

Provincial Scholarship Program

The Provincial Scholarships Program is intended to recognize student achievement and encourage students to pursue post-secondary education. The program includes the **BC Excellence Scholarship, the BC Achievement Scholarship, the District/Authority Scholarship, the Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship and the Graduation Program Examinations Scholarship** (to be phased out 2015/16 school year).

1) BC Excellence Scholarships

The BC Excellence Scholarship is a \$5000 scholarship awarded to 55 students, recognizing well-rounded graduates **demonstrating community service and leadership, both inside and outside of their schools, as well as commitment and aptitude for their chosen career paths.** Recipients should exemplify competencies such as communication and digital literacy; critical thinking and problem-solving; collaboration and leadership; personal and social responsibility; global and cultural understanding; and creativity and innovation. Each public and independent secondary school in BC may nominate one eligible student, who may then make application for this scholarship through his/her school district or independent school authority.

Districts/authorities must submit application packages on behalf of their nominees to the Ministry by March 31, 2016. Nominees must meet basic eligibility requirements and be enrolled in or graduated from a BC Grade 12 graduation program and be eligible for a BC Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) by August 31st of the school year in which they are nominated.

2) BC Achievement Scholarships

The BC Achievement Scholarship is a \$1250 scholarship that recognizes broad achievement in courses meeting graduation program requirements. These scholarships are capped at 3000 awards for the 2015/16 school year. The Ministry will determine recipients based on students' achievement in Grades 10, 11, and 12 courses that satisfy graduation program requirements (including elective courses). Grad Transitions will not be included. A cumulative average percentage will be calculated and form the basis for awarding the BC Achievement Scholarship. Recipients must meet basic eligibility requirements (p. 106), in addition to attaining a "B" (73% or above) or better average in their Language Arts 12 course (English 12, Communications 12, Français langue première 12, or English 12 First Peoples). A student can receive only one BC Achievement Scholarship in their lifetime.

3) District/Authority Scholarships

The District/Authority Scholarships reward graduating students for excellence in their chosen field of interest or strength. These scholarships are intended to assist with tuition for post-secondary education. The Ministry will allocate 5500 scholarships pro-rated to school districts and independent school authorities based on each district's September 30th Grade 12 enrolment. The scholarship will now be a \$1250 voucher that can be used toward post-secondary education tuition.

4) Pathway To Teacher Education Scholarships

The Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship (PTES) is a \$5000 annual scholarship that recognizes exceptional Grade 12 students planning to enter the field of K-12 teaching. The PTES will be awarded to 20 graduating students intending to enter a BC faculty of education program. This new scholarship will support outstanding students in pursuing a career path in K-12 teaching. Scholarship winners will be awarded a \$5000 voucher to redeem upon entrance to one of BC's faculty of education programs.

www.bcteacherregulation.ca/teachereducation/teachereducationoverview.aspx

5) Graduation Program Examinations Scholarship

(to be phased out 2015/16 school year).

The Graduation Program Examinations Scholarship recognizes academic achievement in provincial examinations. These scholarships are capped at 5000 (\$1250) and 20 (\$2500) awards to the top students based on their exam percentage scores.