opportunity with students that you believe would be a suitable candidate for the program.

### 6.9. Popsicle Stick Bridge Building Competition

Hosted by Engineers & Geoscientists of BC

https://www.egbc.ca/Events/Events/2020/TC1APR20 Event Rules: Event Rules

### 6.10. Student Vote

(Mock Elections to Coincide with Municipal, Provincial or Federal Elections)

https://studentvote.ca/canada/