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Ministry of Education District Authority Scholarship Application Package 2025-2026

**This application must be received by 3:30 pm, April 6th, to Mrs. Canino, in room 312
Students can only receive one District Authority Scholarship in their lifetime**

About the Scholarship

District/Authority Scholarship is awarded to 5,500 high school graduates who have demonstrated excellence in their chosen area.

The Ministry of Education sets basic eligibility requirements and general guidelines; local scholarships committees determine awarding criteria and select their conditional recipients.

The Ministry confirms that the selected students have satisfied basic criteria and then sends these confirmed recipients a \$1,250 scholarship voucher that they can redeem with the Ministry of Education after they are attending a designated post-secondary institution or B.C. authorized trades training provider.

Students have five years to redeem their District/Authority scholarship vouchers; an expiry date is printed on each voucher and extensions are not possible.

Key Dates

- Spring: conditional recipients notified by their district/authority
- September: conditional recipients checked against eligibility requirements
- November: paper scholarship vouchers mailed to confirmed recipients

Eligibility Requirements

Student selected as conditional recipients of the District/Authority scholarship must satisfy the following requirements **by August 31st of their graduating year** to be confirmed as a recipient and receive their scholarship voucher.

- Meet basic eligibility requirements
 - Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant) at the time of registration in the school year for which the scholarship is awarded
 - Be a BC resident
 - Be or have been in the school year for which the scholarship is awarded:
 - Enrolled in a British Columbia public school (including Distributed Learning schools), or
 - Enrolled in a Group 1, 2, or 4 British Columbia Independent School, or
 - Enrolled in a Continuing Education Center, or
 - Registered with a public independent, francophone or distributed learning school in BC as a homeschooled child
 - Be graduating (by August 31) in the same year the scholarship is awarded
- Fulfill the graduation requirements of either the BC Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) or the BC Adult Graduation Diploma (Adult Dogwood): and,
- Meet criteria determined by the student's local scholarship committee including demonstration of outstanding achievement in one of the areas listed below.

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

District Authority Application

Submit a complete application in room 312 by 3:30 pm

Section 1 – Personal Information

Section 2 – Post-Secondary Plans

Section 3 – Selected Area of Interest

Section 4 – Course Work and Extracurricular Activities Related to Area of Interest

Section 5 – Evidence of Achievement

Section 6 – References

1) Personal Information

Full Legal Name: _____

Preferred Name (if applicable): _____

Date of Birth (month/day/year): _____

Personal Education Number (PEN): _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

High school that you will graduate from: _____

I am a Canadian Citizen ☐ I am a permanent resident (landed immigrant) ☐

Note: Under the Income Tax Act, the Ministry of Education must issue scholarship recipients a T4A for the taxation year in which the scholarship cheque is issued. When redeeming a scholarship, recipients will need to provide a Social Insurance Number (SIN) for this purpose. Temporary SINs, beginning with '9', cannot be accepted.

2) Post-Secondary Plans

For which post-secondary programs(s) do you plan to apply?

What are your long-term career plans?

3) Area of Interest

- ☐ Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies
- ☐ Community Service (Volunteer Activity)
- ☐ Fine Arts
- ☐ Indigenous Languages and Culture
- ☐ Languages
- ☐ Physical Activity (and Health)
- ☐ Technical and Trades Training

4) Course work and extracurricular activities related to your area of interest

Grade 11 and 12 Courses	Teacher/Sponsor

Extracurricular Activities	Teacher/Sponsor

5) Evidence of Achievement

Students must provide evidence of outstanding achievement in their chosen area. Please put together a binder/duotang that includes descriptions of your achievements. Include in this binder/duotang further information or participation activities, such as a portfolio, project, research paper, performance, presentation, demonstration, or interview. Please contact Mrs. Canino for instruction.

6) References

Please list two teachers and/or community members who can attest to your achievements in your chosen area and who will provide a written reference on your behalf, using the reference form attached [see sample form below] or a PDF letter on letterhead.

Name _____ Position _____

Relationship to you _____

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Applicant Signature _____

Date Signed _____

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Student Name: _____ Area of Interest: _____

- 1) How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

- 2) How would you comment on the applicant's general attributes, such as attitude, communication, creativity, critical thinking, interpersonal skills, initiative, and leadership?

- 3) Please provide examples of and comment on the applicant's strengths in their chosen area.

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