



## 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 (Pathway to Graduation) that will take you to the website to complete your BCeID.

### How to get Scholarship Information

*To get scholarship information sent directly to your phone text*

*@d248cb to the number (250) 999-0468.* There is also a calendar on the school website that will show dates and scholarship requirements.

**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, wait until March for this year's application package.

### 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 web-site 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.

### 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 onto their campuses and are currently offering virtual open houses/appointments.

## **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. Keltie in the counselling office if you need support doing this. School District and Sahali 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.***

## **Secondary School Apprenticeship Scholarships**

These \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to graduating secondary school apprentices who:

- Have been registered in a school district Secondary School Apprenticeship Program (SSA) prior to graduation,
- Successfully complete MURK 11A, MWRK 11B, MWRK 12A, and MWRK 12B),
- Maintain a C+ average or better in their Grade 12 numbered courses, and
- Reported a total of at least 900 hours to the ITA within six months of graduation.

***There is no need to apply for Secondary School Apprenticeship 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, our nominees usually have an average of 90% or higher. The application process for those nominated has 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.

Our school can take a maximum of three nominees for the Loran. You can also apply to the “direct pool” if you are not nominated. Students interested in being considered as one of this year’s nominees need to complete the google form, which will be posted on the website by Thursday, October 7th. The nominees will be notified via email by the end of the next day. Deadline for online application by nominees is Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

## **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 Montreal, 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 awards committee will have our nominee determined by Wednesday, January 26th, 2022. 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 2020-2021 year will be open until November 15, 2021.

<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 Canadian 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 must be submitted online before Feb. 1. Please see <http://terryfoxawards.ca/> for more information.

## **TRU Entrance Scholarships**

### General Undergraduate Entrance Scholarships

Applicants must be enrolling in a TRU degree program or a two-year program. The minimum academic requirement is an 80% average in four Grade 12 academic subjects including English 12 (Grade 11 academic subjects may also be used).

**Deadline: March 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 \$22,000 (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 offered this scholarship may also accept the responsibility of student leadership activities during the academic year.

**Deadline: March 1**

### TRU Leadership Entrance Scholarship

Awards of \$5,000 each

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 awardsThe 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).

**Deadline: March 1**

### TRU Community Engagement Entrance Scholarship

Awards of \$2,000 each

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

Deadline: March 1

### TRU Potential Entrance Awards

Awards of up to \$4,000

15 awards available

These awards are available to students entering any TRU undergraduate program who demonstrate exceptional potential. Applicants will describe the vision of their future at TRU and how they wish to realize it. Applicants must elaborate on their past experiences and accomplishments which are indicative of their ability to unleash their untapped potential through a TRU education.

**Deadline: April 1**

### TRU Regional Entrance Awards

Awards of \$3,000

These awards are available to students graduating from secondary schools within the TRU region outside of the City of Kamloops. Awards are given based on student involvement and service within their secondary school and/or their community, and require a 70% overall average in Grade 12. Students must be admitted to a degree, diploma, or 8-month ladderable certificate. Preference will be given to applicants who are the first person in their immediate family to attend post-secondary education (first generation student). Awards will seek to achieve diversity in geographic areas and by TRU faculty & school.

**Deadline: April 1**

Please see the following website for more information. <https://www.tru.ca/awards/awards/entrance.html>

# 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
- Timeline for references: please give writer at least one week, preferably two.

## Transcript

- Transcripts can be ordered online and sent to a post secondary institution.
- You will need your PEN (Personal Education number) It can be found on any of your report cards

