

Grads & Parents

Looking ahead ... Post Secondary & Scholarship/Bursary Award Information.

□ GRAD NEWSLETTERS:

Grad Newsletters will be available, on the MEI Student Services Grads 2018 Facebook group page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1876016089332623/>, four times throughout the year (Sept., Nov., Jan. and Feb./Mar.) and on the MEI Secondary Student Services Grads webpage link at: http://www.meischools.com/secondary/?page_id=952,

□ TRANSCRIPTS:

A “**Transcript**” is a record of grade 10 – 12 marks and is required by post-secondary institutions and for some scholarship/bursary award application packages. Transcripts required before July 31, 2018 would be considered **INTERIM** Transcripts. Transcripts available after July 31 would be considered **FINAL**.

1. Students planning to attend a Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) next September will need to complete the online 2017/2018 PSI Selections Form, which will authorize the B.C. Ministry of Education to automatically send an interim/final transcript (depending on the post-secondary institutions chosen on the form). The PSI Selections Form is usually available in October. More details will be available on the MEI Student Services Grads 2018 Facebook group page.
2. Students needing a transcript for an organization not covered by the PSI Selections Form may request a transcript through the MEI General Office by completing a **Transcript Request Form**, which is available in Student Services, the General Office and on the MEI Secondary Student Services Grads webpage link. Transcripts will usually be ready within 48 hours.

□ SOME SCHOLARSHIP/BURSARY AWARD INFORMATION:

1. Students are encouraged to check the Student Services GRAD Bulletin Board regularly, the MEI Student Services Grads 2018 Facebook group page, the MEI Student Services Grads webpage link, and other online links, such as, <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/provincial-scholarships>, www.yconic.com and www.scholarshipscanada.com.
2. A number of Scholarship & Bursary Award related information seminars will be offered in September and October. Seminar dates will be listed in the September Grad Newsletter (Sign-up sheets will be on the Grad Bulletin Board). Students will apply for some awards through MEI and in other cases, directly with the donor organization. Award due dates vary, with most being due October 2017 – May 2018 (eg. UBC – December 1, Abbotsford Community Foundation – end of February).
3. **Abbotsford Community Foundation** award application information will be available online in early **February** (Students must have a Social Insurance Number to apply). Application packages will likely be due by the fourth week of February. See www.abbotsfordcf.org.
4. **MEI Friends and Alumni Award** application forms will be available on the MEI Student Services Grads webpage link in January and will be due by the end of February.
5. **UFV Entrance Scholarship** application packages will be due early **March** - <http://www.ufv.ca/fineaid>.
6. **Dogwood District/Authority Awards** ~ 2017-2018 information and application package will be available in November with the application package/project due, at this point, in early **May**, however, students are encouraged to start working on their project now in **FALL** already (2016-2017 information will be available at http://www.meischools.com/secondary/?page_id=952 until the 17/18 information is available).

□ **SOME POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION & CAREER RELATED INFORMATION:**

1. MEI is hosting the annual **BC Post-Secondary Education Evening** this year on **September 19th**, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. This is the one opportunity MEI Grade 11 & 12 students/parents have during the year to hear directly from BCIT, Kwantlen, SFU, TWU, UFV, UVIC and other post-secondary representatives regarding admission and program requirements, tuition fees and awards etc.
2. **UFV** has continuous applications, accepted throughout the year, and specific date applications, accepted only on or after **October 1st** - <http://www.ufv.ca/admissions/admissions/>
3. **Canadian Universities Event (CUE) 2017** @ the Hilton Vancouver Metrotown **October 3rd** from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. - <http://canadianuniversiti.wixsite.com/cuebc>
4. **UBC Information Session** @ MEI **November 2nd** from 11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. (Sign-up sheet will be on the Student Services Grad Bulletin Board) - <http://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/blog/>
5. **Christian College & University Fair** @ South Abbotsford Church **November 16th** from 1 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. - <https://myblueprintstory.com/christian-university-college-fairs?fid=95>
6. **Education and Career Fair** @ Abbotsford Tradex **December 5th** from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. - <http://www.educationcareerfaairs.com/>
7. Students applying to a post-secondary institution are encouraged to check with individual institutions regarding their admissions deadline as it may vary (eg. UBC Admissions – January 15, UFV Recommended Admissions – January 31, TWU Early Admissions – Mar. 1, SFU Admissions – Feb. 28). Applying online to BC Post-Secondary Schools is available at www.educationplannerbc.ca and <http://www.twu.ca/undergraduate/>.
8. Students pursuing post-secondary education in the United States can find **SAT** information at <http://international.collegeboard.org/> and **ACT** information at <http://www.actstudent.org/>.
9. Career Cruising, an interactive career program that provides career and post-secondary education related information, is available to students at www.careercruising.com. The username and password are available from Student Services and/or Bible 12 teachers.