

DISTRICT/AUTHORITY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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Description:

The purpose of District/Authority Scholarships is to acknowledge excellence in fields other than academic pursuits. District Scholarships of \$1250 each (funded by the Ministry of Education) may be awarded to grade twelve students who fulfill the provincial, district and school requirements.

The District/Authority Scholarships will be divided between the district's geographic areas based on grade 12 enrollment, and the merit of submissions.

Eligible candidates will be senior secondary students who have demonstrated excellence in a non-traditional field and intend to pursue credential in a related career.

Students who meet the above criteria will be able to demonstrate superior achievement in any of the following areas:

- Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies (e.g., Business, Technology, Home Economics, Media Arts, Tourism)
- Community Service (Volunteer Activity), which includes awareness of local, global, and cultural issues
- Fine Arts (e.g., Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts)
- Indigenous Languages and Culture, demonstrated at school or in the community
- Languages from the Languages Curriculum or External Assessments, including AP and IB courses
- Physical Activity (and Health) (e.g., Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics)
- Technical and Trades Training (e.g., Coding, Culinary Arts, Mechanics, Robotics, Woodwork)

Applicants must also fulfill the BC graduation requirements by August 31st of a student's graduating year.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEES

Committees at the school and District levels must ensure that the winning candidates have been fairly evaluated in the areas that students have chosen for presentation to the committee and satisfy other criteria which may include factors such as attendance, punctuality, work habits and citizenship.

District Scholarship Committee

1. The District/Authority Scholarship Committee will be comprised of a minimum of 2 senior administrators.

2. Duties of the District/Authority Scholarship Committee shall include:
 - i) Annually reviewing district and provincial procedures and regulations governing district scholarships;
 - ii) Establishing dates and deadlines for District/Authority Scholarships;
 - iii) Approving local school selection procedures;
 - iv) Reporting selected candidates to the Ministry of Education;
 - v) Supporting students to receive their scholarships.

School Scholarship Committee

1. Each school shall establish a Scholarship Committee
2. The School Scholarship Committee shall be composed of at least 3 school staff.
3. Duties of the School Scholarship Committee shall include:
 - i) Establishing selection criteria and procedures for District/Authority Scholarships which comply with provincial and district procedures and regulations
 - ii) Submitting school criteria and procedures to the District/Authority Scholarship Committee for approval
 - iii) Selecting candidates for District/Authority Scholarships from the school applicants.