



Scholarships

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Types of Scholarships

1. Institution Based Scholarships

Every post-secondary institution will offer scholarships for first year students. Check the institution's web page and/or calendar for a list of these scholarships.

2. Membership Scholarships

Many organizations that you and/or a parent belong to have scholarships available to members and family. This could include employers, clubs, cultural organizations, religious affiliations or teams.

3. CBE/School Based Scholarships

These scholarships are managed by the CBE and selected at the school or city level. The typical application time for these is in the spring of a school year. Go to: www.cbe.ab.ca/b850 to get a listing of these.

4. Corporate Scholarships

These large scholarships are usually nationally or provincially selected. Information on many of these is published in the school's monthly scholarship updates.

5. Government

The most important scholarship for most students in Alberta is the Alexander Rutherford Scholarship. It requires a mark average in 5 subjects and is given for Grade 10, 11 & 12. If you qualify all you need to do is apply in the spring of your grade 12 year. Go to www.alis.gov.ab.ca for more information.

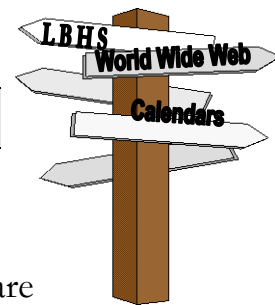
Award Value:

75%-79.9% = \$1500

80% and above = \$2500



Researching Scholarships



Information at LBHS

Updates of scholarship information are published at least once a month. These are available in the Guidance Office, are posted on the Scholarship Board and are listed under Guidance on the Lord Beaverbrook High School website.

Post-Secondary Institutes

Every University, College and Technical Institute in Canada has a book of information for students (a calendar it is called) and a Web site. Not all institutions send scholarship information to schools. Check the calendar or Web site for first year student scholarships and deadlines.

Scholarship Search Companies

Some web sites will register you and match you with available scholarships. Some are free of charge (but may include your name on spam lists), some charge a fee. These searches are NOT exhaustive and none will give you all possible scholarships you qualify for. Be a wise internet consumer when using these sites.

Searching the World Wide Web

- Search the Web using the key word:
scholarships
- Here are a few sites to get you started:

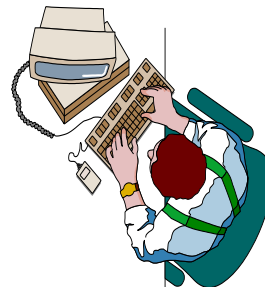
www.alis.gov.ab.ca

www.cbe.ab.ca/b850

www.studentawards.com

www.scholarshipscanada.com

www.canlearn.ca



Scholarship Myths:

Myth #1: *"There are millions of dollars in unclaimed scholarships"*

This myth may have arisen from a few poorly advertised scholarships that went unclaimed; however, most scholarships are hotly contested.

Myth #2: *"Apply for everything, even if you don't think you qualify, you just might win!"*

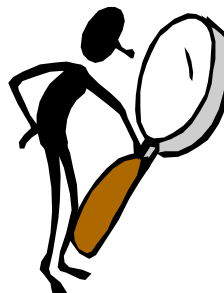
Most scholarships are competitive with only one or a few applicants being selected. You **MUST** meet the criteria in order to be considered. Scholarship applications often take quite a bit of time and effort to do well. You should be discriminating, select scholarships you qualify for. Do a great job on some rather than an average job on many.

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Things to Do *(When applying for Scholarships)*

1. READ the application thoroughly

- What are the **criteria** for applying?
- When is the deadline?
- Do you need:
 - to write an essay?
 - letters of reference (how many)?
 - a school report, transcripts, current marks?

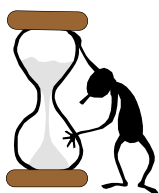


2. Get references in place **EARLY**

- Ask for reference letters well in advance of the application deadline, 2 weeks is usually fine.
- When thinking of who to ask consider, WHO:
 - knows you as more than a student.
 - will represent your strengths in the best light.
- give your references information about your achievements, accomplishments, interests and activities.
- remember: anyone can write a reference, you need to ask someone who will give you the **BEST** reference possible.



3. School Reports & Transcripts



- Many scholarships require a ***School Report*** to be completed by a school official. These are critical to the application, get these completed early (again 2 weeks is good).
- If you need a “***Transcript***” see your counsellor. Sometimes you need official transcripts from Alberta Learning in Edmonton, usually you need a listing of courses and marks including those you are in now. Don’t know which you need, see your counsellor ASAP.

4. Activities/Achievement Summary

Many applications ask for a list of activities and achievements in leadership roles, volunteer work, athletics, student government, etc. This is NOT a job application resume!! Think of it as a formal brag sheet. This may be the single most important bit of information that will separate you from the other candidates. Try to include the following:

- Name, address and phone number
- List of your awards/achievements
- Volunteer activities with a brief description
- Extra curricular activities
- Leadership/organizational committees, activities with a brief description of each
- Hobbies, interests
- Educational goals, occupational goals



This is a **GREAT** resource to give your references, remember the more they know about you the better their letter about you will be.

Words of Wisdom

- *The better your reference letters, school reports, activity/ achievement summaries are, the better your chances of success.*
- *Your application is usually the ONLY way a committee knows you; it is your ambassador. The better it looks the better you look.*
- *Scholarship/ Bursary applications take time to do properly.*
- *It is better to choose a few scholarships wisely and do a very good job on the applications then to do an average job on a lot of applications.*

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