

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND BURSARIES



GETTING STARTED

Post secondary education can be expensive. Take into account the following when making a budget:

- Application fees (typically \$50-\$200)
- Registration Fees (approximately \$200)
- Class fees (typically between \$400-\$500 per class)
- Books (\$50 - \$300 each)
- Housing fees (for residence typically \$7000-\$10,000 per year)
- Student Union and Medical fees
- Transportation and parking

GETTING STARTED

Once you know how much money you will need, it's time to think about where that money will come from:

- Family contributions from RESPs or savings?
- Paid work?
- Scholarships?
- Student loans?

APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Most scholarships are available to Grade 12 graduates only. This is the best time to apply!

While you will have the opportunity to apply for scholarships at the post secondary institution you attend each year, there will never be the same quantity or value of scholarships that are available to graduating high school students.

ARE SCHOLARSHIPS WORTH THE EFFORT?

Sardis Secondary's
2020 Graduating Class received over
\$1,142,000
in scholarships!

If you work on your scholarship applications for 5 hours
and you win just one \$500 award
you just made \$100 / hour...

and now you are ready for anything!
You are going to re-use
this same essays, resumes, and reference letters
over and over
again on resumes, job applications,
conference applications,
applications to serve on committees, etc!

INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING

- Apply for everything you are eligible for
 - don't try to guess what you might win!
- Read the application carefully:
 - ✓ Include everything
 - ✓ Don't add extras
 - ✓ Answer the question
 - ✓ Don't miss the deadline – even by a minute!
- Apply for smaller scholarships
 - Less people apply for these, making your chance of winning higher!

WHERE TO BEGIN:

The Sardis website contains lots of great information about scholarships.

Start in the Student Information section.

STUDENT INFORMATION ▼

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HOW TO PREPARE FOR SCHOLARSHIP SEASON:

This is the first section you see in the scholarship area of the website.

Here you will find:

- Important dates
- Tips on getting started

Early Scholarships open in September of your grade 12 year. That's why summer is a great time to familiarize yourself with the process!

FINANCIAL AWARDS

These are awards that you apply for at Sardis Secondary.

They are divided into 2 groups with different due dates.

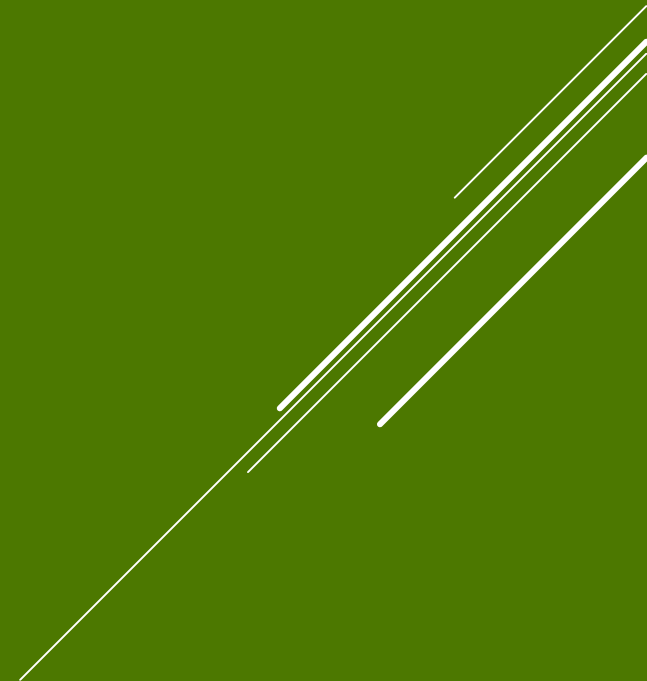
Click on Group1 and Group 2 for more information on each.

The application changes very little from year to year so summer is a great time to start a rough copy that you can add to and edit throughout the fall.

PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

In this section you will find information on scholarships and assistance programs offered by the BC and Federal Governments such as:

- Student Aid BC
- Youth in Care Tuition Waiver
- Study Abroad Scholarships



ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are offered by universities and may be based on:

- grades
- financial need
- community involvement
- athletics

Some entrance scholarships are offered for one year and others are renewable each year.

Please research the application process and deadlines for scholarships at each university you are applying to attend.

ONLINE SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are offered by organizations or businesses in the community, the province, the country or even internationally.

While there are hundreds of links to explore, some noteworthy awards that will come up very early in the fall are:

- Loran Scholarship
- Bassant Motors Scholarship
- TD Leadership Scholarship

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

International students do not qualify for many of the scholarships on the Financial Awards pages.

A notable exception to this is the SSS International Graduation Scholarship.

Many universities also offer International Entrance Scholarships.



INDIGENOUS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Indigenous students can find scholarships specifically related to Aboriginal heritage on this page.

Any student with aboriginal ancestry, even if they have not chosen to self identify at school in the past, may be eligible for these awards.



TRADES SCHOLARSHIPS

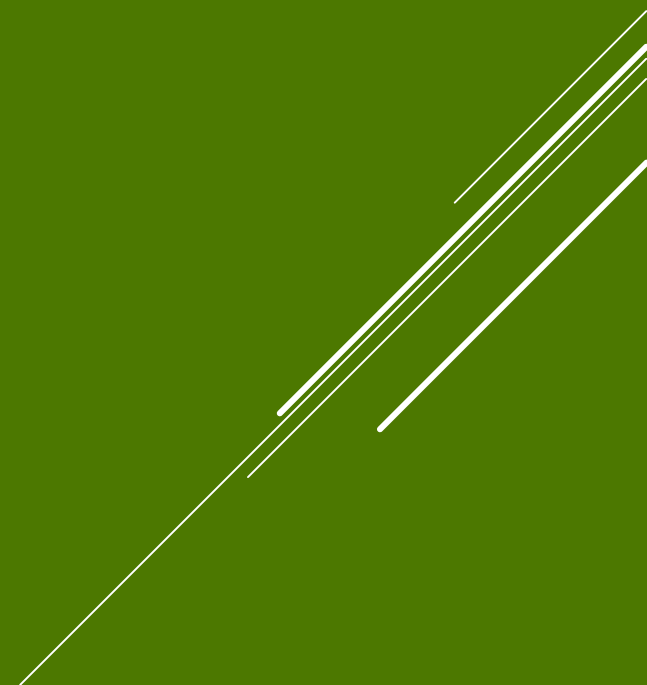
In this section we have highlighted scholarships that are particularly relevant to students in our trades programs or intending to pursue a trade.

Students currently employed with a qualified tradesperson are also eligible for the Youth Work in Trades program where they may qualify for a \$1000 cash award from the ITA and the Ministry of Education.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

In this section of the website you will find more information on:

- Exchange Programs
- Internships
- Youth Councils
- and more



OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Be sure to follow [sss_career_center](#) on Instagram **NOW** for up to the minute information about scholarships, post secondary, careers, volunteer opportunities and more!

Scholarship websites such as www.scholarshipscanada.com and the corresponding facebook and Instagram accounts can also be useful.

