

WHAT'S NEXT?

Plan your graduation
and your life after high school
no matter what you choose to do!

A Transition Guide for Students
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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This "What's Next?" resource was created for students, parents and guardians to help them explore some of the opportunities that are available to our students as they get closer to graduation.

Frequently we hear from parents that they want to support their children in preparing for the future but they don't know where to begin. This guide was designed as a response to that challenge – a way for parents and students to engage in meaningful conversations about the next steps they will take.

We recognize that the post-secondary experience will be quite different from one student to another. Some students may choose to transition into the world-of-work, travel or volunteer opportunities, while others have a 'Plan A' to enrol in post-secondary studies immediately following graduation. We subscribe to the belief that there isn't a 'one size fits all' approach, however we do encourage graduates to consider engaging in some form of post-secondary education as part of their future planning.

Sections of this resource help families weigh up their options and the costs associated with each choice. Detailed information exists on budgeting as well as sources of funding to help students finance their post-secondary education. There is also an outline of what is necessary to meet the graduation requirements and to make sure that students can make a smooth transition from secondary school into the next phase of their lives.

It is our hope that you will take some time with your son/daughter to review this document. Please feel free to contact the counsellors at your school to get more information about anything you find in this resource. I would also like to thank the committee that has developed this guide and to assure you that they would welcome any suggestions you might have for improvements to future editions.

Best wishes to you, and we hope that you enjoy the conversations that will inevitably result when parents sit down with their children to talk about their options for the future.

Sincerely,

Hugh Gloster
 Superintendent of Schools

WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT YEAR?

If you are undecided about what's next after high school, research and commit to a plan! No one can "take a year off"; SCHOOL, WORK, TRAVEL – or a combination of these three – will be a significant part of the next 12 months of your life! Make a quality plan now while you have the support of your teachers, parents, and counsellors. **Whatever your decision, you need a plan!**

SCHOOL

If you are planning to go to SCHOOL, consider the following: (Guide p. 15-34)

1. **What should I study?** Determine what you like and what you are good at. Use the internet.
2. **What school should I go to?** Consider local options because you can live at home. Look at schools with programs of interest. Consider schools in cities where you have extended family. Consider where you want to live. Research school reputations.
Remember: You can often transfer from one school to another.
3. **How long do you want to go to school?** Do you want to complete a Certificate (1yr), Diploma (2yr), or a Degree (4 yr) program? Consider the options at Colleges, Universities, Technical Institutes and Private Schools.
4. **What do I NEED to get into the school I want for the program I want?** Look online! Be thorough! Every school is different!
5. **When do I need to apply?** Check online for the deadline. Apply ASAP to first come, first served programs like OC. Apply on the school's website or at applybc.ca (the online application portal for most BC Post Secondary Institutions)
6. **How do I know if I'm accepted?** The school(s) will contact you by letter or email and give you a temporary student ID number. Check your email! Many schools only use email and you don't want to miss these messages! Follow the individual school instructions you receive.
7. **What else do I have to do?**
 - a. Apply online for housing and awards.
 - b. Complete a "Post Secondary Institutions Choices Form" online. (Ministry of Education website)
 - c. Visit the campuses if you can to help you make a final decision as to what school to go to.
8. **How do I finalize my application?** Follow instructions from the school for self-reporting of grades online and any other school specific details.
9. **How do I choose my post secondary classes?** Consult an advisor at the post secondary institution. School counsellors don't know what courses you should take! Register online for courses later in spring as instructed.
10. **What about athletic scholarships?** Email the coach of your sport to find out about tryouts and about financial awards.
11. **Going to school in another country?** Do your research! Ask questions!
12. **Do you want to combine SCHOOL with TRAVEL?** Many post secondary institutions will help you organize a travel study opportunity. That's right! You can go to school in another country and pay Canadian tuition. They also have someone to help you find somewhere to live. You do have to pay for your own flights and living expenses. Contact your post secondary institution to find out what opportunities they offer.



WORK

If you are planning to WORK, consider the following: (Guide p. 41-48)

What are you passionate about? What are you working towards? Where will you work?

If you are planning to work, we suggest you do something exciting and interesting that allows you to grow and be challenged. Consider doing more than 'just working': Move to a different town and work! Try volunteering! Get a job that challenges you and/or that is in your career area of interest!

If you are planning to work in order to 'save money for school', beware! An adult life costs money regardless, and saving money while earning an entry level wage is incredibly difficult. You are often better off to borrow money and go straight to school rather than working to save money for tuition.

Things to do.....

- Apply for and get your Social Insurance Number (SIN#).
- Have an updated, professional looking resume and cover letter.
- Collect reference letters.
- Get certificates you may need: Drivers License, Food Safe, SuperHost, First Aid.
- Find a job (web, employment offices, personal contacts).
- Be prepared to work at a low paying, entry level position. Any job is better than no job!



TRAVEL

If you are planning to TRAVEL, consider the following: (Guide p. 49-52)

Research travel options! Are you traveling by alone or with a friend? Are you joining a tour? How are you going to get around?

Remember that it is often very difficult to travel by yourself, particularly as a young adult. You often can't rent a car, enter public events that serve alcohol, or even rent a hotel room. It is often easier and safer for young adults to travel using structured travel or exchange programs.

Consider organized travel programs! ie: Rotary Exchange, Canada World Youth... (see p. 50)

Things to do....

1. Get your passport. (Everyone should have one!)
2. Health: Get appropriate vaccinations and health insurance.
3. Book transportation, flights, accommodation, and travel insurance.
4. Purchase a travel guide. Take some time to research and learn about your destination, local customs, dress codes.
5. Money: Find out what kind of currency is required for your trip and how to access money in that location.
6. Budgeting: Determine the cost and create a financial plan to meet the cost.



FIND YOUR PATH! Do What you Love! Love What you DO!

Start by finding out what you are good at. Check out these two amazing websites. They include self-assessment, career exploration, and post-secondary information:



www.careercruising.com

www.bridges.ca

(Get the user name and password from your school career center or counselor to access these websites).

Search for additional information in your interest area by accessing these sites:

Education Planner:

www.educationplanner.ca/

Youth Canada:

www.youth.gc.ca/

Youthhood.org

www.youthhood.org/index.asp

Work B.C.:

www.workbc.ca/

Working In Canada:

www.workingincanada.gc.ca

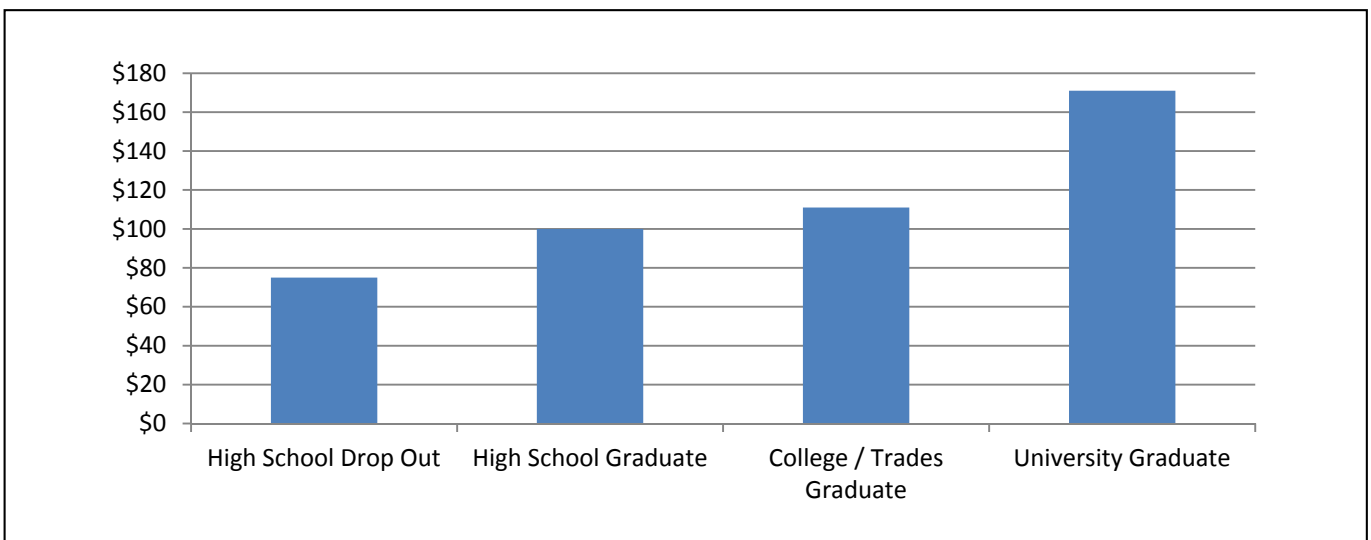
Alberta Learning Info Service

<http://alis.alberta.ca/index.html>

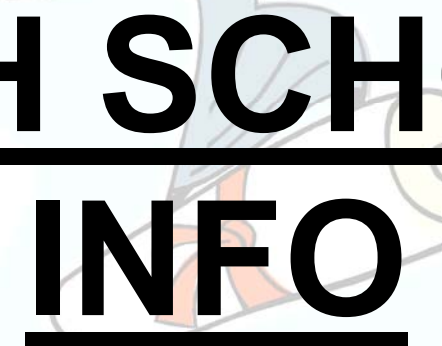


Lastly, also consider that your level of education is most often linked to your income.

The Conference board of Canada, in a report on education, confirms that, with few exceptions, earning increased with each level of education. This chart shows that on average, for every \$100 earned by a high-school graduate, a person with a college or trades education earns \$111, and a person with a university degree earns \$ 171. A person who did not graduate from high school earns significantly less at only \$75. www.conferenceboard.ca



Section A



HIGH SCHOOL INFO

- **External Credits**
- **Graduation Planning Worksheet**
- **Go to Work and Graduate**
- **Enrichment Opportunities**

EXTERNAL CREDENTIALS = EXTRA CREDITS

Yes, you can receive credit for activities you are doing outside of school!

- ◆ External credits are granted by the Ministry of Education for **specific** activities, programs or courses completed at an **extremely advanced** level of accomplishment outside of the traditional school setting.
- ◆ Appropriate documentation will be required before credit is granted.
- ◆ Students who believe they are eligible for external credits should see their school counsellor

Categories & Examples:

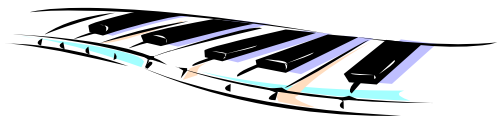


DANCE

- Royal Academy of Dance
- Other major Provincial/National Dance organizations

MUSIC

- Royal Conservatory
- Conservatory Canada
- BC Conservatory of Music



LANGUAGES

- American Sign Certificate
- Previous education in a language other than English



SPORTS / ATHLETICS

- Regional/Zone team for B.C. competing at Provincials
- Athlete at a Provincial or National level
- BC/Canada Summer/Winter Games athlete

OFFICIAL and COACH

- NCCP Certification

INDUSTRIAL and OCCUPATIONAL

- Occupational First Aid, Red Cross
- Boating Pilot's License/Certificate
- Ski/Snowboard Instructor
- Canadian Private Pilot's License
- ICBC Driver's Education



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- Cadets, 4-H
- Girl Guides, Scouts

Each activity is assigned a course code at the grade 10, 11 and/or 12 level and given 2 or 4 credits, depending on the Ministry guidelines. For example, Driver's Education is UDEC 11 - 2 credits or Athlete 10 is UXSA 10 – 4 credits and is reported for credit on a student's transcript without a percentage.

GRADUATION PLANNING & REQUIREMENTS

Planning for graduation involves making a number of decisions. Whether you want to go on to post-secondary education or directly to the world of work when you graduate from high school, you have to be thinking ahead. Make sure the courses you take allow you to achieve your future goals.

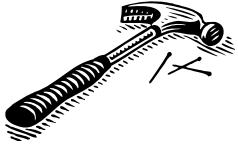
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		Total Credits: _____ (min. 24)
GRADE 11 REQUIREMENTS		
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GRADE 12 REQUIREMENTS		
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		Total Credits: _____ (min. 20)
FINE ARTS or APPLIED SKILLS REQUIREMENT		
<i>Either 4 credits of one area, or 2 credits of both</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts _____ 10 / 11 / 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Applied Skills _____ 10 / 11 / 12	2 or 4 2 or 4	} }
		Total Credits: _____ (min. 4)
ADDITIONAL COURSES		
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OVERALL TOTAL CREDITS:		(MUST = 80 CREDITS)

As you select your courses, consider:

- The courses *required* for graduation
- The skills you would like to develop in order to achieve your career goals
- Your interests and post-secondary plans

GO TO WORK AND GRADUATE

Dual Credit, Entry Level Trades Training, Apprenticeship, Work Experience
www.tradesrock.com



Are you tired of sitting in class?
Are you thinking about going into a trade?
Do you want to be learning and working at the same time?
Do you want to get a tuition grant to go to OC or BCIT?



**ONE OF THESE OPTIONS MAY BE RIGHT FOR YOU!
SEE THE CAREER COORDINATOR IN YOUR SCHOOL!**

OKANAGAN COLLEGE FOUNDATION TRADES TRAINING PROGRAMS: “32” gr 12 credits

Consider one of the following foundation programs OC offers to get the skills and experience to get a job or even start an apprenticeship. Also, earn high school credits for going to OC!

- ✍ A/C & Refrigeration Technician (28 cr)
- ✍ Aircraft Maintenance Engineer “Mechanics” (20 cr)
- ✍ Aircraft Maintenance Engineer “Structures” (20 cr)
- ✍ Automotive Collision Repair
- ✍ Automotive Service Tech
- ✍ Carpentry / Joinery
- ✍ Culinary Arts
- ✍ Pastry Arts
- ✍ Electrician Pre Apprenticeship
- ✍ Heavy Duty / Commercial Mechanic
- ✍ Plumbing & Piping
- ✍ RV Service Technician
- ✍ Sheet Metal (20 cr)
- ✍ Welding “C”



BCIT-KELOWNA PROGRAMS: “32” grade 12 credits All courses start annually in February

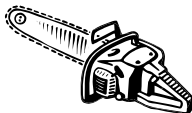
Learn skills, gain confidence in your abilities, and be better prepared for apprenticeship training with BCIT’s Kelowna programs. Upon completion, you can work, begin an apprenticeship, or continue with further BCIT training. Also, earn high school credits for going to BCIT!

- ✍ Diesel Engine Mechanic
- ✍ Electricity and Industrial Electronics
- ✍ Computer Systems Information Admin. (16 credits only)

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 PROGRAMS (ACE-IT): up to “32” high school credits

These innovative trades training programs are available to all SD23 students. Students participating in these programs may be required to attend another school for a semester or a full year; in some cases, students will be required to permanently transfer schools. Course fees depend on the program.

- Residential Construction at RSS
- Hair Dressing at MBSS
- Forestry at RSS
- Culinary Arts at MBSS
- Automotive Service Tech at KSS
- Emergency Medical Responder at RSS



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPRENTICESHIP (SSA) “8” grade 11 credits + “8” grade 12 credits:

Learn on the job! Start an apprenticeship in one of BC’s 151 apprenticeable trades while still in high school. Students need to have or find their own employer. The employer is someone that you work for, that pays you, and that teaches you a trade. SD23 may be able to help you find an employer. Students enrolled in this program may be eligible for a \$1000 cash scholarship. www.APPRENTICESHIPtoolkit.ca

GO TO WORK AND GRADUATE

Entry Level Trades Training, Apprenticeship, Work Experience

OKANAGAN COLLEGE – HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT: “16” grade 12 credits

This eight month course, including a three month practicum, prepares students to provide care in community and residential care settings. Students who have demonstrated an aptitude or have experience working with the elderly are an ideal fit for this program.

Start Date: May of grade 12 year.



WORK EXPERIENCE 12 “4” or “8” grade 12 credits



You can earn high school credit for all kinds of work. Go to your career center to get information on Work Experience Placements. These placements involve you going on a week long “job shadow”. You can also use your own network to find a placement and then check with your career coordinator that this placement is appropriate. You may also be able to earn credit for a job that you already have.

WHEN CAN I START?

PARTIAL & FULL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR OKANAGAN COLLEGE, BCIT, & SSA:

Students can apply to OC and BCIT programs in grade 10 and start them in grade 11, or apply by February of grade 12 to receive partial tuition funding. **Most programs start in February so make sure all of your core graduation subjects are successfully completed before you start.** SSA can begin as late as May of grade 12. If students start after these deadlines, they may be eligible for high school credits and advanced seating in OC and BCIT classes but no tuition funding or scholarships.

HOW TO APPLY..... For these programs and receive tuition scholarship:

1. Contact the Career/Life Programs Coordinator at your school and pick up an application package.
2. Job Shadow the program you want to apply for.
3. Complete the SD No. 23 Dual Credit Application Package and hand it in.
4. Successfully interview with a Dual Credit Coordinator.
5. Once you are accepted into the program, you must pay \$200 - \$250 to hold your spot, depending on which program you take.

FOR OC: After acceptance, apply on-line to OC. Students must pay a \$30 application fee.

FOR BCIT: Some BCIT Programs start in February and continue into the following winter after a summer break.

FOR SSA: If you have an employer, complete the SD23 Dual Credit Application Package, including the ITA employer form, to be accepted into the program. Then it is as simple as arranging your school time table so you complete the courses you need, start working and getting paid!

NOTES:

- Students are responsible for Student Fees, Safety Gear, Material Fees, and Text Books.
- The tuition scholarship usually covers majority of the program tuition cost. Some programs are very expensive, thus the tuition scholarship will cover less. The student is responsible to pay the balance in tuition.

PRE-REQUISITES FOR ALL PROGRAMS: To earn credit for all programs, core graduation subjects must be successfully completed. Further, core graduation subjects must be completed prior to the start of an OC or the three BCIT Trades programs. (See page 7 for graduation program details.)

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES **DURING HIGH SCHOOL**

ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA

www.encounters-rencontres.ca

This is Canada's largest youth forum bringing together young Canadians from different backgrounds and regions in order to give them an opportunity to learn about one another as well as their country. Speak to your school counsellor to apply.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

www.asse.com

You'll only be gone for a school year, but the experience will enrich the rest of your life. Living in another country for one year is something most people never have the opportunity to do. You'll return with new knowledge, cultural understanding, maturity and lifelong friends from your host country.

SHAD VALLEY

www.shad.ca

Students participating in the Shad Valley experience spend the month of July at one of 12 universities across Canada where they attend lectures and workshops, and get involved in group projects. Candidates tend to be creative and talented individuals with strong leadership skills, the ability to work in a team, and solid academic records, particularly in math and science.



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

www.rotary.org

Youth Exchange provides thousands of young people with the opportunity to meet people from other lands and to experience their cultures by living in a foreign country with host families for one year.

PEARSON COLLEGE

www.pearsoncollege.ca

Pearson Seminar on Youth Leadership is a summer program where students interact with 100 other young people from around the world. Debate and consider issues affecting the world today, and practice critical skills needed to be leaders in their schools.

YMCA YOUTH EXCHANGE – CANADA PROGRAM

www.vanymca.org

This is a group reciprocal home-stay exchange program that is intended for Canadian youth between the ages of 12 and 17 who would like to experience life in other parts of the country and become engaged in their community.

OUTWARD BOUND

www.outwardbound.ca

At Outward Bound Canada, we deliver an experience like no other. Explore your talents, your capabilities, your courage. Pick your classroom – mountains, forests, lakes, rivers, oceans. Join us for the adventure of a lifetime. Summer and semester programs available.

STUDENT TRAVEL / EXCHANGE

<http://www.sts-education.ca/en>

www.osef.ca

If you want to travel, learn about different cultures, go to school in a foreign country, or learn a second language. They facilitate school exchanges, cultural exchanges, work experience and language immersion programs.

TWO WORLDS UNITED

www.twoworldsunited.com/

A worldwide leader in international education offers quality student exchange opportunities that include a choice of more than 45 countries, and an academic time period to suit individual purposes. Two Worlds United has summer programming, 4 to 6 month semesters, and full year academic sessions.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

www.volunteer.ca

This site houses volunteer opportunities all across Canada; it is a great way to build your skills.



Section B

GOVERNMENT **GRADUATION** **INFORMATION**

- **Register for Student Secure Web**
- **Provincial Exam Information**
- **Resources for Students**
- **Transcript & Government Forms**

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION – STUDENT RESOURCES

STUDENT SECURE WEB

<https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome.jsp>

Q: Why do I need to register with the Student Secure Web?

Students need to go to this website and create an account for two reasons

- 1) To check provincial exam results
- 2) Complete the PSI Choices Form

In order to access this site, you must have your PEN number which can be obtained from your report card (from any report card), Counselling Centre, school office, or your transcript.

Q: What provincial exams do I have to write?

- ✓ Science 10
- ✓ English 10
- ✓ a Math 10
- ✓ a Social Studies 11
- ✓ a Language Arts 12

Q: How do I check my provincial exam results?

Log in to the secure web account. You need your PEN number.

Q: What is a PSI (POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS SELECTIONS FORM) and when do I complete it?

This Ministry of Education form allows grade 12 students to choose which Canadian post secondary institutions will receive copies of their official transcript at the end of July.

- ☺ You need to complete this form online during your grade 12 year. It authorizes the Ministry of Education to transfer marks to your chosen post-secondary institution(s).
- ☺ Students wishing to have their marks forwarded in the early admission transfer to BC Electronic PSIs and the Ontario Universities Application Center (OUAC) must submit their selections by **May 1st**.
- ☺ Students access the electronic PSI Selections form from the student Secure Web of the Ministry of Education. Students will require their PEN (Provincial Education Number) to do this. If you checked your exam results in grade 10, you will log into the website using the same information.



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION – STUDENT RESOURCES RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/resources_for_students.htm

Q: What resources are available on this website?

Provincial Exam information:

- Check exam schedules, view practice exams, and sample student responses.
- Retrieve your provincial exam results
- Get information about re-reads and re-writes for exams

Learn Now BC:

- A web portal, created by the Virtual School Society, with all kinds of information about distributed (online) learning in British Columbia, including how to get help when you need.

Other Information for Students:

- Several links with information regarding examinations for Grades 10, 11 and 12, including the Handbook of Procedures, graduation requirements and transcripts.

TRANSCRIPT & GOVERNMENT FORMS

Q: Where do I get an interim TRANSCRIPT?

Order and pick up from the main office or Counselling Centre of your school.

Q: How do I order extra copies of my OFFICIAL (Ministry of Education) TRANSCRIPT?

A “**certified**” copy can be obtained from your high school for two years following graduation. Past that, “**certified**” copies can be obtained from SD23 Hollywood Rd. Education Services at <https://ereg.sd23.bc.ca/transcripts/>. An original copy can be obtained from the Ministry of Education online at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/students_ps.htm (follow links). Please check on the fees associated with ordering a transcript.



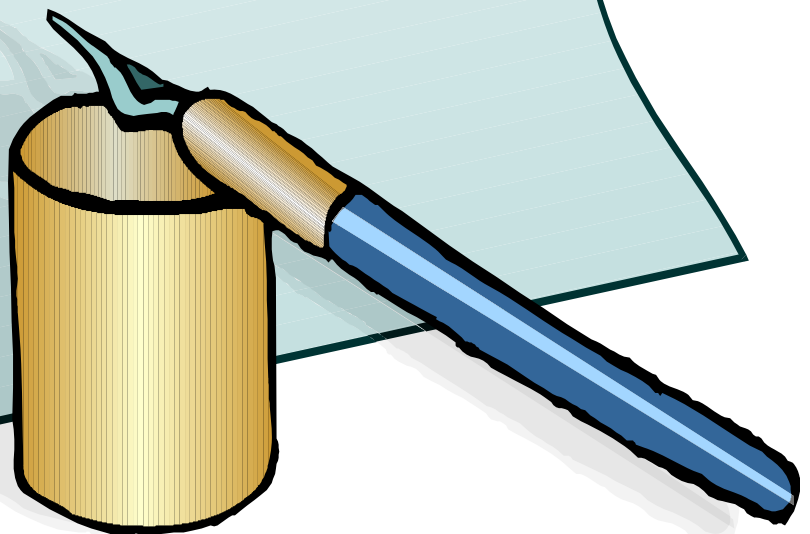
Q: Where & when do I pick up my DOGWOOD Certificate?


Pick up your Dogwood Certificate from the main office of your school at the end of August.

Q: Where and when do I pick up my PASSPORT TO EDUCATION?

Pick up your Passport to Education from the main office of your school at the end of August.

***“We are currently
preparing students for
jobs that don’t yet exist,
using technologies that
haven’t yet been
invented, in order to
solve problems we don’t
even know are problems
yet.”***





Section C

POST-

SECONDARY

EDUCATION

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POST SECONDARY PLANNING TIMELINE & CHECKLIST

√ **September / October / November**

- Find and record, in an accessible place, your Ministry of Education Personal Education Number (PEN) found on your report card and transcript.
- Ensure that your courses will satisfy graduation requirements. *Section A*
- Identify a post secondary plan through research, grad meetings, post secondary school meetings, information sessions, and meetings with school counsellors or career life coordinators. *Section A*
- Apply to post-secondary institutions with careful attention to deadlines and entrance requirements. Early application can determine your authorization date to select courses and reserve housing. (Applications open August-February)
- Thoroughly read and respond to correspondence from post-secondary institutions. Keep correspondence records in your planning file.
- Create a post-secondary planning file where you can keep your notes and research.
- Compile a list of your volunteer activities and community involvement for employment and scholarship applications.
- Apply for your Social Insurance Number. *Section E*
- Update your resume and cover letter. Obtain current letters of reference. *Section E*
- Research scholarship and bursary opportunities and make a plan to apply as they become available. The information can be found online, at your school, and in this guide. *Section G*
- Make a budget for next year. *Section D*
- Prepare your M.A.P. in preparation for your Exit Interview.

√ **December / January / February**

- Complete the Post Secondary Institution Selections (PSI) form online at the Ministry of Education website. This sends your marks to post secondary institutions of your choice. (Due before May 1st). *Section B*
- Apply for student housing if needed.
- Attend a COBSS Bursary Information Session at your school (December).
- Apply for COBSS bursaries by school based deadline (January).

√ **March / April / May / June**

- Self report your grades on-line to post secondary institutions as required.
- Look up provincial exam marks online. *Section B*
- Post secondary course registration: register on the date and time given by the institution. Classes fill quickly and there may not be alternative sections of the course you want or need.
- Thank your teachers for supporting you.

ASK QUESTIONS! RECORD THE ANSWERS! FOLLOW THROUGH WITH YOUR GOALS!

RESEARCH AND PLAN!

Applying to post secondary institutions requires a lot of research, planning, organizing, and even test taking. The following steps will help you with this process. The links are for BC only. For all other schools refer to the website of the Post Secondary Institution.

STEP #1 – DETERMINE THE PROGRAM AND ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Education Planner <http://www.educationplanner.ca/>

Provides information on programs and entrance requirements offered at all public post-secondary institutions in British Columbia.

BC Council of Admissions and Transfers: www.bccat.bc.ca

This site provides information on admissions, associate degrees, and post secondary transfers.

STEP #2 – MEET THE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

LPI – Language Proficiency Index. If your English grade or course does not meet the post secondary requirement, often you can take the LPI test. Register for a sitting in Kelowna. www.lpitest.ca

UPGRADE – Rather than upgrading, you may be better off to simply begin entry level academics at a Post Secondary Institution. This can give you needed prerequisites for specific programs while earning post secondary credit.

If you still need to upgrade and you are under 19 years of age there may be a variety of free and fee based virtual distance education programs available to you for upgrading. www.eschoolbc.com or www.learnnowbc.ca

Upgrading is usually also available at your local community college. At OC you can find upgrading information under Adult Academic & Career Preparation. www.okanagan.bc.ca/page888.aspx

STEP #3 – APPLY TO THE POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION

Post Secondary Application Service of BC (Apply BC) applybc.ca

The Post-Secondary Application Service of British Columbia (PASBC) is a centralized, online application service open to anyone wishing to apply for admission to one or more post-secondary institutions in British Columbia (university, college, university college, or institute).

Alberta Equivalent: www.applyalberta.ca **Ontario Equivalent:** www.ouac.on.ca

Complete the PSI Selections form allowing the Ministry to send your grades to the school(s) to which you've applied. www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome.jsp

Research Scholarships pertaining to your chosen school.

IMPORTANT NOTE – TRANSFERRING FROM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL

If you are thinking of going to one school and then potentially transferring to another to finish your post secondary education, **you** must check to make sure the courses **you** take at one school transfer to the new school. Note that the minimum GPA to transfer is usually 60% or higher. Not all courses transfer.

BC Transfer Guide www.bctransferguide.ca

This guide includes all public post secondary institutions in BC and allows you to check that the courses you are taking at one school will transfer to the next.

BC Council of Admissions and Transfers: www.bccat.bc.ca

SECOND LANGUAGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

An entrance requirement is a course you must have completed to be accepted into the Post-Secondary Institution. An exit requirement is a course you must complete prior to finishing your university degree.

Post-Secondary Institution	Entrance Requirement(s)	Exit Requirement(s)
Okanagan College	No 2 nd language entrance requirements.	Students need to be prepared to meet any degree requirements of the institution to which they transfer their courses. Research degree requirements carefully as you plan your transfer!
SFU	A 2 nd language 11 (beginners or regular) is required for entrance.	No second language exit requirement except for those majoring in a second language.
U.B.C. Okanagan	No 2 nd language entrance requirements.	Bachelor of Arts: A 2 nd language 12 or the equivalent is required. Students who do not have a 2 nd language 12 from high school may complete it during their degree.
U.B.C. Vancouver	A 2 nd language 11 is required for entrance.	Bachelor of Arts: A 2 nd language 12 or the equivalent is required. Students who do not have a 2 nd language 12 from high school may complete it during their degree.
UVIC	No 2 nd language entrance requirements.	No second language exit requirement except for those majoring in a second language.
University of Calgary	No 2 nd language entrance requirements.	No second language exit requirement except for those majoring in a second language.
University of Alberta	No 2 nd language entrance requirements.	Bachelor of Arts: - 6 credits (2 courses) of a 2 nd language required to graduate - Students who have completed grade 11 &/or 12 level 2 nd language in high school will sit a placement test to determine appropriate level for university second language courses.

NOTE: The following requirements are subject to change with short notice. Please confirm the requirements for the institution(s) to which you will be applying.

MATH AND POST SECONDARY ENTRANCE

THINGS TO KNOW:

- Where more than one math course is indicated for a particular program, it is the student's choice of which course to take to meet entrance requirements.
- Where a minimum percentage is indicated, students should note that admission is almost always competitive, thus the minimum standard may not suffice for entry on any given year. (specific to grade 12 level Math courses)
- If a student enters a university transfer program at a college, takes first and / or second year courses, and then applies to a university, *admission is then based on the college transfer* and not on high school graduation. It is important to carefully monitor and discuss a transfer with both the college and university of your choice. www.bctransferguide.ca

Special Note: FOUNDATIONS 12: SFU and UVIC accept this course as an approved grade 12 course for admission. While UBC-V may accept this course to meet general math entrance standards, and UBC-O may accept it to meet BSN program entrance requirements, Foundations 12 is not an approved grade 12 course for admission at UBC; therefore, it cannot be used as one of the approved academic 12s, or be used to calculate admission average at either campus of UBC.

Institution	Program	A & W 11	Foundations of Math 11	Pre-Calculus 11	A & W 12	Foundations of Math 12	Pre-Calculus 12	
SFU	Arts		X (60% min)	X(60%min)		X (60% min)	X(60%min)	
	Science		X (60% min)	X(60%min)		X (60% min)	X(60%min)	
	Business		X (60% min)	X(60%min)		X (60% min)	X(60%min)	
UBC-O	Arts	X	X	X				
	Science						X(67%min)	
	Management						X	
	Nursing			X		Math Entrance Standard Only		
UBC-V	Arts			X		Math Entrance Standard Only		
	Science					Math Entrance Standard Only	X(67%min)	
	Commerce					Math Entrance Standard Only	X	
UVIC	Arts		X	X				
	Science						X	
	Business						X	
OKANGAN COLLEGE	Arts (transfer)	X	X	X				
	Science (transfer)	Applicants without PC12 may receive restricted admission for first year						X(50%min)
	Business DIPLOMA	X(60%min)	X (60% min)	X(60%min)				
	Business DEGREE				X(60%min)	X (60% min)	X(60%min)	
	Trades	X	X	X				
	Nursing			X		Math Entrance Standard Only		

POPULAR CANADIAN POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS BY PROVINCE

**This is a list of popular Canadian Post Secondary Institutions.
Exam requirements vary greatly from school to school.
Research carefully!**

BRITISH COLUMBIA - Universities

University of British Columbia – www.ubc.ca
Capilano University – www.capilanou.ca
Emily Carr University – www.ecuad.ca
University of the Fraser Valley – www.ufv.ca
Kwantlen Polytechnic – www.kwantlen.bc.ca
University of Northern B.C. – www.unbc.ca
Royal Roads University – www.royalroads.ca
Simon Fraser University – www.sfu.ca
Thompson Rivers University – www.tru.ca
Trinity Western University – www.twu.ca
Vancouver Island University – www.mala.bc.ca
University of Victoria – www.uvic.ca

BRITISH COLUMBIA – Colleges

BCIT – www.bcit.ca
Camosun College – www.camosun.ca
Columbia College – www.columbiacollege.ca
Douglas College – www.douglas.bc.ca
Justice Institute of B.C. – www.jibc.ca
Langara College – www.langara.bc.ca
College of New Caledonia – www.cnc.bc.ca
Nicola Valley Inst. of Tech. – www.nvit.bc.ca
North Island College – www.nic.bc.ca
Northern Lights College – www.nlc.bc.ca
Northwest Comm. College – www.nwcc.bc.ca
Okanagan College – www.okanagan.bc.ca
College of the Rockies – www.cotr.bc.ca
Selkirk College – www.selkirk.ca
Vancouver Community College – www.vcc.ca

ALBERTA

University of Alberta – www.ualberta.ca
University of Calgary – www.ucalgary.ca
University of Lethbridge – www.uleth.ca

SASKATCHEWAN

University of Regina – www.uregina.ca
University of Saskatchewan – www.usask.ca

MANITOBA

University of Manitoba – <http://umanitoba.ca>
University of Winnipeg – www.uwinnipeg.ca



ONTARIO

Brock University – www.brocku.ca
Carleton University – www.carleton.ca
University of Guelph – www.uoguelph.ca
McMaster University – www.mcmaster.ca
University of Ottawa – www.uottawa.ca
Queen's University – www.queensu.ca
Royal Military College of Canada – www.rmc.ca
Ryerson University – www.ryerson.ca
University of Toronto – www.utoronto.ca
University of Waterloo – www.uwaterloo.ca
York University – www.yorku.ca

QUEBEC

Bishops' University – www.ubishops.ca
Concordia University – www.concordia.ca
McGill University – www.mcgill.ca

NOVA SCOTIA

Acadia University – www.acadiau.ca
Dalhousie University – www.dal.ca
University of King's College – www.ukings.ca
St. Francis Xavier University – www.stfx.ca

NEW BRUNSWICK

Mount Allison University – www.mta.ca
University of New Brunswick – www.unb.ca

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

University of P.E.I. – www.upei.ca

APPROVED COURSES FOR UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE IN BC

IMPORTANT: All university programs require specific courses for entrance. Research to make sure you have the courses you need to gain entrance into the school AND the program of your choice.

GENERALLY, university entrance in B.C. is based around ENGLISH 12 + 3 approved grade 12 courses.

- Some schools & programs have grade 11 course requirements as well. (ie: a specific math 11, a 2nd language 11, a specific science 11, etc.)
- Grade 11 marks may be used along with grade 12 marks in assessing your application.
- Additional language 12 courses may be approved for admission. Check with your institution.
- UVIC Fine Arts Faculty accepts additional Fine Arts Courses for admission.
<http://www.uvic.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/thinking/adms-requirements.php>
- Some schools are moving towards a “Broad Based Application” where marks are one component of a larger application package aimed at creating a more complete picture of the student.

Course	UBC-O	UBC-V	UVIC	SFU
BC First Nations 12	X	X	X	X
Biology 12	X	X	X	X
Calculus 12	X	X	X	X
Chemistry 12	X	X	X	X
Comparative Civilization 12			X	X
Economics 12	X	X	X	X
English 12	X	X	X	X
English Lit 12	X	X	X	X
Foundations of Math 12			X	X
French 12	X	X	X	X
Geography 12	X	X	X	X
Geology 12	X	X	X	X
German 12	X	X	X	X
History 12	X	X	X	X
Applied Digital Communications 12			X	
Computer Information Systems 12	X			
Computer Programming 12	X		X	
Japanese 12	X	X	X	X
Law 12	X	X	X	X
Mandarin 12	X	X	X	X
Philosophy 12				X
Physics 12	X	X	X	X
Principles of Math 12	X	X	X	X
Pre-Calculus 12	X	X	X	X
Punjabi 12	X	X	X	X
Social Justice 12	X		X	X
Spanish 12	X	X	X	X
Sustainable Resources 12	X			X

Note: While every effort has been made to provide correct information, university entrance requirements are subject to change. Students are ultimately responsible for researching the entrance & program requirements for any institution they wish to attend.

UBC OKANAGAN

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS you.ubc.ca/okanagan

Degree	Program	
Bachelor of Applied Science (Engineering)	Civil Engineering Electrical Engineering	Mechanical Engineering
Bachelor of Arts	Anthropology Computer Science Economics Gender and Women's Studies (minor) Geography General Studies History Indigenous Studies	International Relations Latin America Studies Mathematics Philosophy Philosophy, Politics & Economics Political Science Psychology Sociology
Bachelor of Arts in Creative and Critical Studies	Art History & Visual Culture Creative Writing Cultural Studies English	French French & Spanish Medieval & Renaissance Studies (minor) Spanish
Bachelor of Education	Elementary Teacher Education Secondary Teacher Education	French Education Specialty Humanities Specialty Math-Science Education Specialty Middle School Education Specialty Trades Technology Education Specialty
Bachelor of Fine Arts – Visual Arts	Visual Arts Digital Arts Applications Drawing Intaglio	Lithography Media Communications Photography Sculpture Video
Bachelor of Fine Arts – Interdisciplinary Performance	Performance Practice & Creative Writing	Performance Practice & Visual Arts
Bachelor of Human Kinetics	Clinical Exercise Physiology	Community Health
Bachelor of Management	<u>Areas of Focus</u> Human Resources Finance Accounting Marketing	Supply Chain / Operations Management Entrepreneurial Technology General Management
Bachelor of Science	Biochemistry Biology Chemistry Computer Science Earth & Environmental Sciences Ecology & Evolutionary biology Economics Environmental Chemistry Freshwater Science General Sciences	Mathematics and Statistics (minor) Mathematical Sciences Mathematics Microbiology Molecular, Cell & Developmental Biology Physics Psychology Statistics Zoology
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Nursing	

- Co-operative Education is available in most Science majors
- Go Global Student Exchange is available for many programs.



OKANAGAN



UBC – OKANAGAN www.you.ubc.ca/okanagan

PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS



Acceptance to UBCO involves both an Academic profile (marks) plus a Personal Profile of short answer questions. This broad based application creates a more complete picture of the student.

To calculate a student's admission average for the Academic Profile, UBCO will use final grade 12 marks for courses completed up to and including the first semester of grade 12 (Sept-Jan). Where grade 12 marks are not available, UBCO will use the most appropriate grade 11 academic course as a substitute. UBCO will not permit the same specific course area to be used twice in the admission calculation. (ie: Bi 12 and Bi 11 will not both be used; therefore, unrelated grade 11 academic courses may be used.)

Almost all UBC admission decisions will involve both Grade 12 and Grade 11 marks!

Program	Grade 12 Entrance Requirements	Grade 11 Requirements	Grade 12 Approved Courses
ARTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 12 or English 12 First Peoples 3 other approved grade 12 courses 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All Advanced Placement courses ✓ ASL 12 ✓ BC 1st Nations 12 ✓ Biology 12 ✓ Calculus 12 ✓ Chemistry 12 ✓ Computer Information Systems 12 ✓ Computer Programming 12 ✓ Economics 12 ✓ English 12 ✓ English 12 First Peoples ✓ English Lit. 12 ✓ French 12 or Français Langue 12 ✓ Geography 12 ✓ Geology 12 ✓ German 12 ✓ History 12 ✓ Japanese 12 ✓ Law 12 ✓ Mandarin 12 ✓ Physics 12 ✓ Pre-Calculus 12 ✓ Social Justice 12 ✓ Spanish 12 ✓ Sustainable Resources 12
ENGINEERING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 12 or English 12 First Peoples Pre-Calculus 12 Chemistry 12 Physics 12 		
FINE ARTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 12 or English 12 First Peoples 3 other approved grade 12 courses Portfolio & letter of intent (Visual Arts) Letter of intent (Interdisciplinary Performance) 		
HUMAN KINETICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 12 or English 12 First Peoples Pre-Calculus 12 Bi 12 1 other approved grade 12 courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chem 11 Physics 11 	
MANAGEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 12 or English 12 First Peoples Pre-Calculus 12 2 other approved grade 12 courses 		
NURSING (BSN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 12 or English 12 First Peoples Bi 12 Chem 12 1 other approved grade 12 courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-Calculus 11 (or Foundations 12) Biology 11 Chemistry 11 	
SCIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 12 or English 12 First Peoples Pre-Calculus 12 (67% min.) 2 other approved grade 12 courses including at least one of Bi 12, Chem 12, Geology 12, Geography 12, or Physics 12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemistry 11 <p><i>Though not officially required by the UBC, Physics 11 is strongly recommended as well.</i></p>	<p>See UBC website for complete list. **Grades as a result of challenging a course cannot be used to calculate an admission average.</p>

At this time, UBC-Okanagan does not have a 2nd language 11 requirement for entrance. In addition, there is no Math 11 requirement for the faculties of Arts and Fine Arts at UBC-O. This is under review from year to year, and is subject to change.

*** For the most up-to-date information: <http://you.ubc.ca/admissions/canadian-highschools/bc-yukon/>***

OKANAGAN COLLEGE

DEGREE, DIPLOMA & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS www.okanagan.bc.ca

UNIVERSITY ARTS AND SCIENCE

- University Arts & Science (You can do up to 2 years of university courses and then transfer to a University.)
- Advanced Communication
- Criminal and Social Justice
- Environmental Studies
- Human Kinetics
- Media and Cultural Studies
- Writing and Publishing

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- Business Administration
- Commercial Aviation
- Accounting
- Administrative Assistant
- Legal Administrative Assistant
- Medical Administrative Assistant

CONTINUING STUDIES

- Bartending
- Custodial Worker
- Teaching English as a 2nd Language
- Golf Course Maintenance
- Interior Decorating
- Pharmacy Tech
- Wine Sales

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Certified Dental Assistant
- Early Childhood Education
- Health Care Assistant
- Human Service Worker
- Human Kinetics
- Practical Nursing
- Therapist Assistant



COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Computer Information Systems Degree or Diploma

TECHNOLOGY RELATED

- Audio Engineering and Production
- AutoCAD Drafting
- Computer Animation
- Engineering Technologies

TRADES FOUNDATION

- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer
- Auto Collision Repair / Refinishing
- Automotive Service Technician
- Carpentry / Joinery
- Culinary Arts
- Electrician
- Heavy Duty Mechanic
- Plumbing and Piping
- RV Service Technician
- Refrigeration and AC Mechanic
- Residential Construction
- Sheet Metal
- Studio Woodworking
- Trades Technology Teacher Education
- Welding "C", "B", "A"

This is only a partial list. Please visit the OC website for a complete listing of programs, prerequisites for admission and locations.

APPRENTICESHIP TECHNICAL TRAINING - www.okanagan.bc.ca/trades

CONTACT: Pat Dandeneau – 762-5445 x 4606 (students should register 10 months in advance)

- Automotive Painter
- Automotive Collision Repair
- Automotive Refinishing Prep Tech
- Automotive Service Technician
- Carpenter
- Professional Cook (Chef)
- Electrician
- Gasfitter
- Geothermal Tech
- Heavy Duty Equipment Tech
- Joiner
- Plumber
- Recreation Vehicle Tech
- Refrigeration and AC Mechanic
- Sheet Metal Worker

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES www.okanagan.bc.ca/Page1158.aspx

CONTACT: 762-5445 x 4119. Are you on an IEP or have a disability? Do you need some help with the entrance tests? Will you need help with course work and tests? Don't worry – there is help for you! OC can modify and provide support in most program areas.



OKANAGAN COLLEGE



PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Okanagan College does NOT require optional provincial exams for entrance.

Math Requirements: If you don't meet the Math requirement, most programs have a Math Diagnostic Test or a Challenge Exam that you can write in order to qualify for entrance. Talk to an advisor at OC.

PROGRAM	ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS
University Transfer* ARTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eng 12 (min 60%)
University Transfer* SCIENCES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eng 12 (min 60%) Pre-Calculus 12 (min 50%) <small>*Restricted admission possible without Pre-Calculus 12</small>
Bachelor of Science in Nursing* Years 1&2 with direct transfer to UBCO for years 3 & 4. <small>*Note: Entrance admitting average much higher than posted minimum.</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eng 12 (min 70%) Biology 12 Chem 12 1 more Approved Academic Gr 12 course Pre-Calculus 11 <u>or</u> Foundations of Math 12 Biology 11 Chemistry 11 <small>* A minimum average of 67% is required for the 4 grade 12 courses. Successful applicants have a much higher average due to competitive admission.</small>
Business Administration Diploma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eng 12 (min 70%) Any Math 11 (min 60%) <i>(2 years - can transfer into degree program for 3rd year)</i>
Bachelor of Business Administration Degree (4 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eng 12 (min. of 70%) Any Math 12 (min 60%)
Civil Engineering Technology^W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eng 12 (min 60%) Pre-Calculus 11 (min 67%) <u>or</u> Pre-Calculus 12 (min 60%) <u>or</u> Foundations 12 (min 60%) Physics 11 Physics 12 or Applied Physics 12 recommended
Electronic Engineering Technology^W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eng 12 (min 60%) Pre-Calculus 11 (min 67%) <u>or</u> Pre-Calculus 12 (min 60%) Physics 11 (min 60%) Physics 12 or Applied Physics 12 recommended
Mechanical Engineering Technology^W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eng 12 (min 60%) Pre-Calculus 12 (min 60%) Physics 11 Physics 12 recommended Chemistry 11 or 12 strongly recommended
Network & Telecommunications Engineering Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eng 12 (min 60%) Pre-Calculus 11 (min 67%) <u>or</u> Pre-Calculus 12 (min 60%) <u>or</u> Foundations 12 (min 60%) Chemistry 11 (min 67%) Physics 11 or 12 recommended
Water Quality & Environmental Engineering Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eng 12 (min 60%) Pre-Calculus 11 (min 67%) <u>or</u> Pre-Calculus 12 (min 60%) Chemistry 11 (min 67%)

***UNIVERSITY TRANSFER PROGRAMS (Arts & Science):** Choose from many fully transferable first and second-year university courses. Earn an Associate Degree, a two-year credential equivalent to a 60-credit block transfer to many post-secondary institutions in BC.

^W ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS: Opportunities exist to bridge an Engineering Technology program into a University Engineering Degree at UBC and some other universities. More information is available from the OC Engineering Technology Department.

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE DIRECTLY FROM HIGH SCHOOL

REQUIREMENTS FOR - SCIENCE

Universities may change entrance requirements with little notification. It is your responsibility to verify all program entrance requirements. Note that UBC has a "Broad Based Application" where marks are one component of a larger application package aimed at creating a more complete picture of the student.

University of Victoria	University of BC Vancouver	Simon Fraser University	University of Calgary	University of Alberta
<p>Grade 11 Courses required but NOT calculated into admission average:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English 11 ✓ Chemistry 11 ✓ Physics 11 ✓ Pre-Calc 11 ✓ SS 11 	<p>Grade 11 Courses required but NOT calculated into admission average:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English 11 ✓ 2nd Language 11 ✓ Chemistry 11 ✓ Physics 11 ✓ Pre-Calc 11 ✓ an approved SS 11 	<p>Grade 11 Courses required but NOT calculated into admission average:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English 11 ✓ 2nd Language 11 (beginners or regular) ✓ Pre-Calc 11 (60%) ✓ a Science 11 (not Science & Technology 11) 	<p>Grade 11 <i>No grade 11 requirements used for entrance.</i></p>	<p>Grade 11 <i>No grade 11 requirements used for entrance.</i></p>
<p>Grade 12 requirements used to calculate admission average:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English 12 or English 12 First Peoples ✓ Pre-Calc 12 (67%) ✓ 2 other approved science 12 courses 	<p>Grade 12 requirements used to calculate admission average:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English 12 or English 12 First Peoples ✓ Pre-Calc 12 (67%) ✓ 2 other approved grade 12 courses with at least 1 of Biology 12, Chemistry 12, Geology 12 or Physics 12 <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>see pp 22-23 for UBC-O</p> </div>	<p>Grade 12 requirements used to calculate admission average:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English 12 or English 12 First Peoples (60%) ✓ Pre-Calc 12 ✓ 2 other approved grade 12 courses 	<p>Grade 12 requirements used to calculate admission average:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English 12 or English 12 First Peoples ✓ Pre-Calc 12 ✓ 2 of Bi 12, Chem 12, Ph 12, Calculus 12, ICT: Computer Programing 12 ✓ 1 other approved grade 12 course (see lists under ARTS - University of Calgary on page 27) 	<p>Grade 12* requirements used to calculate admission average:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English 12 or English 12 First Peoples ✓ Pre-Calc 12 ✓ 2 of Bi 12, Chem 12, Ph 12, Calculus 12, ICT: Computer Programing 12 ✓ 1 other approved grade 12 course (Fine Arts, Humanities, 2nd Languages, Math & Sciences) <p>**See list: http://apps.admissions.ualberta.ca/programs/sc</p>
<p>*Alberta grade 12 courses are numbered 30. The B.C. equivalent is grade 12. ie: English 30 (Alberta) = English 12 (BC)</p>				

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE DIRECTLY FROM HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS FOR - ARTS

Universities may change entrance requirements with little notification. It is your responsibility to verify all program entrance requirements. Note that UBC has a "Broad Based Application" where marks are one component of a larger application package aimed at creating a more complete picture of the student.

University of Victoria	University of BC Vancouver	Simon Fraser University	University of Calgary	University of Alberta
<p>Grade 11 Courses required but NOT calculated into admission are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English 11 ✓ 2nd Language 11 ✓ Pre-Calc11 or Foundations 11 ✓ SS 11 ✓ a Science 11 (not Science & Technology 11)univer 	<p>Grade 11 Courses required but NOT calculated into admission are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English 11 ✓ 2nd Language 11 ✓ Pre-Calc11 or Foundations 12 ✓ an approved SS 11 ✓ a Science 11 (not Science & Technology 11) 	<p>Grade 11 Courses required but NOT calculated into admission are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English 11 ✓ 2nd Language 11 (beginners or regular) ✓ Pre-Calc11(60%) or Foundations 11 (60%) ✓ a Science 11 (not Science & Technology 11) 	<p>Grade 11 <i>No grade 11 requirements used for entrance.</i></p>	<p>Grade 11 <i>No grade 11 requirements used for entrance.</i></p>
<p>Grade 12 requirements used to calculate admission are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English 12 or English 12 First Peoples ✓ 3 other Academic 12 courses 	<p>Grade 12 requirements used to calculate admission are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English 12 or English 12 First Peoples ✓ 3 other approved grade 12 courses <p>(excluding Foundations of Math 12)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 150px; height: 100px; margin: 20px auto; text-align: center; padding: 10px;"> <p>see pp 22-23 for UBC-O</p> </div>	<p>Grade 12 requirements used to calculate admission are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English 12 or English 12 First Peoples (60%) ✓ 3 other approved grade 12 courses 	<p>Grade 12 requirements used to calculate admission are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English 12 or English 12 First Peoples ✓ 3 other gr. 12 courses from: Comp Civ, Geog, History or FNS, Foundations of Math, Bi, Chem, Pre-Calc, Calc, Physics, Geology, ICT Computer Programming ✓ 1 other grade 12 course from: above list or Visual Art, Acting, Concert Choir, Dance, English Lit 	<p>Grade 12 requirements used to calculate admission are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English 12 or English 12 First Peoples ✓ 4 other approved grade 12 courses (Fine Arts, Humanities, 2nd Languages, Math & Sciences) <p>► <i>Only one Fine Art subject may be presented for admission.</i></p> <p>**See list: http://apps.admissions.ualberta.ca/programs/ar/</p>
<p>Bachelor of Arts often requires a 2nd Language 12 or equivalent to graduate from university. * Math 31 (Alberta) = Calculus 12 (BC)</p>				

EDUCATION AT POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTES

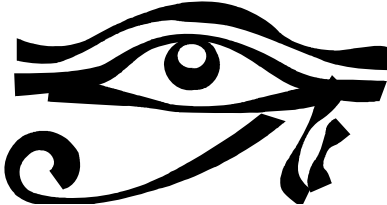
Polytechnic institutes offer a diverse range of programs. What makes a polytechnic different from a traditional university is that the learning is hands-on and practical. Many of these programs are not direct entry out of high school, so check out each one online for entrance requirements.

A sampling of programs offered at BCIT and SAIT are listed below. There are many more polytechnic institutes in Canada to choose from. Visit www.educationplanner.bc.ca to search Polytechnics in BC.

Area	Sample Programs BCIT www.bcit.ca	Sample Programs SAIT www.sait.ca
Business and Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Airport Operations ➤ Broadcast Media Communications ➤ Business Administration and Management ➤ International Trade and Transportation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bachelor of Applied Business Administration ➤ Journalism ➤ Cinema, Television, Stage, and Radio ➤ Broadcast Technology ➤ Hotel and Restaurant Management ➤ New Media Production and Design
Computing and IT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Computer Information Systems ➤ Digital Animation ➤ Electrical/Computer Engineering Tech ➤ New Media Design and Web Development ➤ Robotics ➤ Software Systems Developer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Computer Control Tech ➤ Computer Engineering Tech ➤ Digital Graphics Communications ➤ Network Engineering Tech
Engineering, Applied and Natural Sciences Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Architectural Science ➤ Biotechnology ➤ CAD Programming ➤ Chemical Sciences Tech ➤ ALL Engineering Technologies ➤ Construction Management ➤ Forensic Investigation ➤ Forest Resource Tech ➤ GIS and Geometrics ➤ Renewable Resources – Fish, Wildlife and Recreation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Architectural Technology ➤ ALL Engineering Technologies ➤ Engineering, Design, Drafting Tech ➤ Environmental Tech ➤ Geomatics ➤ Petroleum Engineering Tech ➤ Rail traffic Control
Health Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Biomedical Engineering Tech ➤ Cardiology ➤ Environmental Health ➤ Medical Imaging ➤ Prosthetics and Orthotics ➤ Radiation Therapy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Respiratory Therapist ➤ Emergency Medical Technology ➤ Medical Transcription ➤ Paramedic ➤ Radiology Tech ➤ Nuclear Medicine Tech
Trades, Vocational and Apprenticeship	Entry level trades training and apprenticeship technical training available for most trades.	Entry level trades training and apprenticeship technical training available for most trades.

FOLLOW YOUR CREATIVE PASSION!

In addition to the 27 public post secondary institutions in BC whose art programs can be searched at www.educationplanner.bc.ca, you might want to consider the schools listed below. There are many more schools and options available to you; just do some research!

	Animation	Digital Film / Video	Esthetics	Fashion Design	Game Design	Hair	Graphic Design	Interior Design	Make up Artistry	Media - Digital	Media Management	Recording Arts	Visual Effects/Photography	Writing for Film and Media
Academy of Fashion Design www.aofdesign.com/				✓										
Art Institutes of Vancouver www.artinstitutes.edu/vancouver	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Aveda Institute www.avedainstitutevictoria.ca/			✓			✓			✓					
Blanche Macdonald Institute www.blanchemacdonald.com/			✓	✓		✓			✓					
Capilano University www.capilanou.ca	✓	✓					✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Center for Arts Technology www.digitalartschool.com	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Harbourside Institute of Tech www.harboursideit.com												✓		
John Casablancas www.johncasablancas.ca/			✓	✓		✓			✓					
Marvel College www.mccollege.ca/			✓	✓		✓								
Pacific Audio Visual Institute www.pacificav.com/											✓	✓		
Pacific Design Academy www.pacificdesignacademy.com/				✓			✓	✓		✓	✓			
Recording Arts Canada www.recordingarts.com/					✓					✓		✓		
Selkirk College selkirk.ca			✓			✓				✓		✓		
Vancouver Institute -Media Arts www.vanarts.com	✓				✓					✓		✓	✓	
Vancouver Film School www.vfs.edu/	✓	✓			✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

OKANAGAN EDUCATION OPTIONS

Academy of Learning www.academyoflearning.com

Academy of Learning is a business and computer training network college.

Centre For Arts & Technology Kelowna /“The Centre”

<http://www.digitalartschool.com/campuses/kelowna>

If you have the desire to record music, animate a character, create computer games, design web pages, make movies, or manage a rock band -- the Centre is for you.

Diving Dynamics Kelowna <http://www.divingdynamics.com/index.html>

Commercial and diving instructor training.

Fine Art Bartending <http://fineart.ca>

Training to become a professional bartender. Must be 19 years old.

First College www.firstcollege.ca

Situated in West Kelowna, offering Business and Non Destructive Testing (Oil & Gas) programs.

Focus Training Institute www.focustraininginstitute.com

FTI offers programs in Business, Security, & Private Investigation.

Interior Heavy Equipment School Ltd. www.iheschool.com

Training for excavation and construction equipment operator.

Kelowna College of Professional Counselling

<http://www.counsellortraining.com/>

Provides vocational training in a wide variety of counselling specialties.



Marvel College www.mccollege.ca/

Marvel College offers 10 month certificate programs in hairdressing and esthetics.



Okanagan Valley College Of Massage Therapy Ltd.

www.ovcmt.com/

OVCMT is committed to creating and maintaining the highest possible standards of education in professional massage therapy, and education in relaxation massage and spa modalities.

Okanagan Mountain Helicopters <http://www.okhelicopters.com>

Comprehensive commercial helicopter training.

Sprott Shaw Community College www.sprottshaw.com

Sprott Shaw is a private community college offering programs in administration, business, healthcare, trades, tourism & hospitality, and digital art & animation.

Vancouver Career College in Kelowna www.vancol.com

Vancouver Career College trains individuals using current business applications, programs and techniques so that they enter the market with valuable, sought-after skills.

EDUCATIONAL LINKS TO OTHER SPECIALTY AREAS

Studio Arts (Jewelry/Blacksmith/Textiles)

selkirk.ca/ksa

Bartending

www.webtender.com

www.fineart.ca

www.extremebartending.com

Chef / Culinary Arts

<http://new.artinstitutes.edu/areasofstudy>

www.okanagan.bc.ca

www.cordonbleu.edu

Eco Careers & Earth Science

www.eco.ca

<http://earthsciencescanada.com/careers/>

Firefighter

www.fire-etc.ca

<http://www.jibc.ca>

Hotel / Hospitality

www.go2hr.ca

www.tourismcollege.com

Information Technology Jobs

<http://www.discoveritt.org>

Paramedic

www.jibc.ca

www.sait.ca

Adventure Tourism

Mountain Adventure Skills

<http://www.cotr.bc.ca/tourism/>

Transportation

www.transpocity.ca

www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca (coast guard)

DO YOU WANT TO BE A POLICE OFFICER?

RCMP <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/> click on the “Recruiting Icon”

The RCMP offers a career like no other, with the opportunity to make a real difference serving and protecting the community in which you serve. The RCMP will be hiring up to 10,000 people nationally over the next five years. The RCMP is looking for people who have integrity, are honest, professional, compassionate, respectful and accountable.

General Requirements:

- Canadian Citizenship
- proficiency in English or French
- Canadian high school diploma
- Valid, unrestricted Canadian driver's licence
- 19 or older at the time of hiring (you can apply at 18)



In addition, the selection process consists of a comprehensive series of tests and interviews that will help the RCMP — and you — determine whether you are suited for a career with them.

CITY AND PROVINCIAL POLICE FORCES www.canadianpoliceservices.com/

In addition to the RCMP, there are many other city and provincial police forces in Canada. In British Columbia these forces include: Abbotsford, Delta, Esquimalt, New Westminster, Saanich, Victoria, Vancouver and West Vancouver. See Vancouver as an example below.

Vancouver Police Department <http://vancouver.ca/police/>

The Vancouver Police Department is looking for individuals who reflect the ethnicities and lifestyles of Vancouver; individuals who have a passion for policing and a desire to make a difference every day.

General Requirements:

- Minimum 19 years of age
- Excellent character
- Physically fit and in excellent health
- Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Grade 12 graduation or equivalent, plus one year of post-secondary education
- No criminal convictions, no adult criminal charges pending
- No history of improper conduct, poor employment, military, educational, or driving record
- A valid Class 5 driver's license with a good driving record
- Be able to type a minimum of 25 words per minute
- Applicants must also meet the visual acuity standards.



CISC – Criminal Intelligence Service Canada www.cisc.gc.ca/

Criminal Intelligence Service Canada (CISC) is an organization that provides the facilities to unite the criminal intelligence units of Canadian law enforcement agencies in the fight against organized crime and other serious crime in Canada. CISC is staffed from current members of the RCMP and members of associated Canadian police agencies.

DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THE MILITARY?

Do you want to get paid to go to school?
Are you looking for a tuition free education?
Consider all of these options!

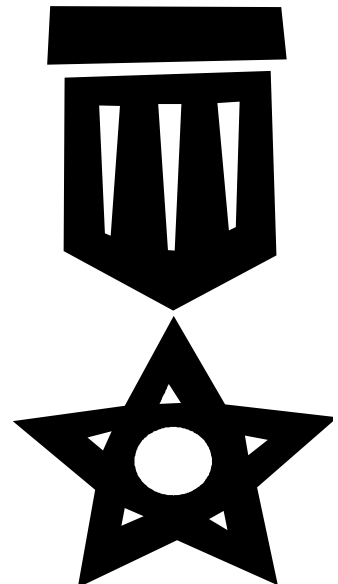
Royal Military College: www.rmc.ca

Apply to Canada's only Military College! Your tuition is covered and they actually pay you to go to school! If the program you are interested in is not available at RMC then they will pay for your education at another post secondary institution. Their mandate is to educate and train future leaders of the Canadian Forces. Because of their tradition of excellence, RMC graduates are in demand around the world, constantly sought after for military and high level civilian positions. RMC graduates go on to challenging and meaningful careers in the Canadian Forces.

Canadian Forces: www.forces.ca

Join the Army, Navy or Air Force for career opportunities in all areas from technology to trades to leadership. Get paid on-the-job training and experience with Canada's Department of National Defense.

- **Army:** Looking for more than an ordinary 9 to 5 routine? Consider the unique profession of arms. Challenging and richly rewarding.
- **Navy:** Canada has modern naval forces capable of performing a broad range of tasks. Canada's Navy conducts surveillance operations to protect the sovereignty of our coasts, and to defend Canadian waters against illegal fishing and ecological damage. The Navy also supports international initiatives for peace and humanitarian assistance.
- **Air Force:** Its main roles are surveillance and control of Canadian airspace; air transport of Canadian Forces personnel and equipment throughout the world; and support for Navy and Army operations. The Air Force also supports other federal departments by taking part (for example) in search-and-rescue and humanitarian-relief operations.



Canada Coast Guard: www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/



Imagine a professional career at sea! Head for the freedom, excitement and challenge of a sea-going career and become an Officer on board a Canadian Coast Guard ship. If you have what it takes, the Canada Coast Guard offers two 4-year programs: a Navigation Officer program or a Marine Engineering Officer program. Get free training, food and board, and get paid to learn an exciting career with the Canada Coast Guard!



GOING TO SCHOOL IN THE U.S.A.?

STEP #1: WRITE THE PSAT (Optional)

The PSAT is a practice SAT exam written in grade 10 and/or grade 11 at your home school. This is optional, yet highly recommended preparation for the SAT.

STEP #2: WRITE THE SAT or ACT REASONING TEST

For dates and registration:

SAT - www.collegeboard.com

ACT - www.act.org



These are standardized college/university entrance exams required for schools in the USA. There are limited sittings each year and students often need to write more than once. Check to see which test is accepted at your chosen post-secondary institution.

STEP #3: RESEARCH AMERICAN POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

- ◆ Verify out-of-country entrance requirements
- ◆ Verify specific requirements to your chosen program of study
- ◆ Research scholarships pertaining to your chosen school
- ◆ Be aware that each school may have totally different programs and policies

STEP #4: ATHLETICS



- ◆ Discuss athletic scholarships with your Canadian coach(es)
- ◆ Research US schools for your chosen sport and programs of study
- ◆ Prepare an “athletic resume” (website, dvd, skill evidence, references) and send to coaches
- ◆ Register online with the NCAA and send your SAT/ACT results with your transcript
- ◆ Discuss with coach the possibility of athletic and academic support
- ◆ Make your decision and sign a “letter of intent”

STEP #5: DOCUMENTATION

Verify all necessary documents for living in the USA
(i.e. passport, any appropriate visas, school/Ministry Transcripts, health insurance)



Remember
You are going to school in a foreign country!
Do your research!!!





Section D

FINANCIAL PLANNING

- **Cost Comparison of Education**
- **Moving Out**
- **Budget**



THE COST OF EDUCATION



A COMPARISON

This chart is accurate at the time of publication, but it is only intended as a guide.
Thoroughly research the price of the educational program you choose.

As a rough guide, popular estimates are \$ 7,000 / year living at home and \$ 14,000 / year living away.

	Okanagan College Heavy Duty Mechanic	Okanagan College University Transfer (Arts)	University of BC Okanagan (Arts)	University of Victoria (Arts)	University of Calgary (Arts)
Tuition			\$4,890	\$5,159	\$5,504
School Based Extended Health / Dental	\$5,028	\$3,998	\$661	\$760	\$1,198
Student Fees					
BC Medical	BC Medical Services Plan (MSP): http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/msp/infoben/premium.html <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If under age 19, students are listed under their parents' account. No cost. • For students age 19 and over, they are listed under their own account as an adult. If students earn less than 22,000/year, then they can apply for MSP Premium Assistance and there will be no cost for the MSP. 				
Books	\$1,000+	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700
Residence (double room)	live at home	live at home	live at home	Room & Food package deal	\$3,607
Food (small plan)	eat at home	eat at home	eat at home		\$7,379
TOTAL	\$6,028	\$5,698	\$7,251	\$14,998	\$15,250

These figures are approximate and will increase over time.









MOVIN' ON OUT!

FINDING A PLACE TO LIVE – Check the Classifieds!




-  www.castanet.net
-  www.kelownacapnews.com
-  www.kelownadailycourier.ca
-  www.rentbc.com

DECIDING ON THE 'RIGHT' PLACE

-  First and last months rent may be required in advance
-  Damage deposit (1/2 months rent minimum) usually required
-  Are pets allowed?
-  Is it an acceptable location? (close to store, bus stop, etc)
-  Parking? (covered, extra costs?)
-  Shared facilities? (laundry, cooking, etc)
-  Roommates?
-  Lease, rental agreement, month to month?







PLANNING THE MOVE

-  UTILITIES – If utilities are not included, arrange for connection/activation. Most utilities have connection fees on top of the regular monthly billing.

Note: As a new customer, you may also be required to make a substantial deposit or give a valid credit card number in your name before the utility connects.

- ◆ FORTIS BC (electric) – 1-866-436-7847
- ◆ FORTIS BC (natural gas) - 1-888-224-2710
- ◆ CITY OF KELOWNA (water, sewer) – 250-979-4928
- ◆ TELUS (telephone, internet, cable) – 250-310-2255
- ◆ SHAW (telephone, internet, cable) – 250-762-4433

MOVING IN ...

-  The landlord will tell you what time you can move in to your new 'home'!
-  The rental unit, including the carpets, should have been cleaned.
-  Make note of the condition of your new home on the rental agreement. Be sure to note any existing damages. Take pictures to protect yourself.
-  READ the ENTIRE rental agreement carefully before signing. Keep a copy in your personal files.

PROBLEMS? Contact the BC Residential Tenancy Branch at – 1-800-665-8779

BUDGET FOR YOUR NEXT STEP!

Complete the sections of the table that apply to you for your life after high school. The examples and totals are only suggestions. **LEAVE BLANK** the sections &/or line items that DO NOT apply to you.

INCOME / RESOURCES	Example Estimate		Your Totals	
	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly
Possible Income...				
Part time / Full time job	\$ 300	\$ 3,600		
Awards / Scholarships / Bursary		\$ 1,000		
Prior Savings (include RESP's)		\$ 5,000		
Loans		\$ 2,000		
Financial Gifts (i.e. money from family)	\$ 400	\$ 4,800		
TOTAL		\$ 16,400		

EXPENSES	Example Estimate		Your Totals	
	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly
Standard Expenses (for everyone)				
Cell Phone	\$ 50	\$ 600		
Cleaning Supplies / Laundry	\$ 15	\$ 180		
Food	\$ 300	\$ 3,600		
Meals / Entertainment (movies)	\$ 200	\$ 2,400		
Personal Incidentals (hair)	\$ 50	\$ 600		
Gifts (and Christmas)	\$ 20	\$ 240		
Medication	\$ 12	\$ 144		
Memberships (gym / ski)	\$ 50	\$ 600		
TOTAL		\$ 8,364		
Transportation Expenses...(for everyone)				
Bus pass	\$ 50	\$ 600		
Car – Gas	\$ 200	\$ 2,400		
Car – Payments	\$ 400	\$ 4,800		
Car – Maintenance / Repairs	\$ 300	\$ 3,600		
Car - Insurance	\$ 170	\$ 2,040		
TOTAL		\$ 13,440		
Are living on your own?				
Rent (your share)	\$ 400	\$ 4,800		
Cable, Internet, and TV	\$ 70	\$ 840		
Telephone and Long Distance	\$ 30	\$ 360		
Power / Water / Sewer	\$ 50	\$ 600		
Gas (Natural Gas)	\$ 50	\$ 600		
Furniture / TV / Computer		\$ 1,500		
Incidentals: Dishes / Appliances		\$ 400		
TOTAL		\$ 9,100		

EXPENSES	Example Estimate		Your Totals	
	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly
Are going to school?				
Residence / shared Room / Rent		\$ 3,200		
Tuition (average)		\$ 5,000		
Student Fees		\$ 800		
Books		\$ 2000		
Student Health / Dental Insurance		\$ 512		
Moving (to school and back)		\$ 1,000		
Travel (winter break, reading wk)		\$ 1,000		
TOTAL		\$ 13,512		
Are you working?				
Work Clothing / Tools /Equipment	\$ 100	\$ 1200		
Health and Dental Insurance		\$ 512		
TOTAL		\$ 1,712		
Are you traveling?				
Work / Travel Visa		\$ 200		
Immunization	Costs will vary depending on where, when, & how long you travel.	\$ 200		
Passport		\$ 110		
Flights		\$ 3,000		
Accommodation \$45/day		\$ 750		
Food/Meals/Beverages \$50/day	\$ 900			
Special Activities				
TOTAL		\$		

$$\$ \underline{\hspace{2cm}} - \$ \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \$ \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Income / Resources **Total Expenses** **Balance**

BALANCE: Your balance needs to be greater than or equal to zero. If your balance is negative, either increase your income or look to see where you can cut expenses. If your balance is positive, consider saving money for the following year(s).

NO MONEY? CONSIDER THESE OPTIONS...

SECTION A: If you're short of money and plan ahead, these programs are almost free!

- Okanagan College - Most of the OC trades programs are available to you.
- BCIT - Trades Programs: 3 trades programs plus 1 technology program are offered in Kelowna.
- Apprenticeship - Get school credits while learning a trade and a \$1,000 cash scholarship.

SECTION C:

- Royal Military College - www.rmc.ca Free tuition and get paid to go to school!
- Canadian Forces - www.forces.ca Get training and on-the-job experience!
- Canadian Coast Guard - www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca. Get training, all expenses paid, and get paid!



Section E

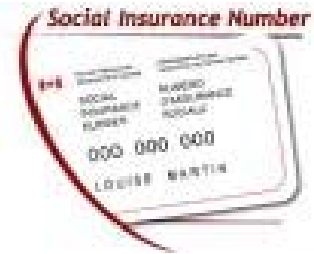
EMPLOYMENT WORLD OF WORK

- **Employment Offices**
- **Volunteer Opportunities**
- **Speciality Area Employment Sites**
- **Entrepreneur Information**
- **Resume & Cover Letter**

WORK AND FINDING A JOB

Get a Social Insurance Number:

- ➔ You need a Social Insurance Number to work at most jobs in Canada.
- ➔ You can apply for a SIN card at any Human Resources and Skills Development Centre of Canada or go online at <http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/sin/>
- ➔ Check the blue pages of a telephone book for the HRSDC nearest you. In Kelowna the address is 471 Queensway Ave. (Near the Downtown Bus Loop)
- ➔ Apply early as your card may take up to 6 weeks to arrive.



Employment Offices:

- **Service Canada** www.hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca
 - Downtown: 250-762-0731
 - Rutland: 250-765-2411
 - Westside: 250-768-8921
 - Lake Country: 250-766-1680
 - Peachland: 250-767-2607
- **HRSDC** job vacancy listing www.jobbank.gc.ca
- **Summer Student Employment Service** 250-762-JOBS. The office address moves each year but the phone number is always the same. This service will assist you in finding full time, part time, and casual work.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteering can be used to acquire many new skills, as well as enrich your life by helping others. Consider volunteering in a field of your career interest! Check out the following sites:

- **Volunteer Kelowna**
www.kcr.ca
- **Volunteer Opportunities in the Central Okanagan**
<http://kelowna.cioc.ca/volunteer/>
- **Volunteer Canada**
www.volunteer.ca

jobboom.com

Check out www.jobboom.com. This is an excellent website with Canadian National and Provincial job listings, career tips, career and job resources and information links.

SPECIALTY AREA EMPLOYMENT SITES

Local Sites:

Castanet – www.castanet.net

In the Classifieds section, choose Employment. Find a job or advertise for free that you are looking.

Kelowna Capital News Online Classified Ads – www.kelownacapnews.com

Kelowna Daily Courier Classified Ads – www.kelownadailycourier.ca

General Sites:

Federal Student Work Experience Program - www.jobs-emplois.gc.ca

This site provides summer job opportunities with the federal civil service.

Jobs Etc. - www.jobsetc.ca

This site is a comprehensive look at information on jobs, training, careers, and the workplace.

Service Canada: Finding A Job Website - <http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/lifeevents/job.shtml>

Amazing resources, tools and links for finding a job.

Workopolis - www.workopolis.com

This is Canada's biggest job site.

Youth Options BC - www.youth.gc.ca

This site provides information about 12 youth programs and their subsequent job postings.

Employment Standards in BC - www.labour.gov.bc.ca/esb/

This site outlines employment standards in BC – very important information for job seekers to have.

Job Specific Sites:

Jobs in Forestry: This site offers information about tree planting opportunities:

www.canadian-forests.com

Cruise Line Jobs: This site is a directory with contact information on cruise line jobs:

www.cruiselinejobs.com

www.carnival.com

www.royalcaribbean.com

www.celebritycruises.com

www.princess.com

<http://disneycruise.disney.go.com/>

Nannying: Check out the following websites to apply for a position as a nanny in a foreign country:

www.greataupair.com

www.nanny.org

www.aupairinamerica.com

<http://aupaireurope.ca/>

Entrepreneurship: Here are several sites devoted to helping young entrepreneurs:

www.youthbusiness.org

www.cfee.org

www.entreward.org

www.cybf.ca

www.strategis.ic.gc.ca

www.bdc.ca

www.youth.gc.ca

WRITING A RESUME – WHAT ARE YOUR SKILLS?

(From Service Canada's on line publication "Helping Youth Find a Job" www.servicecanada.gc.ca)

Do you have what it takes to be hired for the kind of job you want? Would you hire you? Think about how your skills, abilities, experiences, personal values and attitudes translate into skills you can market to possible employers.

Check off the descriptions in the left column that describe you. Use the corresponding descriptions in column on the right in your resume and the cover letter.

√ If you:	√ Tell an employer:
<input type="checkbox"/> Are good at talking on the phone...	<input type="checkbox"/> I communicate well. I am sociable and enjoy working with people.
<input type="checkbox"/> Are a natural at telling jokes and stories...	<input type="checkbox"/> I am self-assured and relate well to people. I enjoy speaking in public.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy numbers and solving math problems...	<input type="checkbox"/> I have great math skills. I am precise and analytical.
<input type="checkbox"/> Make or sew whatever you like, and friends and relatives compliment your work...	<input type="checkbox"/> I have excellent manual dexterity, fine motor skills, and an eye for detail.
<input type="checkbox"/> Are up on music and know every song on the charts...	<input type="checkbox"/> I learn quickly and have a good memory.
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep your promises and do what you say you will do...	<input type="checkbox"/> I am reliable and take commitment seriously.
<input type="checkbox"/> Practice every day at your favorite sport to be on the school team...	<input type="checkbox"/> I am persistent, determined, motivated and goal-oriented.
<input type="checkbox"/> Always keep your room neat and never lose anything...	<input type="checkbox"/> I am orderly. I have strong organizational skills.
<input type="checkbox"/> Care about people and are patient...	<input type="checkbox"/> I am caring, sensitive and people-oriented.
<input type="checkbox"/> Can think of ten different ways of doing everything...	<input type="checkbox"/> I am creative and have the ability to solve problems, come up with innovative solutions.
<input type="checkbox"/> Were the first one on your block to skateboard, rollerblade, spike your hair...	<input type="checkbox"/> I am flexible and adapt easily to new situations. I am comfortable with change.
<input type="checkbox"/> Love to shop, and find the best sales wherever you go...	<input type="checkbox"/> I am resourceful and have great budgeting skills.
<input type="checkbox"/> Like leading group/school projects and playing team sports...	<input type="checkbox"/> I work well as a team member and can take a leadership role.
<input type="checkbox"/> Are cool in tough situations when other people around you aren't...	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a good negotiator. I handle stress well and enjoy dealing with difficult situations.

RESUME AND COVER LETTER INFORMATION

This information will provide you with tips on how to put together a resume and a cover letter. A good resume and cover letter takes a lot of time and revision. They both must be easy to read, nice to look at and free from error. Both the resume and cover letter should highlight your strengths; you need to “sell yourself” to your perspective employer. Try and make your resume only one page in length. If necessary, add a second page for references.

Resume Guidelines

Follow the example on page 46. In addition, your resume should reflect you so there is no right and wrong way to organize your resume; however, there are some ways that are better than others. When writing your resume do the following:

- **Make your resume reflect your own personality.** Make it fun – use custom bullets – Don’t use a wizard! Make it you! For example, if you are applying for a job at a hair salon, use pictures of scissors as bullets.
- **Basic Information:** Give your name, full address, telephone number and e-mail
- **Job Objective:** Your work purpose – it must be specific
- **Skill Summary:** What you are good at doing – give details and examples (5 reasons why they should hire you) Use the “Skills you should tell an employer” from page 44 here.
- **Experience:** All the volunteer, paid and unpaid part time and full time work that you have done including babysitting, paper routes, shovelling driveways etc. EVERYTHING is good!
- **Education:** State your highest level of education and your academic and work ethic standing.
- **Interests:** List what you like to do and enjoy doing to give the employer a better idea of who you are.
- **Certificates:** St John Ambulance Standard First Aid, Superhost Certificate, Food Safe, Class IV Driver’s License and any others.
- **References:** Give the full name, position, telephone number, cell number, work number, email. Preferably no parents and only if you have actually worked for them. Do not write “available on request”.

Cover Letter Guidelines

Follow the directions on page 47. Your cover letter should physically look like the example without the border and title. Read all of the details on page 47 to learn what you should include in your cover letter. Also include the “skills” you identified on page 44.



First Name, Last Name

250-555-3333

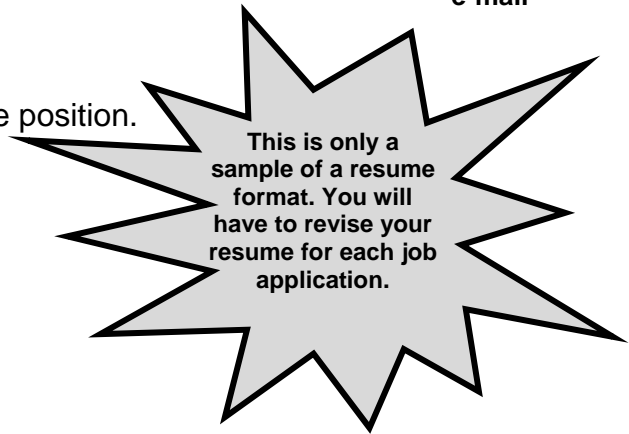
Street where you live, City, Province, Country
e-mail

Job Objective

Be specific including part time or full time, the place and the position.

Skill Summary *(see pg 47 for ideas)*

- ✦ Why should you get this position
- ✦ Tell the employer five things with details!
- ✦ Make sure you can prove why!
- ✦ Ex. Hard worker - takes initiative to complete tasks
- ✦ Ex. Punctual – on time for all my classes



Experience

Job Title / position – where and place

Start/End date

Description of duties above and beyond what is expected.

Childcare Giver – Smith Family - Kelowna, BC

Start/End date

Cared for three children at one time, one of them severely physically handicapped, for the duration of the summer.

Candy Striper – David Lloyd Jones Home, Kelowna, BC

Start/End date

Worked with the elderly. Played the piano for the choir. Spearheaded the reading project.

Education

- ✦ Currently enrolled in grade 12 at _____ School, Kelowna BC
- ✦ Completed grade 10 & 11 with honours standing

Interests

- | | | | |
|------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| ✦ Hiking | ✦ Camping | ✦ Skiing | ✦ Cooking |
| ✦ Playing guitar | ✦ Model planes | ✦ Twitter | ✦ Art |

Accomplishments and Certificates

- ✦ Super Host Fundamentals Certificate – date
- ✦ Work Ethic List of Distinction – year(s)

References

Name, Name	Name, Name	Name, Name
Position, title	Position, title	Position, title
City, Province	City, Province	City, Province
Home:	Home:	Home:
Work:	Work:	Work:
Cell:	Cell:	Cell:
Email:	Email:	Email:

SOME COVER LETTER HELP

(this information was adapted from HRDC – CCC information)

Name (first and last)
Return Address (yours)
City, Province
Postal Code

Today's date

Company Name
Employer's Name (hopefully the person who does the hiring – if you don't have one get one!)
Their Position (Title)
Street Address or Box Number
City, Province
Postal Code

Dear Mr./Ms. Employer's Name: (ensure the spelling of the name is accurate)

Opening Paragraph: State why you are writing, how you learned of the job opening, and the name of the position you are seeking (give the job number if you have one). Remember that employers receive hundreds of letters, so begin your letter with a strong statement.

Body Paragraphs: These paragraphs will make your cover letter stand out from other candidates. Use this space to arouse curiosity in the employer. Describe why you are interested in the position. Specify your qualifications (education, skills, experience, attributes) as they relate to the needs of the employer. Write about what you can do for the employer rather than what they can do for you. Be sure to keep paragraphs short and go beyond what is highlighted in your resume.

Closing Paragraph: Politely close your letter. Make a specific request for an interview and indicate to the employer when you will be available and how you can be reached. State if you will follow up with a phone call to arrange a convenient time to meet or speak on the phone. Thank the employer for her or his time and consideration.

Sincerely,

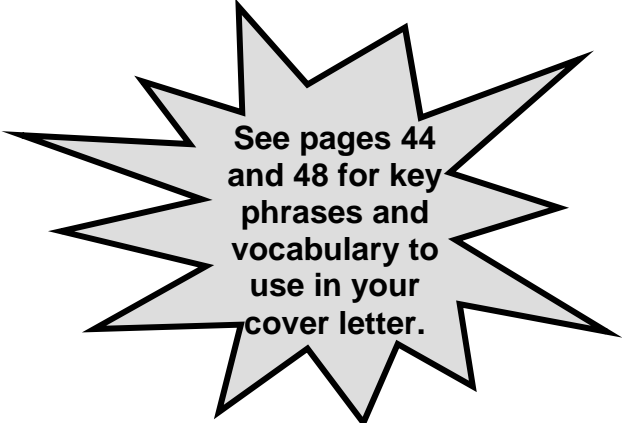
<sign here>

Your Name (typed)

Enclosure (means resume is attached)



This is what your cover letter should look like. Remember, spacing and formatting matter!



See pages 44 and 48 for key phrases and vocabulary to use in your cover letter.

JOB SEARCH VOCABULARY - RESUME & COVER LETTER

Use the words that describe you best in your resume and cover letter!

Sample list of Skills (things that you can do)

Planning	Motivating	Supervising	Explaining
Leading	Writing	Coordinating	Innovating
Communicating	Creating	Analyzing	Decision making
Persuading	Attending to details	Selling	Bookkeeping
Coaching	Budgeting	Instructing	Tracing details
Teaching	Managing time	Finding solutions	Increasing profit
Solving problems	Increasing productivity	Keeping records	Stimulating sales
Resolving conflicts	Stimulating growth	Mediating	

Personal Qualifications (words used to describe yourself)

Reliable	Professional	Talented	Analytic
Well organized	Dependable	Able	Skilled
Self motivated	Quick learner	Efficient	Adept
Imaginative	Self starter	Exceptional	Competent
Smart	Bright	Devoted	Proficient
Thorough	Intelligent	Aggressive	Congenial
Persuasive	Conscientious	Genial	Energetic
Friendly	Diplomatic	Truthful	Assertive
Loyal	Outgoing	Patient	Gregarious
Practical	Persistent	Poised	Composed
Active	Problem solver	Astute	Even tempered
Trustworthy	Calm	Perceptive	Rational
Dedicated	Inquisitive	Curious	Discerning
Methodical	Giving	Sensible	Thoughtful
Creative	Productive	Precise	Flexible
Clever	Original	Insightful	Caring
Systematic	Businesslike	Versatile	Responsible
			Organized

Action Words (words used to say what you have accomplished)

Developed	Managed	Dispatched	Presented
Controlled	Negotiated	Budgeted	Identified
Performed	Trained	Appraised	Examined
Designed	Provided	Lectured	Engineered
Operated	Coordinated	Interviewed	Packaged
Monitored	Authored	Logged	Collected
Generated	Recommended	Patented	Saved
Revised	Analyzed	Edited	Coached
Supervised	Reviewed	Vended	Counselled
Enhanced	Compiled	Rescued	Estimated
Wrote	Produced	Accomplished	Screened
Debugged	Adapted	Reorganized	Audited
Conceived	Planned	Improved	Tested
Executed	Modified	Invented	Elicited
Assisted	Determined	Contacted	Advertised
Corresponded	Augmented	Programmed	Fired
Documented	Purchased	Prepared	Posted
Initiated	Proposed	Taught	Steered
Advised	Evaluated	Discovered	Transcribed
Implemented	Streamlined	Constructed	Completed
Maintained	Persuaded	Repaired	Delivered
Explained	Promoted	Inspected	Restored
Suggested	Simplified	Cultivated	Founded
Adjusted	Arranged	Manufactured	Expanded
Created	Recognized	Lobbied	Reduced
Instructed	Placed	Hired	Served
Built	Investigated	Catalogued	Won
Reported	Researched	Inventoried	Instituted
Organized	Assembled	Translated	Made
Acquired	Installed	Displayed	Approved



Section F

TRAVEL

- **Organized Travel Programs**
- **Travel Tips & Assistance**
 - **Hostels**
 - **Discount Airlines**
 - **Health Considerations**
- **Canadian Government Travel Info**

ORGANIZED TRAVEL PROGRAMS

- **Canada World Youth** www.canadaworldyouth.org
Discover another country and another part of Canada. Learn about social justice and development issues, live and work with people from other cultures to acquire practical work experience, leadership and language skills AND gain credit for a post-secondary course or program.
- **Government of Canada Youth Travel and Work Programs** www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca
If you are between 18 and 30 years of age and interested in traveling or working overseas, the Government of Canada has programs that can help you achieve your goal.
- **Global Vision International** www.gvi.co.uk/
GVI is a non-political, non-religious organisation, which runs over 100 projects in 25 countries. GVI volunteers fill a critical void in the fields of environmental research, conservation, education and community development.
- **HELPX** www.helpx.net
HelpX acts as a liaison between independent hosts (families or employers seeking assistance in return for housing) and helpers (labourers looking for the opportunity to stay somewhere new) for a minimal one-time fee. Host offer positions including farming, reception, goat herder & childcare.
- **Latitude Canada** www.latitudecanada.org/
Latitude is a charity that provides international volunteering opportunities for 17-25 year olds. Students are placed in schools, outdoor camps, and community non-profit organizations in over 20 countries for periods lasting between four to twelve months.
- **Projects Abroad** <http://www.projects-abroad.ca/>
Projects Abroad offers overseas voluntary work placements, Gap Year projects, and intern placements in Latin America, Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe, and the South Pacific.
- **Rotary Youth Exchange** www.rotary.org
Youth Exchange provides youth with the opportunity to meet people from other lands and to experience their cultures by living in a foreign country with host families for a year.
- **Shecana International** www.shecana.ca
For high school graduates, Shecana offers gap-year programs including study abroad, working holidays and cultural exchanges. Many programs feature pre-arranged accommodation and an on-site representative to meet and assist the traveller at his or her destination.
- **Youth Challenge International** www.yci.org
Students participate in overseas international development projects in partnership with local youth-serving organizations.
- **Youth With a Mission – Missions Trips (YWAM)** www.ywam.org
Students go on foreign missions trips with other young Christians.
- **World-Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms** www.wwoof.org
WWOOF is dedicated to helping those who would like to volunteer on organic farms.

For opportunities that combine employment and travel see page 43



TRAVEL TIPS / ASSISTANCE

Destination Information – www.lonelyplanet.com/worldguide

Hostelling Information:

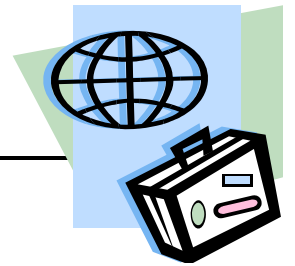
Hostelling International <http://www.hihostels.com/>

This is the brand name of more than 90 Youth Hostel Associations in over 80 countries, operating 4,000+ hostels. Unlike bland motels, impersonal hotels or dodgy backpackers, HI Youth Hostels are clean, fun, lively meeting places, full of like-minded people.

Hostels.com <http://www.hostels.com/en/index.html>

This site is an extensive hostel database. This site also links to Rail and other transportation information.

Backpack Europe on a Budget: <http://www.backpackeurope.com/>



Transportation Links:

Travel Discounters Help you plan the most economical means of travel transportation.

www.travelcuts.com

www.redtag.ca

www.kayak.com

www.airtransat.com

www.escapes.ca

www.travelocity.com

www.cheaptickets.ca

Rail Europe <http://www.raileurope.com/>

European Discount Airlines <http://www.ryanair.com/en> www.easyjet.com

Health Considerations:

- ✦ See your doctor to arrange appropriate immunization **approximately six months ahead of your departure date.**

Interior Health Authority

250-868-7700

Travel Vaccination Centre - Kelowna

250-860-6295

Travel Clinic & Vaccination Centre - Kelowna

250-868-9797

- ✦ Purchase travel insurance and health insurance, sold at most travel agencies and often by airlines at the time of ticket purchase. Be sure to ask questions about the policy. Some policies do not cover “dangerous” adventure type activities.

BCAA www.bcaa.com

Travel Guard www.travelguard.ca

Travel Insurance Quotes www.travelinsurancequotes.ca

- ✦ Prepare a travel first aid kit specific to your itinerary. This kit might include items such as antibiotics, water pills, prescriptions, gastrointestinal remedies, etc.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TRAVEL INFORMATION

Government of Canada Travel Links:



Canadian Passport Information <http://www.ppt.gc.ca/>

(A full service passport office is located in the Capri Center Mall.)

Your passport is the only evidence of your Canadian Citizenship and identity that is accepted in all countries. Because a passport is now required even to fly into the United States, the processing period for a passport application has increased. Ideally you should apply for a passport 6 months before your trip to avoid any problems. **It is important to note that to enter most countries your passport must be valid for 6 months after your date of entry.**

To apply for a passport, download the application at the above link. Very carefully complete the application as it will be denied for the smallest of errors. Take the completed application and all supporting documents including your photos to the Passport Canada Office here in Kelowna to get your passport within 10-15 days.



Youth Travel Website http://www.youth.gc.ca/eng/life_events/travelling.shtml

Get prepared and make the most of your trip. Find out how to save money while traveling. Learn more about international tourist destinations, find out what to see and do across the nation, and search for career opportunities in the tourism industry.

Canadian Consular Affairs <http://www.voyage.gc.ca/>

Information and Assistance for Canadians abroad. Check out this website to find links to foreign travel visas, travel warnings, and guides to make your travel experience easier. Includes links for emergency telephone numbers, registration of Canadians abroad, and information on disease related issues.

TIP! Make a copy of your passport, your flight and hotel information and any other credit, debit or ID cards you are taking with you and leave this with a responsible person at home. In case of theft or loss you can call home to get the information on these documents.

Government of Canada Publications: <http://travel.gc.ca/travelling/publications>

These plus other guides are available. Order at 1-800-267-8376 or view online.

- ➔ “Bon Voyage, But ...” Essential Information for Canadian Travellers
- ➔ “Her Own Way: A Woman’s Safe-Travel Guide”
- ➔ Registration of Canadians Abroad: A Free Service That Could Save Your Life
- ➔ “Living Abroad: A Canadian's Guide to Working, Studying, Volunteering or Retiring in a Foreign Country”
- ➔ “Teaching English in Korea” (online only)
- ➔ “Teaching English in Japan” (online only)
- ➔ “Teaching English in Taiwan” (online only)



Section G

FUNDING for POST- SECONDARY EDUCATION

- Sources of Funding
- Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBSS)
- Alphabetical Listing of Financial Awards and Scholarships

SOURCES OF FUNDING

1. GRADE 12 GRADUATION PROGRAM EXAMINATIONS SCHOLARSHIP

These Scholarships are based on performance on Provincial examinations written in academic courses. These awards are \$1,000 each and given to each student who satisfies the following criteria. The top 20 students in BC will each receive \$2500.

To be eligible for this Scholarship a student must:

1. Write five graduation exams. (En 10, Sc 10, a Math 10, SS 11 or FNS 12 and an En 12)
2. Complete both the course and the exam.
3. Achieve a minimum 73% blended final mark (school + exam) in English 12.
4. Rank among the top 5,000 grade 12 students in BC.

The Ministry of Education will average each student's five exams and award \$1000 to the top ranking 5,000 grade 12 students in the province.



3. DISTRICT AUTHORITY AWARDS

District Authority Awards are awarded to graduating students who have excelled in Fine Arts, Applied Skills, Physical Activity, Second Languages, Community Service/Leadership, or Technical & Trades Training. Winners of these scholarships receive a \$500 cheque and an additional \$500 if they enrol in a recognized post-secondary institution. There are 5,500 awards available province wide with district awards allocated based on enrolment.

To qualify, a student must:

- Create a portfolio or project to be presented to the school scholarship committee demonstrating exceptional skill in Fine Arts, Applied Skills, Physical Activity, Second Languages, Community Service/Leadership, or Technical & Trades Training.
- Have completed graduation requirements
- Complete the school application package

Students are eligible for both a Graduation Program Examinations Scholarship and a District Authority Award.

4. B.C. LOANS: Student Aid BC www.studentaidbc.ca

Student Aid BC helps eligible students with the cost of their post-secondary education through loans, grants, bursaries, scholarships and special programs. It offers a **single application process for loans, grants**, and one place to address repayment issues and inquiries. The site will help students **plan their careers, education & finances; explore funding options; apply for student financial assistance; and maintain their loan.**

SOURCES OF FUNDING

5. FEDERAL (Government of Canada) LOANS www.canlearn.ca

Canada Student Loan Program (C.S.L.P), offered by the Federal Government and administered by the Provincial Government, offers a repayable loan requiring no payment on principal or interest until six months after the student ceases full time studies. In addition, the CanLearn website gives information on additional loans, grants and scholarships.

6. STUDENT LINE OF CREDIT

A Student Line of Credit is a type of loan for educational purposes available through most major banking institutions. It typically has a lower interest rate than a regular line of credit and allows the student the flexibility of accessing money, within a specified limit, as needed. Each banking institution will have its own application guidelines and rules.

7. WEBSITES

Student Awards.Com www.studentawards.com

Studentawards.com is a FREE scholarship search service devoted to helping high school seniors, university and college students find information on scholarships, bursaries, grants and other forms of financial assistance.

Scholarships Canada.Com www.scholarshipscanada.com

ScholarshipsCanada.com is an educational site for students to find scholarships, student awards, bursaries and grants. Students can search for scholarships by name, school, field of study and scholarship provider.

Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada www.aucc.ca (select "Programs and Scholarships" - "Scholarships")

For over 45 years, AUCC has been managing scholarship programs and distributing millions of scholarship dollars to students in pursuing postsecondary education.

School Finder.Com <http://www.schoolfinder.com>

Create a free account, complete your profile, and have access to a variety of services including scholarships relevant to your profile.

Student Scholarships.Org www.studentscholarships.org

Internet's leading source for finding scholarship money.

CENTRAL OKANAGAN BURSARY AND SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY (COBSS)

APPLICATION DUE IN JANUARY

www.cobss.ca

The Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society is a local, non-profit organization run by volunteers who are committed to providing SD#23 students with financial assistance for their post-secondary education. This society is unique in Canada and our students are fortunate to have such an accessible source of funds. Students complete an on-line application package that makes them eligible for hundreds of awards donated by local families, businesses, and organizations.

OVER 400 TOTAL AWARDS (Specific Criteria and General Criteria):

All students are encouraged to investigate and apply for COBSS awards. Because the criteria for each bursary is set by the donors, there is a wide variety of awards. Most students will find that they are eligible for an award!

COBSS and its donors select the recipients of these awards from student applicants throughout School District #23. Schools do **NOT** determine bursary recipients, but do assist COBSS in compiling student applications.

COBSS bursaries given out in June 2015 must be used by March 1, 2016.



APPLICATION PROCESS:

Students who wish to apply must meet the following criteria established by COBSS (*criteria subject to change*):

- Must attend an information meeting to learn about the application process (December)
- Must have applied to and are planning to attend an accredited post-secondary institution
- Must have a 60% GPA
- Must be a Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant
- Must submit application package on time
- Must live in the geographical boundaries of SD No. 23

NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS:

Successful candidates will receive bursaries at either the school graduation ceremonies or at a separate award evening.

In addition to the COBSS awards, schools may have bursaries which are independently awarded. See a Counsellor for more information.

FREE MONEY!!

**There are hundreds of scholarships and bursaries available ...
so take the time to research and apply!!**

LISTING OF AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND BURSARIES



BE SURE TO VISIT THESE HELPFUL SITES:

www.studentscholarships.org
www.scholarshipscanada.com
www.studentawards.com



The following list of financial scholarships and awards is representative of the many possibilities available. Students need to thoroughly research and apply for all financial awards.
DEADLINES MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE ~ PLAN AHEAD & RESEARCH CAREFULLY!

-----SEPTEMBER DEADLINES-----

A.S. MATHESON EDUCATION AWARD (C.O.T.A.)

- Must be the son or daughter of a current or retired C.O.T.A. member
- See your school counsellor for further information or contact C.O.T.A. at 250-860-3866

BC PRINCIPALS' & VICE-PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION (BCPVPA) SCHOLARSHIPS

- www.bcpvpa.bc.ca (follow scholarship link)
- Academic excellence and leadership within the school and community
- Must be the son or daughter of a current or retired BCPVPA member

C.O.T.A. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

- Must be the son or daughter of a current or retired C.O.T.A. member
- See your school counsellor for further information or contact C.O.T.A. at 250-860-3866

KHALSA CREDIT UNION

- www.khalsacreditunion.ca
- Awarded to a Sikh community youth with outstanding school and Sikh Religious Achievement

-----OCTOBER DEADLINES-----

LORAN AWARDS & MOREHEAD

- www.loranaward.ca
- 85% average in grades 8-12 with exceptional community service

T.D. CANADA TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- www.tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship
- Demonstrated outstanding community leadership with strong academic skills

-----DECEMBER DEADLINES-----

B.C. COWBOY HERITAGE SOCIETY

- www.bcchs.com/scholarships.html
- 3 categories of awards: original art, crafts, original poem or short story

2015 BEST PRICE NUTRITION FITNESS & HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP

- <http://www.bestpricenutrition.com/scholarship.html>
- \$1,000 scholarship
- Complete online survey as application

SHAD VALLEY

- www.shad.ca
- An innovative leadership program focusing on science, technology and entrepreneurship

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

- <http://www.registrar.ualberta.ca/ro.cfm?id=2>
- 80% average or higher, applying to U of A for Sept. of grad year

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY: MAJOR ADMISSION AWARDS

- <http://www.queensu.ca/studentawards/financialassistance/admissionscholarships.html#admisbursaries>

ROYAL BANK STUDENTS LEADING CHANGE SCHOLARSHIPS

- <https://scholarships.rbc.com/StudentsLeadingChange.aspx> (no deadline posted but info available in Dec.)

-----JANUARY DEADLINES-----

ART INSTITUTE OF VANCOUVER

- <http://www.artinstitutes.edu/vancouver>
- Select the *Financial Aid* tab and scroll to the bottom of the page to open scholarship and bursary information.

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES

- <https://indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships/>
- Applicants must be Canadian resident Aboriginal individuals who are either First Nations status or non-status Inuit or Metis & recognized by the Federal Government, enrolled in full-time post-secondary studies

BURGER KING SCHOLARSHIP

- <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars/>
- Assists employees, employees' spouses, employees' children and high school seniors in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada in continuing their education.

BCIT ENTRANCE AWARDS (January & August deadlines)

- www.bcit.ca/finaid
- Numerous scholarships with different criteria

CENTRAL OKANAGAN BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY

- www.cobss.ca
- Applications available from your school Counsellor – see page 54

UNION PLUS SCHOLARSHIP

- <http://www.unionplus.org/college-education-financing/union-plus-scholarship>
- Current and retired members of unions participating in any Union Plus program, their spouses and their dependent children (as defined by IRS regulations)

SENATE PAGE PROGRAM

- <http://www.parl.gc.ca/Employment/Senate/PageProgram/selection-e.htm>
- Must be a bilingual, full time student in 1 of the 4 National Capital Region Universities

TOP 20 UNDER 20

- <http://www.top20under20.ca/en/Apply/HowToApply.htm> or email info@youth-in-motion.ca
- For visionary leaders who have used innovation to change in life, school, community, province or country

-----FEBRUARY DEADLINES-----

TRIUMF HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

- <http://www.triumf.ca/outreach/high-school-fellowship>
- Completed Physics 11 & 12 with excellence
- 6 week research experience in Vancouver with housing & transportation covered to earn \$3000

BC GOVERNMENT & SERVICE EMPLOYEES' UNION

- www.bcgeu.ca
- Must be related to a BCGEU member, "C" or better GPA & essay required

BCSTA STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS (B.C. SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION)

- <http://www.bcsta.org/content/student-resources>
- Applicants must have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in their schools and in their communities

KINSMEN AND KINETTES BURSARY

- <http://www.kincanada.ca/bursaries>
- Must demonstrate high ideals and qualities of citizenship. Applicants need not be connected to Kin.

TERRY FOX HUMANITARIAN AWARD

- www.terryfox.org/
- Recognized for dedication to community service, humanitarianism, perseverance and courage in the face of obstacles, and the pursuit of excellence in fitness and academics

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AWARDS (due dates vary, MES & CBS due in February)

- www.students.ubc.ca/finance/awards.cfm
- **AFFILIATION SCHOLARSHIPS** - Grade 11 students visit campus
- **AFFILIATION SCHOLARSHIPS** - Over 40 scholarships each with different criteria
- **DKE UNIVERSITY HOUSING SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY** - For males entering 1st year at UBC in September of graduating year
- **MAJOR ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS**
- **PHI ALPHA of DELTA KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP** - For male students demonstrating leadership, community involvement, academics, athletics

BC GOVERNMENT & SERVICE EMPLOYEES' UNION

- http://www.bcgeu.ca/member_resources_scholar
- Must be related to a BCGEU member

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY: ADMISSION BURSARIES

- <http://www.queensu.ca/studentawards/financialassistance/admissionscholarships.html#admisbursaries>

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA ABORIGINAL STUDENT AWARDS

- www.gotoapply.ca/RBC
- Recipients selected based on personal and academic achievements

-----MARCH DEADLINES-----

BC ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH-CARE AUXILIARIES TRIBUTE BURSARY

- <http://www.bchealthcareaux.org/youthvolunteerprogram.htm>
- Must attend a post-secondary institution in a human healthcare field and has done 100 hours in an Auxiliary sponsored program.

BC HYDRO SCHOLARSHIPS

- www.bchydro.com/scholarships
- Awarded to students who are leaders and role models in their school and community

BC SOCCER ASSOCIATION

- <http://www.bcsoccer.net/scholarships>
- Must have played with a team affiliated with BCSA for a minimum of 3 years

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU OF MAINLAND B.C. STUDENT ETHICS AWARD

- www.bbbvan.org
- Must have high ethics demonstrated through leadership, community service & academic history

BC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S ASSOCIATION

- <http://www.bcssa.org/resources/scholarships>
- Essay scholarship for students planning on pursuing a teaching career.

B.C. CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

- <http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/awards-studentadult>
- Must be well-rounded Gr 12 student who plans to pursue post-secondary studies.

COLONEL DOUGLAS H. GUNTER HISTORY/AWARD

- <http://www.warmuseum.ca/education/programs/the-colonel-douglas-h-gunter-award/>
- The award support a student who plans to continue their studies in the field of history.

JACK FARLEY YOUTH SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- www.bcsportshalloffame.com
- One outstanding male and female amateur athlete involved in either their community or school sports

LEONARD FOUNDATION

- <http://www.leonardfnd.org/>
- All applicants considered but preference given to children of ordained clergy, school teachers, military personnel, or members of Engineering Institute of Canada

OKANAGAN COLLEGE ENTRANCE AWARDS

- www.okanagan.bc.ca/page15015.aspx
- Various awards for students entering OK College September after graduation

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BC

- <http://www.unbc.ca/financial-aid/undergraduate-awards-overview>
- Search the awards guide for UNBC to see specific award criteria.

PROSPERA JUMP START EDUCATION AWARD PROGRAM

- <https://www.prospera.ca/Community/CommPrograms/SupportEd/index.jsp>
- Must be a Prospera Credit Union Member for at least one year.

REMAX “QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE” BURSARIES

- <http://www.remax-western.ca/quest-excellence>
- In an essay, students convey their contributions to the community (leadership, motivation, communication)

RETAIL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

- www.retaileducation.ca
- Must be pursuing an education in a retail or business-related post-secondary program

SCOUTS CANADA BURSARY

- <http://www.scouts.ca/ca/how-apply-scholarship>
- Applicants must write a statement, no more than 200 words, on the value of Scouting in their life

COAST CAPITAL EDUCATION SAVINGS AWARDS

- www.coastcapitalsavings.com/awards
- For students who have demonstrated significant personal growth or community leadership

-----APRIL DEADLINES-----

BC CATTLEMEN’S ASSOCIATION

- www.cattlemen.bc.ca/bursarygrant.htm
- Award for students in any course of study who come from a rural area where cattle are raised

BC HOCKEY SCHOLARSHIPS

- www.bchockey.net/Awards/Scholarships.aspx
- Must be a registered member of BC Hockey or a former member playing in the WHL

BC HOUSING BURSARY

- <http://www.bchousing.org/tenants/services/educationawards>
- Awarded to students living in subsidized housing in BC & going on to post-secondary schooling in September of grad year

BC HYDRO POWER PIONEERS SERVICE AWARD

- www.powerpioneers.com
- Essay submission on energy conservation, sustainability, safety or teamwork

BC SPORTS HALL OF FAME and MUSEUM – JACK FARLEY YOUTH SPORTS AWARD

- <http://www.bcsportshalloffame.com/about-us/scholarships/>
- Involved in either community or school sports

BC TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- http://www.bctia.org/Programs/Tech_Scholarship/
- Must be enrolled in a technology-focused program with plans to pursue a tech related career

C.O.T.A. SCHOLARSHIPS

- Must be the son or daughter of a current or retired C.O.T.A. member.
- Technical Training Bursary (\$1,000)
- Fine Arts Scholarship (\$1,000)
- Ev Greenaway Vocational/Trades Bursary (\$1,000)
- See your school counsellor for further information or contact C.O.T.A. at 250-860-3866

DISTRICT AUTHORITY AWARDS

- Ask at your school's Counselling/Career Centre for the appropriate contact person

EDUCATION FACILITY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION of BC BURSARY

- <http://www.efmabc.com/>
- Must be dependents of school district employees in the school plant area (ie: maintenance or custodial)

IODE – Okanagan Thompson Visual & Performing Arts

- Must demonstrate financial need and is pursuing study in the Visual and Performing Arts.
- For more info write to: Ms. Anne Milsom, 202-1045 Sutherland Ave, Kelowna BC, V1Y 5Y1

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - KELOWNA

- www.kelownalegion.ca
- Preference will be given to those related to Ex-Service personnel however other applications may also be considered.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #26 BURSARIES

- <http://www.kelownalegion.ca/bursary.php>
- Demonstrate financial need with preference given to children and grandchildren of veterans and ex-service personnel

PUBLIC GUARDIAN & TRUSTEE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FUND

- <http://www.trustee.bc.ca/services/estate-and-personal-trust-services/pages/pgt-educational-assistance-fund.aspx>
- Must be a former permanent ward of the Ministry of Social Services of British Columbia, its predecessor or successor, or have been in continuing custody of the British Columbia Ministry for Children and Family Development under the *Child, Family and Community Services Act* or predecessor laws
- Must be at least 19 years of age as of the date studies commence

ROTARY CLUB OF KEOWNA FOUNDTION STRIVE SCHOLARSHIP

- <http://www.rotaryclubofkelownafoundation.com/strive.html>
- Demonstrated positive behavioural change through improved attendance, work habits, attitude towards learning resulting in improved grades over grade 11 and 12 years

UFCW & OFG JOINT DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

- www.owfg.com/diversity
- Must have demonstrated involvement in diversity initiatives in their school or community.

MAY DEADLINES

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES SCHOLARSHIP

- <http://www.fitnessexercises.tv/scholarships.php>
- Must answer 2 essay questions

MONSANTO CANADA INC. OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

- <http://www.monsanto.ca/ourcommitments/Pages/OpportunityScholarship.aspx>
- Awarded to students from agricultural or forestry family farms who plan to pursue careers in agricultural sciences or forestry

MC CREATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

- Demonstrate aptitude for vocation of fashion, beauty and/or wellness
- Must display creative ability in art, music, photography or other avenue
- Must have excellent attendance record & demonstrate community involvement
- Email heli@marvelcollege.com for a copy of the paper application.

QUEST OF EXCELLENCE SCHOOL BURSARY PROGRAM (RE/MAX)

- <http://www.remax-western.ca/quest-excellence>
- Demonstrate a passion for and dedication in one of the following topics: Leadership, Sports, Technology & Trades, Performing Arts, Fine Arts, Community/Volunteer Service

-----JUNE DEADLINES-----

ASSOC. OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS & GEOSCIENTISTS OF BC SCHOLARSHIP

- <http://www.apeg.bc.ca/students/scholarships/index.html>
- Students must be entering UBC, SFU or UVic leading to a degree in engineering or geosciences OR entering a college/university college engineering transfer program.

BC SCHOOL SPORTS (BCSS)

- <http://www.bcschoolsports.ca/recognition/scholarships>
- **DAVE GIFFARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** - Have competed in a **MINIMUM** of 2 BCSS sports in Grade 12 year and have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- **ZONE SCHOLARSHIPS** - Have competed in at least 1 BCSS sports in Grade 12 year and have a minimum 3.0 GPA

COUNCIL OF FOREST INDUSTRIES – ANNUAL CONVENTION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

- www.cofi.org
- Ten \$1000 scholarships to students enrolling in a forest sector (professional, technical or trades) program.

NATIONAL UNION SCHOLARSHIPS

- <http://nupge.ca/> (search scholarships or scroll down to link on lower right corner of site)
- A variety of scholarships are offered. Must be a member of the Union.

-----JULY DEADLINES-----

BC ELECTRICAL ASSOCIATION KELOWNA

- http://www.bcea.bc.ca/scholarship_bursary.php
- pursuing a career in Electrical, Marketing, Electrical Engineering, Business, or Mechanical Engineering

BCSSA SCHOLARSHIPS

- <http://www.bcsummerswimming.com/scholarships.html>
- Scholarships from the BC Summer Swimming Association

BC ROAD BUILDERS – BETTY SPALTON SCHOLARSHIPS

- www.roadbuilders.bc.ca/education_fund.php
- For students entering studies leading to a career in road building, road maintenance, or heavy construction.

-----AUGUST DEADLINES-----

BCIT ENTRANCE AWARDS (January & August deadlines)

- www.bcit.ca/finaid
- Numerous scholarships with different criteria

BILL KEHLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- <http://cfr.ca/>
- For students with academic interests in broadcasting or agriculture

Research these awards early for the deadlines that apply to you.

ABORIGINAL MULTI MEDIA SOCIETY ~ ABORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIP / BURSARY GUIDE

- <http://www.ammsa.com/community-access/scholarships>
- Listings and online resources

BC EPILEPSY SOCIETY

- http://www.bcepilepsy.com/programs_and_services/Scholarships.aspx
- must be member of society & must demonstrate educational commitment, volunteer work, & other interests

CANADIAN TOURISM COLLEGE

- www.tourismcollege.com
- Must be registered at the college; essay submission about the Travel & Tourism industry

SFU ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

- <http://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid/entrance/canadianhs.html>
- Numerous scholarships/bursaries/awards with different criteria and different deadlines

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP

- <http://www.ucalgary.ca/studentfinance/awards/prospective/high>
- These awards can be scholarships - based mainly on your academic standing, or bursaries in which you must have financial need along with academic merit

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE EARLY ENTRANCE AWARDS

- <https://discover.uleth.ca/highschool-student/scholarships.ezc>
- Numerous scholarships/bursaries/awards with different criteria

IF YOU OR A FRIEND NEED HELP, CALL:

Need Help Right Now? Call and Speak to a Counsellor

(free, 24/7, anonymous, confidential, non-judgemental)

KidsHelpPhone.ca = 1-800-668-6868

Help Line = 310-1234 (no area code needed)

ABUSE / ASSAULT

Elizabeth Fry Society 250-763-4613

Youth Against Violence Line 1-800-680-4264

CRISIS / EMERGENCY

Crisis and Suicide Prevention 1-800-SUICIDE
Helpline for Youth 310-1234 (no area code needed)

Kelowna Crisis Line 1-800-353-CARE

COMMUNITY/COUNSELLING SERVICES

Arc Programs 250-763-2978

Child & Youth Mental Health 250-861-7301

Kelowna Community Resources 250-763-8008

DEATH/GRIEF

Bereavement Helpline 1-877-779-2223

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Kelowna Alcohol & Drug Services 250-868-7788

Narcotics Anonymous 1-877-604-7613

PREGNANCY/BIRTH CONTROL

Kelowna 250-868-7700

Rutland 250-980-4825

Westside 250-980-5150

www.optionsforsexualhealth.org 1-800-SEX-SENSE

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

www.optionsforsexualhealth.org 1-800-SEX-SENSE

STI / HIV Clinic 250-868-7700

PARENTING / FAMILY

Okanagan Families Society 250-763-0456

FOOD / SHELTER

Penny Lane 250-861-5593

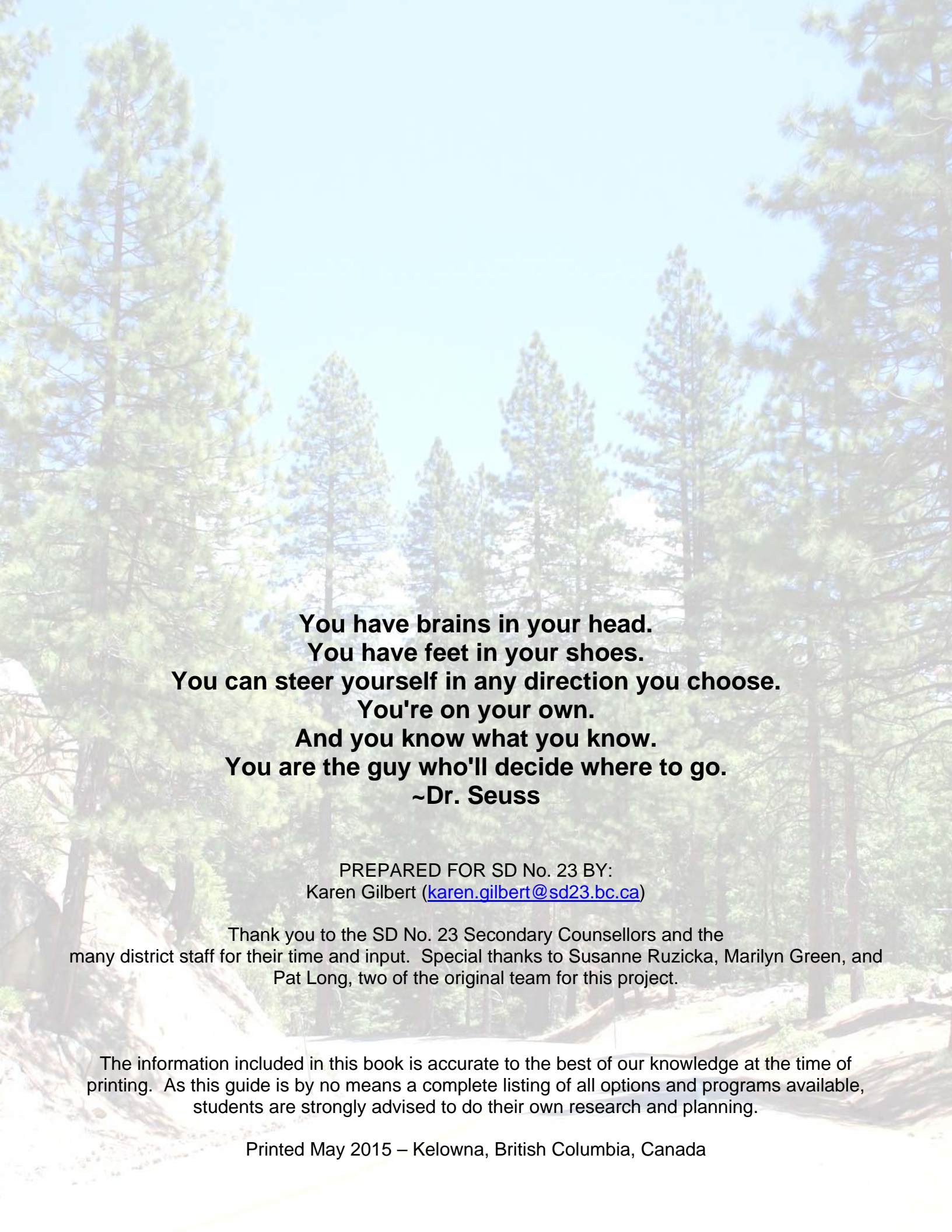
Richter St Overnight 250-868-8541 ext 9

Kelowna Gospel Mission (Women) 250-862-3733

NOW Canada (Women) 250-763-2262

Kelowna Gospel Mission (Men) 250-763-3737

Kelowna Community Food Bank 250-763-7161



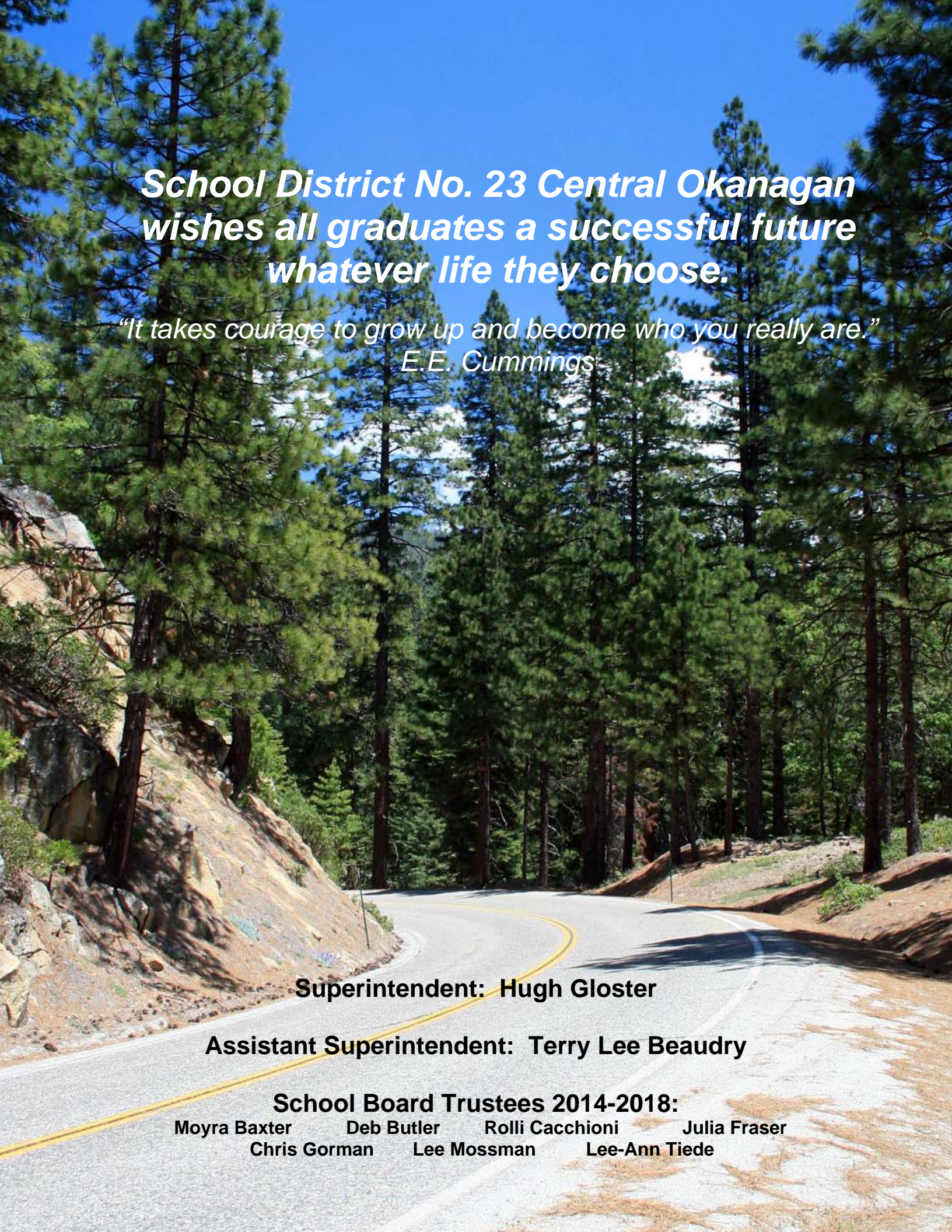
**You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.
You're on your own.
And you know what you know.
You are the guy who'll decide where to go.
~Dr. Seuss**

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*"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are."
E.E. Cummings*

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