

2023/24 Finance/Scholarship Information

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[Eaton Electrical Canada](#) has proudly partnered with [Indigenous Clean Energy \(ICE\)](#) to support students across Canada with a [\\$5000 scholarship PLUS a paid internship opportunity](#)! If you haven't applied yet, there's still time — the deadline to apply for the Fall intake is October 31st, 2023. The application is easy, so don't let this opportunity slip by. Please share with anyone that you think would be interested in this scholarship and internship opportunity.

ScholarTree Weekly Roundup

4 scholarships ending soon, and 2 new scholarships!

SCHOLARSHIPS ENDING SOON:

The Brandon Langhjem Memorial Essay Contest: \$2000 Closing in 4 days! Citizenship: Canadian or Permanent Resident (Canada)

Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest: \$20,000 Closing in 5 days! All students are eligible!

Live Your Dream Awards: \$3000 (x30) Closing in 13 days! Citizenship: American, Argentinean, Bolivian, Brazilian, Canadian, Chilean, Colombian, Ecuadorean, Japanese, Mexican, Panamanian, Paraguayan, Peruvian, South Korean, Taiwanese, or Venezuelan. Financial Need, Gender: Woman, and Study Year: 1st - 4th Year

Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship: \$500 Closing in 14 days! Age: 16 - 25, Citizenship: American or Canadian, and Grades: 80 - 100%

SCHOLARSHIPS JUST OPENED:

LA Tutors Monthly Innovation in Education Scholarship: \$500, Citizenship: American, Canadian, or Permanent Resident (Canada), and Grades: 80 - 100%

Diversity Scholarship: \$5000 (x14), All students are eligible!

[FIND MORE SCHOLARSHIPS](#)

Provincial Scholarships Program

The B.C. Excellence Scholarship

Awarded to 55 high school graduates who have demonstrated service and leadership, both at school and in their communities, and who show aptitude for and commitment to their chosen career or area of post-secondary study.

Only one student may be nominated from each school. If you wish to be nominated, please inform Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Scoville, Mr. Peeman or Mr. Bird and submit a copy of your written statement to them by 3:00 pm on Fri. Feb. 2/24. They will meet and make their decision on Mon. Feb. 5/24. All candidates will be informed of their decision on Tues. Feb. 6/24, so the successful candidate will have 9 days to complete the application.

Students selected for this award receive a \$5,000 scholarship voucher from the Ministry of Education and Child Care that they can use to be reimbursed for tuition paid after they are attending a post-secondary institution that is [designated by the Province of B.C.](#) (i.e., approved for Canada Student Loans) or a program provider that is [approved by SkilledTradesBC](#).

Students have five years to [redeem](#) their B.C. Excellence scholarship vouchers; an expiry date is printed on each voucher and extensions are not possible.

Key dates

February 15, 2024: online applications due by 2:59 pm PST

Early June 2024: conditional recipients and their schools notified by email

September 2024: conditional recipients checked against eligibility requirements

October 2024: paper scholarship vouchers mailed to confirmed recipients

Eligibility requirements

Students selected as conditional recipients of the B.C. Excellence scholarship must meet the following requirements **by August 31 of their graduating year** to be confirmed as a recipient and receive their scholarship voucher:

- [meet core eligibility requirements](#) (Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant) and have that on record with the school at which you registered for Grade 12
 - Be a B.C. resident
 - Be or have been in the school year for which the scholarship is awarded:
 - Enrolled in a British Columbia public school (including online learning schools), or
 - Enrolled in a Group 1, 2, or 4 British Columbia Independent School, or
 - Enrolled in a Continuing Education Centre, or
 - Registered as a [homeschooler](#) with an eligible school in British Columbia
 - Complete all graduation requirements, and be on record as having graduated, by August 31 of the scholarship awards year
 - Scholarship awards years operate from September 1 to August 31;
- be eligible for a B.C. Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma);
- fulfill the [requirements of the B.C. Graduation Program](#); and,
- have the following final marks.
 - Minimum “B” average in grades 11 and 12 courses required for graduation
 - Minimum “B” (73% or above) in Language Arts 12
 - Minimum “B” average, no more than one “C+” (67% or above), and no marks lower than “C+” in courses that fulfill graduation requirements for Science 11 or 12, Math 11, and Social Studies 11 or 12

Note: students may apply for both the B.C. Excellence scholarship and the [Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship](#) but they can only be awarded one.

How applications are evaluated

NEW as of 2024: an update to the written statement prompt invites applicants to reflect deeply on one reason they are pursuing their post-secondary or career pathway.

1. Written statements are assessed by a team of B.C. teachers using [the marking guidelines \(PDF\)](#)
2. Approximately 80 candidates are shortlisted
3. The resume for those shortlisted candidates are assessed by a different team of B.C. teachers, using the same marking guidelines
4. Fifty-five students are selected by consensus as conditional recipients

How to Prepare if You Are Selected (overview)

Students interested in applying for the 2024 awards year are encouraged to get organized well before the application deadline of 2:59 pm PST on February 15, 2024.

- Make a checklist of the required information you will need to submit through the online application form

 - Nomination form completed by your school

 - Written statement

 - Resume via mandatory online format

 - Reference letters (2)

- Prepare the required information offline (you cannot save your work in the online form; it must be completed in one session)

- Open the online application (see “Apply” below) ahead of time to ensure your browser is supported

- Submit your application by the deadline

- Ensure that you have a plan to meet all eligibility requirements

- Remember that only those selected as conditional recipients will receive notice (in June)

Required information

Here are the detailed instructions for how to prepare the required information offline:

1. Nomination form completed by your school

- Save this [nomination form \(PDF\)](#) to your computer

- Ask your principal or school head to sign the form and return it to you

- Save a digital copy

- When you are ready to submit your B.C. Excellence application online, upload your signed nomination form where prompted

2. Written statement

Save this [written statement template \(DOCX\)](#) to your computer
Write your statement in the template, following the instructions provided
Your written statement may build upon a related experience listed in your resume; keep the marking guidelines in mind
When you are ready to submit your B.C. Excellence application online, upload your written statement into the online application form where prompted
The written statement is worth 60% in the overall assessment of the application; all written statements are assessed, and those assessments are used to shortlist applications

3. Resume (in mandatory online format)

Save the [sample of the online application \(PDF\)](#) to your computer
You can reference this as you prepare your information and responses offline
The resume is worth 40% in the overall assessment of the application; only resumes from shortlisted applications are reviewed

4. Reference letters (2)

Save these [reference letter instructions \(PDF\)](#) to your computer
Share the instructions with your two referees and have them return signed letters to you

One community-related (such as a community leader, coach, instructor, volunteer supervisor, or employer)

One school-related (such as a teacher, counsellor, school principal, or vice-principal)

Save digital copies

When you are ready to submit your B.C. Excellence application online, upload your two letters into the online application form where prompted

The marking team does not mark the reference letters but does consider them when scoring resumes

Some referees prefer to submit a letter directly to the Ministry; in this case you must include a brief note (PDF) from the referee in place of the reference letter

This brief note must include the referees email address and confirmation that they will provide a reference letter to the ministry by the deadline

Apply

Ready to submit? Be prepared to complete the application in one session. You cannot save your progress.

[Apply for the B.C. Excellence scholarship](#)

Students are encouraged to inform their high schools of any address changes. In the fall, the Ministry mails paper scholarship vouchers to recipients using the home addresses reported by schools.

Click [here](#) for the link to this information.

Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship

Technical updates may result in some students receiving 2023 scholarship vouchers later than the timeframes below.

Awards Year 2023: vouchers have been mailed to recipients of the 2023 Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship. Thank you to all applicants and best wishes for success in post-secondary study.

Awards Year 2024: online applications are due by 2:59 pm PST on February 15, 2024. To prepare, please see details below and note the updates to the marking guidelines and application. Only those selected as conditional recipients will receive notice (in June).

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The Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship is awarded to 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment to and aptitude for a career in K–12 teaching.

Students selected for this award receive a \$5,000 scholarship voucher from the Ministry of Education and Child Care that they can use to be reimbursed for tuition paid after they are attending an [approved teacher education program](#) in the Faculty of Education at a B.C. post-secondary institution. To qualify, the program must lead to eligibility to apply for a B.C. teaching certificate and teach in the K–12 school system in this province.

Students have seven years to [redeem](#) their Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship vouchers; an expiry date is printed on each voucher and extensions are not possible.

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Eligibility requirements

Students selected as conditional recipients of the Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship must meet the following requirements **by August 31 of their graduating year** to be confirmed as a recipient and receive their scholarship voucher:

[meet core eligibility requirements](#) (Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant) and have that on record with the school at which you registered for Grade 12

Be a B.C. resident

Be or have been in the school year for which the scholarship is awarded:

- Enrolled in a British Columbia public school (including online learning schools), or
- Enrolled in a Group 1, 2, or 4 British Columbia Independent School, or
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Complete all graduation requirements, and be on record as having graduated, by August 31 of the scholarship awards year

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be eligible for a B.C. Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma);

fulfill the [requirements of the B.C. Graduation Program](#); and,

have the following final marks.

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How applications are evaluated

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2. Approximately 40 candidates are shortlisted
3. The resumes for those shortlisted candidates are assessed by a different team of B.C. teachers, using the same marking guidelines
4. Twenty students are selected by consensus as conditional recipients

How to prepare (overview)

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Submit your application by the deadline

Ensure that you have a plan to meet all eligibility requirements

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Required information

Here are the detailed instructions for how to prepare the required information offline:

1. Written statement (500 words)

Save this [written statement template \(DOCX\)](#) to your computer

Write your statement in the template, following the instructions provided

Your written statement may build upon a related experience listed in your resume; keep the marking guidelines in mind

When you are ready to submit your Pathway to Teacher Education application online, upload your written statement into the online application form where prompted

The written statement is worth 60% in the overall assessment of the application; all written statements are assessed, and those assessments are used to shortlist applications

2. Resume

Save the [sample of the online application \(PDF\)](#) to your computer

You can reference this as you prepare your information and responses offline

Resumes are worth 40% in the overall assessment of the application; they are only reviewed for those applications that are shortlisted

3. Two reference letters (one community-related and one school-related)

Save these [reference letter instructions \(PDF\)](#) to your computer

Share the instructions with your two referees and have them return signed letters to you

Save digital copies

When you are ready to submit your Pathway to Teacher Education application online, upload your two letters into the online application form where prompted. The marking team does not mark reference letters but does consider them when reviewing resumes.

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Questions?

Please contact the Provincial Scholarships Program team: scholarships@gov.bc.ca.

The Vancouver Island District Authority Scholarships

Acknowledge superior achievement in these broad categories:

- Visual and Performing Arts
- Applied Skills and Communications
- Physical Activity and Sport
- Second Languages
- Community Service and Leadership

- Technical Trades, and Indigenous Language and Culture.

If you would like to apply please click [here](#). Applications are due by midnight on Mar. 14/24.

Coast Capitol Education Awards

The Coast Capitol Education Awards can be found [here](#)