

2023-2024 STUDENT GUIDE TO SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES



The information in this booklet supersedes
the information in the Student Handbook & Calendar

This Student Guide can be viewed on our website at:

<https://www.sd5.bc.ca/school/mbss/Students/Awards%20-%20Scholarships/Pages/default.aspx#/=>



INTRODUCTION

This Mount Baker Student Guide to scholarships and bursaries is a planning tool for students looking for financial assistance in their post-secondary education.

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The Student Guide continues to evolve through input of staff, parents, students, and partnerships within our community. It is our intent to serve our young people in an increasingly competitive world.

INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES 2023-2024

- The financial recognition of student achievement and the support for students continuing to post-secondary education is a tribute to the generosity of local individuals, businesses, and organizations.
- The school determines the eligibility of applicants, and the donors establish the criteria whereby the awards are granted.
- Scholarships are based on scholastic achievement.
- Bursaries are determined by considering scholastic achievement as well as financial need. Applications for bursaries may require financial statements.
- Lates and attendance may be a factor in determining award winners.
- The staff promotes a scholarship policy which selects as many qualified candidates as possible.
- The intent of internal scholarship and bursary awards is to recognize students who have excelled at their studies and participated in activities while attending Mt. Baker.



APPLYING FOR INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Applications will be available on-line on our Mount Baker website on Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Only one online application is necessary for most internal scholarships and bursaries, however, the following awards require an additional application, which will be available on the website and in the Counselling Office on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

- Chris Williams Bursary
- Cranbrook Ministerial Scholarships
- Kin Club of Cranbrook Bursary
- Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 24) Scholarship
- Skookumchuk Pulp Inc Excellence Award
- TerraLogic Exploration Inc. Scholarship
- TM Roberts Elem. School PAC Bursaries

General Eligibility

1. The student must be a potential graduate of the current school year.
(ON THE COMMENCEMENT LIST by **Monday, May 1, 2024.**)
2. **FOR ALL AWARDS** the student must have completed an online application by **Friday, April 5, 2024, 3:00 pm** deadline. *(Note: a computer will be made available for completion of the application process, if necessary.)*
3. At the time grad requirements are met, the student must have completed a minimum of 32 credits through School District No. 5. Students wishing to graduate after only one semester must meet eligibility requirements as described above to be considered for awards; these students will **not** be considered for the following awards as they require involvement at Mount Baker for the entire grade 12 year:
 - Stanley and Gracie McNeil Student Aid Memorial Bursary
 - City of Cranbrook Memorial Scholarship
 - Cranbrook Lions Club Scholarship
 - Cranbrook Rotary Club Scholarship

For students who have been away on foreign exchange programs, or who have extended absences for medical or other extenuating circumstances, the eligibility, and the marks to be considered for scholarship purposes will be determined by the scholarship committee.

4. For many of the awards, conditions such as career goals, parent affiliation in the community, intended post-secondary institution, leadership and participation in the school and community may be considered.
5. The MBSS Internal Scholarship and Bursary program has been established by donors who intend to support the students of Cranbrook. International students will not be eligible for these awards.
6. Students enrolled in a Distance Learning course should realize that it is their responsibility to provide validation of at least 75% completion for outside credit courses (e.g., through D.E.S.K., KDS, KLC, or other correspondence courses) by **May 2nd** to have the course considered for scholarship purposes. *If conditions are not met, the course will not count toward scholarship eligibility and calculation.*
7. Two credit, and External courses (e.g., Driver's Credit, Royal Conservatory, etc.), will not be used for eligibility requirements or calculations. Work Experience courses will be used for eligibility requirements but will not be used to calculate Grade Point Average.
8. All candidates for scholarships and bursaries must attend a recognized post-secondary institution no later than September 30th of the current year or, depending upon conditions determined by the donor, within 18

months following their successful candidacy. (A list of recognized post-secondary institutions can be found at <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/designated-schools.html>. Click on your preferred province located under Master List of designated educational institutions). Failing this, a student will forfeit the award.

Top Internal Academic Awards Criteria

1. Applicants must meet general eligibility requirements and be considered a full-time student in both semesters of their graduation year.
Note: difference from general eligibility where a student could be considered for scholarship after one semester.
2. To determine the Top Academic student as well as several of the top academic scholarship awards, a percentage (%) will be used. This will be the average percentage based on the school mark in a student's Language Arts 12 (English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12), plus the four best courses comprised from the following list of those which are offered at MBSS. AP English Literature & Composition 12, Creative Writing 12, 20th Century World History 12 or History 12 (but not both), BC First Peoples 12, Comparative Cultures 12, Physical Geography 12 or Geography 12 (but not both), Law Studies 12 or Law 12 (but not both), Social Justice 12, Philosophy 12, Foundations of Mathematics 12, Pre-Calculus 12, Calculus 12, Statistics 12, Computer Science 12, Anatomy & Physiology 12 or Biology 12 (but not both), AP Biology 12, Chemistry 12, Physics 12, Computer Programming 12, Core French 12 or Francais Langue Seconde 12 (but not both), and Spanish 12. This list was generated from the list of approved Grade 12 courses from the University of Victoria entrance guide and the list will be reviewed annually.

All Other Internal Awards

1. Applicants must meet general eligibility requirements.
2. Classroom marks (percentages) and specific scholarship or bursary criteria will be used to select the appropriate candidates within the Mt. Baker Scholarship Policy.
3. Two credit, and External courses, will not be used for eligibility requirements or calculations. Work experience courses will be used for eligibility requirements but will not be used to calculate their average.

For several scholarships and bursaries, the donor selects the winner from the list of scholarship applicants. Also, some awards require a special application supplied by the donor. See the Counselling Office for more information and for applications.

The TOP student awards for some specific courses will be selected by the subject teachers from the list of students who have applied. Criteria used will include course percentages and work effort.

4. The principal of Mount Baker will abstain from the scholarship selection committee if he/she will be needed to act as an appeals body.

Exceptions to the above criteria will be determined by the scholarship committee.

***If you win an award and cannot attend the ceremony
please let Mrs. Johnson know before the ceremony. (426-5241 Ext. 25006)***

MOUNT BAKER INTERNAL / LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

The following list of scholarships and bursaries represents the awards available as of the printing of this guide. Between the printing of this guide and the awards ceremony there may be additions and/or deletions to this list.

OPEN AWARDS

These are open to all students who have applied and are generally based on academic achievement. Percentages are used to determine the candidates. These awards are further organized as follows:

1. **General awards:** awarded to deserving students continuing their education at a post-secondary institution.
2. **Career related awards:** occupational objectives are considered in assigning these awards.

OPEN AWARDS: General

No.	Scholarship/Bursary Name	Amount	Criteria	Who Selects
1	Stanley and Gracie McNeil Student Aid Memorial Bursary	\$4000	Awarded to a graduate based on monetary need and proven academic ability. (Financial statements may be required.)	
2	City of Cranbrook Memorial Scholarship	\$3500	Awarded to the best all-around graduate in the combined areas: academic, athletic, fine arts, citizenship.	
3	Cranbrook Rotary Club Scholarship	\$4500	Awarded to a deserving graduate. Preference given to a student demonstrating community involvement.	
4	Floyd and Mary Hall Memorial Bursary	\$3280	Awarded to a student with a minimum academic average of 65%.	
5	Floyd and Mary Hall Memorial Scholarship	\$3280	Awarded to a student with a minimum academic average of 80%.	
6	Cranbrook Lions Club Scholarship	\$3000	Awarded to a deserving graduate.	
7	Tidball Projects Scholarship	\$4@ 1000	Awarded to a deserving student with good academic standing and involvement in athletics.	
8	Skookumchuk Pulp Incorporated Excellence Award	\$1500	The recipient must be entering a recognized University, College, or Technical/Vocational school in a minimum 2-year program. They must have high academic achievement and effort in Grades 11 and 12 with an emphasis on Grade 12 results AND demonstrate good leadership and citizenship skills.	Donor
9	Yoo Deserve This Scholarship of Excellence	\$1500	Awarded to a deserving graduate.	

10	Cranbrook Rotary Club Local Bursary	2 @	\$1750	Awarded to a deserving graduate, demonstrating community involvement, and attending College of the Rockies.	
11	Denham Ford Unsung Hero Award		\$1000	Awarded to a graduate who does great deeds but receives little or no recognition for them. This award acknowledges one who has impacted a program/ organization from behind the scenes, not only through selfless dedication and hard work, but by consistently embracing a positive attitude and inspiring others to get interested and give back to the community.	
12	Erin Beaulac Memorial Bursary		\$1000	Awarded to a deserving graduate who has displayed excellent work habits and a strong determination to succeed.	
13	Frank & Teresa Trozzo Memorial Award		\$1000	Awarded to a deserving graduate.	
14	Terus Construction a Division of Colas Western Canada Inc. Scholarship		\$1000	Awarded to a student that is pursuing a career in the trades or civil engineering sector.	
15	Western Indigenous Inspirational Award	2 @	\$750	Awarded to a graduate who intends to seek further training/ or education to become a productive citizen AND who has displayed outstanding community and/or school spirit as an organizer, participant, or volunteer; and/or who has demonstrated inspirational conduct, whether as an act of heroism or leadership in a crisis; and/or who has overcome adversity (mental/physical disability, financial hardship, family issues). High academic achievement not a requirement.	Donor
16	Western Inspirational Award	2 @	\$750	Awarded to a graduate who intends to seek further training/ or education to become a productive citizen AND who has displayed outstanding community and/or school spirit as an organizer, participant, or volunteer; and/or who has demonstrated inspirational conduct, whether as an act of heroism or leadership in a crisis; and/or who has overcome adversity (mental/physical disability, financial hardship, family issues). High academic achievement not a requirement.	Donor
17	Columbia Power Bursary		\$500	Awarded to one who has demonstrated a desire to excel, but not necessarily achieved the highest-grade point average. Must register for full-time studies at a post-secondary institution within a year following graduation.	

18	Cranbrook Rotary Interact Club Scholarships	\$500	Awarded to deserving graduates who are active members of the Cranbrook Interact Club, and who demonstrate academic merit, leadership, and community service.
19	Lifetouch Canada	\$500	Awarded to a deserving graduate.
20	William Henderson Scholarship	\$500	Awarded to a deserving graduate.
21	Melvin & Jean Bain Memorial Scholarship	\$350	Awarded to a deserving graduate.

OPEN AWARDS: Career-Related Awards

No.	Scholarship/Bursary Name	Amount	Criteria	Who Selects
1	Cranbrook Health Care Auxiliary Scholarships	2 @ \$3000	Awarded to deserving graduates proceeding to further studies in the health care field.	
2	Pidoca Construction Group Memorial Scholarship	\$1500	Awarded to a deserving graduate who is pursuing studies in carpentry.	
3	Cranbrook Rotary Bursary	\$1000	Awarded to a deserving graduate. All other things being equal, preference will be given to those entering a career in teaching.	
4	Brian Mackie Memorial Art Scholarship	\$1100	Awarded to a deserving art student who is pursuing studies in Visual Arts.	
5	Cranbrook and District Ambulance Association Awards	\$1000	Awarded to deserving graduates planning to enter the Health Care Field.	
6	Cranbrook Lions Bill Inman Memorial Award	\$1000	Awarded to a deserving graduate who is entering an accredited Trade school, or program.	
7	Cranbrook Ministerial Scholarships	2 @ \$1000	Awarded to deserving graduates with plans to pursue studies in a career of service. Priority is given to those intending to serve in a Christian Ministry vocation.	Donor
8	Cranbrook Sunrise Rotary Vocational Bursary	\$1000	Awarded to a deserving graduate who shows academic merit in the trades and demonstrates community service.	
9	F.W. Green Clinic Scholarship	\$1000	Awarded to a deserving graduate going to university and entering the health care field.	
11	Mark Mahovlic Memorial Scholarship	\$1000	Awarded to a caring, friendly, and helpful student that shows a passion for golf and/or hockey. With preference given to a student pursuing a post-secondary degree in the field of computers or technology studies. Special consideration will be given to students accepted to the COTR or Mount Royal	

			University.	
12	Signal Collision Cranbrook Award	\$1000	Awarded to a deserving graduate furthering his/her education in the automotive trade.	
13	Tembec Industries Inc./Rotary Club of Cranbrook Entrance Scholarship	\$1000	Awarded to a graduate entering the College of the Rockies in the first or second level of an approved Apprenticeship Trades Training Program (Electrician, Heavy Duty Mechanic, Industrial Mechanic, or Welder).	
14	Yoo Deserve This Bursary of Technology	\$1000	Awarded to a deserving graduate entering a technical field.	
15	Yoo Deserve This Scholarship of Technology	\$1000	Awarded to a student entering a technical field that has demonstrated excellent skill through academic or extracurricular activities.	
16	Abreast in the Rockies Scholarship	\$750	Awarded to a student who plans to enter a post-secondary institution and is committed to community service.	
17	Mt. Baker Grad Class of 1964 Award	\$600	Awarded to a student who plans to pursue a career in education.	
18	Cranbrook Garden Club Scholarship	2@ \$500	Awarded to a graduate pursuing a career in horticulture or related field of study such as agriculture, conservation, environment, forestry, or plant sciences.	
19	Kootenay Country Fair Bursary	\$500	Awarded to a deserving graduate who is pursuing a career in Food Studies, Agriculture, Horticulture or Art. (Based on attitude, effort, and community involvement.)	
20	Apex Accounting Scholarship	\$1000	Awarded to a deserving entrepreneurial graduate who plans on proceeding with training in Small Business Development/Management.	
21	Kootenay Woodlot Education Society Wayne Morrison Memorial Forestry Bursary	\$500	Awarded to a deserving graduate continuing his/her education in Forestry or a related field.	
22	Steve Corbett Memorial Public & Private Workers of Canada, Local 15 Scholarship	\$500	Awarded to a student who shows social conscience, community involvement and is pursuing a career in Trades, Technical or Humanitarian studies.	Donor
23	TerraLogic Exploration Discovery Scholarship	\$500	Awarded to a deserving graduate pursuing a post-secondary education in geology, earth science or a related field.	Donor

LIMITED AWARDS

To qualify for these awards, candidates must meet criteria specified by the donor organizations.

1. **Subject awards:** These awards are based on achievement in a specific subject area.
2. **Organizations/affiliation membership:** These are awarded to students who are affiliated with a particular organization. In some cases, the donor selects the recipients. Names of applicants will be forwarded to the organizations to verify membership/affiliation.

LIMITED AWARDS: Subject Area Awards

No.	Scholarship/Bursary Name	Amount	Criteria	Who Selects
1	Fraternal Order of Eagles (Terry Werden Memorial) Award	\$2000	Awarded to the top all around Technology Education student.	Tech Ed. Dept.
2	Apex Accounting Scholarship	\$1000	Award to the top accounting graduate. The student will have taken Accounting 11, Accounting 12 or Acc251 dual credit at COTR, and will have chosen accounting as their post-secondary field of study.	
3	Cranbrook and District Arts Council Fine Arts Award	\$1000	Awarded to a graduate excelling in Fine Arts and continuing to full time post-secondary Fine Arts studies.	Fine Arts Dept.
4	Larisa Zak Memorial Drafting Award	\$750	Awarded to a graduate who demonstrates excellence in Drafting.	Tech Ed. Dept.
5	Alan Boden Second Language Scholarship	\$500	Awarded to a graduate with a high academic standing in a second language that intends to pursue a second language at a post-secondary level.	Language Dept.
6	Cranbrook Community Theatre Award	\$500	Awarded to a deserving Theatre student.	Fine Arts Dept.
7	Joyce Metcalfe Memorial Scholarship	\$500	Awarded to a student who is involved with music and who needs to travel outside of Cranbrook and area to attend their post-secondary education.	
8	Key City Theatre Society Scholarship	\$500	Awarded to a deserving student in the Arts who is intending to pursue a career in this field.	Fine Arts Dept.

LIMITED AWARDS: Organization/Affiliation

Names of applicants will be forwarded to the organizations to verify membership/affiliation.

No.	Scholarship/Bursary Name		Amount	Criteria	Who Selects
1	Cranbrook District Teachers' Association Scholarships	2 @	\$1500	Awarded to deserving graduates who are furthering their education at a community college, trades program or university. Preference given to a child of a current CDTA member.	
2	Kin Club of Cranbrook Bursary		\$1500	Awarded to a deserving graduate. Preference will be given to children of current and/or past members of the Kin Club of Cranbrook.	Donor
3	Kin Club of Cranbrook Scholarship		\$1500	Awarded to a deserving graduate. Preference will be given to children of current and/or past members of the Kin Club of Cranbrook.	Donor
4	Key City Oldtimers Hockey League (KCOHL) Trades Scholarship		\$1250	Awarded to a child or grandchild of a current KCOHL member. Criteria include planning a career in the trades, community involvement and participation in some level of sports to promote personal fitness.	
5	Key City Oldtimers Hockey League (KCOHL) Scholarship		\$1250	Awarded to a child or grandchild of a current KCOHL member. Criteria include high academic achievement, community involvement and participation in some level of sports to promote personal fitness.	
6	Canfor Scholarship	4 @	\$1,000	Awarded to a deserving graduate who intends to pursue a career in the forest products industry. Must be enrolling into program in the following Fall. The student must be a permanent Canadian Citizen, live in the school's catchment area and attend the high school offering the scholarship.	
7	Gyro Open Scholarship		\$1000	Awarded to a deserving graduate. Preference given to a child or grandchild of a Gyro member.	
8	Waldo Stockbreeders Livestock Scholarship		\$1000	Awarded to a deserving graduate who is a direct relative of a Waldo Stockbreeders Livestock Association's current member.	
9	Walker Willis Memorial Bursary on Behalf of Jubilee Chapter 64 Order of the Eastern Star		\$1000	Awarded to a deserving graduate in good academic standing and who is furthering their education at a post-secondary institution. Preference given to affiliation to the Order of the Eastern Star. If none, open to other students.	

10	Bob Newcombe Memorial Golf Scholarship		\$750	Awarded to a graduate who is a current member of a golf course or a member of the Mt. Baker Golf Team.	
11	CUPE Bursary Local 2090 (City of Cranbrook Employees)		\$1000	Awarded to a CUPE Local 2090 member or a child of a CUPE Local 2090 member.	
12	Chris Williams Award		\$500	Awarded to a deserving graduate of Indigenous ancestry.	Donor
13	Cranbrook Firefighters I.A.F.F. Local 1253 Scholarship		\$500	Awarded to a son/daughter of an I.A.F.F. Local 1253 member, or to a deserving graduate.	Donor
14	Cristoforo Colombo Lodge #14 Award	2@	\$500	Awarded to a child, grandchild or great-grandchild of a Crisoforo Colombo Lodge #14 member.	Donor
14	CUPE Local 4165 Bursary (School District Employees)		\$500	Awarded to a dependent of a CUPE member, however if the school has no one who meets this qualification, it will be open to all graduates.	
15	East Kootenay District Labour Council Award		\$500	Awarded to a deserving graduate whose family is an affiliate of the EKDLC, and is attending college, trades school or university.	
16	The Kenton Barber Memorial Award		\$500	Awarded to a student that has been involved in Cranbrook Minor Ball and shows leadership, teamwork, and dedication to their studies.	
17	Kootenay Christian Academy Alumni Award	2 @	\$500	Awarded to a graduate who completed his/her Grade 9 year at KCA. This Award will be given to a student that has demonstrated academic excellence as well as an on-going commitment to fulfilling KCA's school mission.	
18	Kootenay Orchards Parent Advisory Council Bursary		\$500	Awarded to a graduate who has attended Kootenay Orchards Elementary School for at least three years.	
19	Ladies' Auxiliary to the Fraternal Order of Eagles #3032 Regis Jacobson Memorial Bursary		\$500	Awarded to a deserving graduate. Preference given to family of an Eagles member.	25
20	Laurie Middle School Scholarship		\$500	Awarded to a graduate who attended Laurie for at least three years.	
21	Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 24) Scholarship	5 @	\$500	To be awarded to a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a veteran member of Branch 24, if possible, or to a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of an associate member. Awarded to a student furthering his/her education at a recognized post-secondary institution.	

22	Sevilla Clark Memorial Bursary		\$500	Awarded to a deserving graduate. Preference given to a relative of an Eagle member.	
23	St. Eugene Knights of Columbus (St. Mary's Parish) Council No. 1406 Bursary		\$500	Awarded to a graduate who is a child or grandchild of a member of the Knights of Columbus and is a practicing Catholic. Must use within 18 months and attend post-secondary in BC.	
24	Southeast Kootenay Principals & Vice Principals Association Scholarship		\$500	Awarded to a deserving graduate. Preference given to a son or daughter of a School District 5 administrator.	
25	Yoo Deserve This Scholarship of International Heritage		\$500	Awarded to a deserving graduate who has either immigrated to Canada or who identifies themselves as having international background.	
26	TM Roberts Elementary School Parent Advisory Committee Scholarship	2 @	\$300	Awarded to a deserving graduate who attended at least one year at TM Roberts Elementary School (one English and one French Immersion student)	Donor

EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Many opportunities are available for students that are willing to work hard and expend some effort researching external scholarships and bursaries. Review the following websites for scholarship/bursaries information:

- [https://www.sd5.bc.ca/school/mbss/Students/Awards%20-%20Scholarships/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd5.bc.ca/school/mbss/Students/Awards%20-%20Scholarships/Pages/default.aspx#/=)
(MBSS Scholarship Inventory)
- <https://scholartree.ca/>
- https://yconic.com/?redirect_from=studentawards
- <https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>
- www.bcscholarships.ca
- <http://www.canadian-universities.net/Scholarships/>
- <https://www.academicinvest.com/>
- www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards

PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

The program's purpose is to recognize student achievement and encourage students to pursue post-secondary education. Winners must meet the basic eligibility requirements and the specific requirements for each scholarship.

BC Excellence Scholarships

The BC Excellence Scholarship is a \$5000 scholarship awarded to 55 students, recognizing well-rounded graduates demonstrating community service and leadership, both at school and in their communities, as well as commitment and aptitude for their chosen career paths. A student must be nominated by their secondary school in order to apply for this scholarship. Only one student from each school may be nominated. Students must inquire to their school counsellor by **February 8, 2024**, if they wish to be nominated. The application package for the selected nominee is available at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/bc-excellence-scholarships> along with the eligibility requirements.

BC Achievement Scholarships

BC Achievement Scholarships recognize the top 8000 graduates in the province. The Ministry will determine recipients based on achievement in Grades 10, 11, and 12 courses that satisfy BC Graduation Program requirements, including elective courses. A cumulative average percentage will be calculated and form the basis for determining winners, who receive a \$1250 scholarship voucher to use towards their post-secondary tuition. **Students do not apply for this scholarship.**

Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarships

The Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship is awarded to 20 outstanding graduates who have demonstrated a commitment and aptitude for a career path in K-12 teaching. Each recipient will receive a \$5000 scholarship voucher to redeem when they are registered and attending an approved K-12 teacher education program at one of BC's nine Faculties of Education. The eligibility and application package is available at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships>. Completed applications must be submitted to the Ministry no later than **February 15, 2024, 3:49 pm MST**.

DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS

District/Authority Scholarships

There are 5500 District/Authority Scholarships rewarded to graduating students for excellence in their chosen field of interest or strength. These scholarships are intended to assist with tuition for post-secondary education. The scholarship will be a \$1250 voucher that can be used toward post-secondary education tuition. The District/Authority Scholarship application will be available in the Counselling office on **May 1, 2024**. Ministry guidelines for District/Authority Scholarship criteria and selection process are available at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/district-authority-scholarships>.

Harris & Company Judith Anderson Memorial Law Scholarship

Awarded to a Law 11 or Law 12 student who excels in this course of study.

Applications will be available in the Counselling Office in the spring.

Application deadline: May 1, 2024

Sarah Whetham Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to female graduates from SD5 who have received the highest mark on the Euclid Exam in that year and are continuing with post-secondary in one of the following areas: Math, Physics, Engineering or Computer Programming within 19 months of graduation.

Please see your Math teacher for Euclid Exam dates.

Applications will be available in the Counselling Office in the spring.

Application deadline: June 15, 2024

School District No.5 Top Student Award

This award is given to the top graduating student based on:

- In-school extra-curricular activities
- Outside extra-curricular activities
- Special leadership qualities (give examples of the ability to inspire and encourage others)

Applications will be available in the Counselling Office in the spring.

Application deadline: June 30, 2024 (award will be given fall of 2024).

Youth Work in Trades Awards

Youth Work in Trades (WRK) students are eligible for this \$1000 award. The WRK Program Guide has additional information about criteria and procedures related to this award. For more information, please check the website:

<https://youth.itabc.ca/educators/youth-programs/work/>.

POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND BURSARIES

Students are encouraged to read the Financial Aid section of calendars for post-secondary institutions they plan on attending. Most institutions offer entrance scholarships.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S ACADEMIC MEDAL

The Governor General's Academic Medal is awarded to the Mount Baker student who achieves the highest average upon graduation. The average includes all grade 11 and 12 courses as listed on the student's official Transcript of Grades issued by the Ministry of Education. It is calculated based on final results after provincial examinations therefore this award is not presented at our awards ceremony.

TIPS TOWARDS SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

Self-advocacy: seek out the relevant information from the internet, MBSS website (under Students-Graduating Student), Counselling and Career Centre bulletin boards, the Ministry of Education's *Grad Planner* and Mount Baker Student Guide to Scholarships and Bursaries.

1. If you want to improve your chances you should look at doing three things:
 - Extracurricular Activities
 - Community Service
 - Keep your grades as high as possible
2. Ten qualities most Scholarship contests look for: enthusiasm, teamwork, character, hard work, purpose, ability to overcome obstacles, initiative, community service, perseverance, and responsibility.

APPLYING FOR ENTRANCE AND EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship candidates should adopt the following strategy for making scholarship applications:

1. Begin the application procedure sufficiently early in the school year. The process of acquiring an application form, completing the form, gathering letters of reference and recommendations, and returning all relevant documents can take a considerable length of time. Brag sheets, available in the Counselling Office, can be a great way to support the reference letters.
2. Chart the scholarships for which you intend to apply, making special note of the deadlines for each. This exercise will help you establish your own personal timeline.
3. Apply for as many scholarships as possible. Note those for which you can apply serially (where one application suffices for several scholarships) and those for which you must apply individually.
4. Apply for a Canadian Social Insurance Number (S.I.N.). Recipients of Provincial District awards and of Provincial Scholarships must have a Canadian S.I.N. Recipients of scholarships administered by the universities may also be required to have one.
5. Prepare a letter of application early in the school year. Re-examine and rewrite this letter a number of times throughout the year. In many cases, the initial screening of candidates will be based on the letter of application. Its importance cannot be over-emphasized.

IMPORTANT DATES

September – December

- Alberta and British Columbia Post-Secondary Institutions visit Mt. Baker and provide details regarding admission requirements, housing, financial aid and deadlines
- Many students begin the application process
- Scholarship information posted in the Counselling Hallway and MBSS website
- MBSS Scholarship Inventory: <https://www.sd5.bc.ca/school/mbss/Students/Awards%20-%20Scholarships/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

November – January

- Deadlines for housing, admissions and scholarships vary depending upon the post-secondary institution. Students should research the post-secondary institution of their choice in order to meet specific requirements.
- Contact counsellors regarding transcripts, interim marks, letters of reference
- Students should check the Mount Baker website frequently for entrance and external scholarship information

February

- First term mark results appear on transcripts
- **LPI - Language Proficiency Index. Students are responsible to know the language proficiency requirements for their target institutions**
- Applications for Mount Baker Internal Scholarships available in the Counselling Office and online, **Tuesday, February 2, 2024.**
- PSI - Post Secondary Institution Choice Forms completed by students. **Please see MBSS website for instructions.**

April – June

- Mount Baker local/internal scholarship application forms must be completed on-line/handed in to the counselling secretary **by Friday, April 5, 2024, 3:00 pm**
- External Scholarships: CHECK WEBSITES
- Financial Aid information: COLLEGE OF THE ROCKIES
- **Scholarship/Awards Evening – Tuesday, May 28th, 7:00 pm**