



Mennonite Educational Institute **Secondary School**

Course Planning 2020-2021

For Grade 11 going into Grade 12

Thursday March 5, 2020
Period 2 (12:10 – 1:25)

**Presentation Handout & Course Calendar available online on the
MEI Secondary Resources Link:**

<https://www.meischools.com/resources/course-planning-for-mei-secondary-students/>

New Course Selection Process

- No more hard copy course selection sheet to fill out and submit
- Selection is done online through *MyEducation BC* student portal
<https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>
- MEI will send to Parents/Guardians Login ID and temporary Password by email on Friday March 6. You will have one week to discuss with your parents/teachers/counsellors to decide what courses you should be taking next year
- Portal opens on **Monday March 9 at 8:30 AM**
You have three weeks from then to choose, change and post (save) your courses for next year
- Portal closes on **Monday March 30 at 4:00 PM**

Purpose of Course Planning

To help students make wise decisions regarding:

- ❑ completing MEI and B.C. Ministry of Education Graduation requirements (Dogwood Diploma)
- ❑ choosing courses that will help prepare students for life after high school
- ❑ taking advantage of opportunities to use gifts and strengths, to further develop potential and to serve God and others

Top 10 Factors to Consider in Course Planning

1. Time and Resources to live a BALANCED life (as much as possible - emotionally, intellectually, physically, socially, spiritually)
2. MEI grade promotion criteria
3. MEI Graduation Program requirements
4. MEI course pre & co-requisites
5. Individual academic strengths & weaknesses
6. Individual interest, ability and spiritual giftedness
7. Exploration of a variety of life / educational experiences
8. Future life & realistic career goals
9. Post-secondary options (within the context of balance, educational experiences, strengths, gifts, weaknesses, reality etc.)
10. University / College entrance requirements (reality vs. myth)

Grade Promotion

- ❑ Grade 11 Required Courses (Literary Studies, a Math, a Science, a Socials) that are not completed satisfactorily must be repeated :
 1. at MEI next year **OR**
 2. in summer school (if available) **OR**
 3. Online

- ❑ Students must pass Bible 11 in order to return to MEI the following year.

Helpful Resources

☐ MEI Course Planning Resources

<https://www.meischools.com/resources/course-planning-for-mei-secondary-students/>

- ❖ 2020-2021 MEI Secondary Course Calendar
- ❖ Grade 9, 10, 11, and 12 Course Selection Information
- ❖ Application Forms
- ❖ PDF Slides of this presentation
- ❖ Course Permission Slip

☐ Counsellors

☐ Parents

☐ Trusted Adults

☐ PSI Advisors/Recruitors

MEI Graduation Program

Students must complete a minimum of 80 grade 10 – 12 credits (16 of the 80 credits must be grade 12 credits)

This includes:

- ❑ 64 Required Credits
- ❑ 16 Elective Course Credits (minimum)

See back of the Grade 10 Course Selection Form for a detailed summary of the MEI Graduation Program

Required Credits (64 credits)

- Bible 10, 11, 12
- Career Life Education (CLE) during your Grade 10 year
- Career Life Connections including Capstone Projects (CLC) during your Grade 12 year
- Literary Studies 10 & Composition 10
- Literary Studies 11 AND English Studies 12
- A Mathematics 10 AND 11
- An Arts Education AND/OR An Applied, Design, Skills, and Technologies in grade 10, 11 or 12
- Social Studies 10
- Exploration in Social Studies 11 OR a Social Study 12 Course (20th Century World History 12, Physical Geography 12, or Law Studies 12)
- Science 10 AND a Science 11 course
- Physical Health Education 10

Three Graduation Assessments

- **One Graduation Numeracy Assessment (GNA) written in Grade 10.**
- **Two Graduation Literacy Assessments (GLA) one written in Grade 10 and the other one in Grade 12.**
- **Does not count as part of your Math or English school marks but will receive a proficiency rating**
- **Similar to the Foundational Skills Assessments (FSA) in Grade 4 and 7**

More Electives Available Each Year

Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
1. Bible 10	1. Bible 11	1. Bible 12
2. Literary Studies 10 & Composition 10	2. Literary Studies 11	2. Career Life Connection
3. a Math 10	3. a Math 11	3. English Studies 12
4. Science 10	4. a Science 11	4.* _____ 12
5. Socials 10	5. a Socials 11 or 12	5.* _____ 10/11/12
6. PE 10	6.* _____ 10/11	6.* _____ 10/11/12
7. Career Life Education*	7.* _____ 10/11	7.* _____ 10/11/12
8. (6 credits) _____ 10	8.* _____ 10/11	8.* _____ 10/11/12
* Term Course	* Electives – students can chose what to take	* Electives – students can chose what to take

Elective Credits

(minimum 16 credits)





They include:

- ❑ 8 credits of Grade 12 provincially authorized or Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses*
- ❑ 8 credits of additional grade 10, 11 and 12 courses

* Please consult Course Calendar for a complete listing of grade 10-12 courses (and their prerequisites) offered at MEI.

Arts Education (AE) and/or Applied, Design, Skills, and Technologies (ADST)

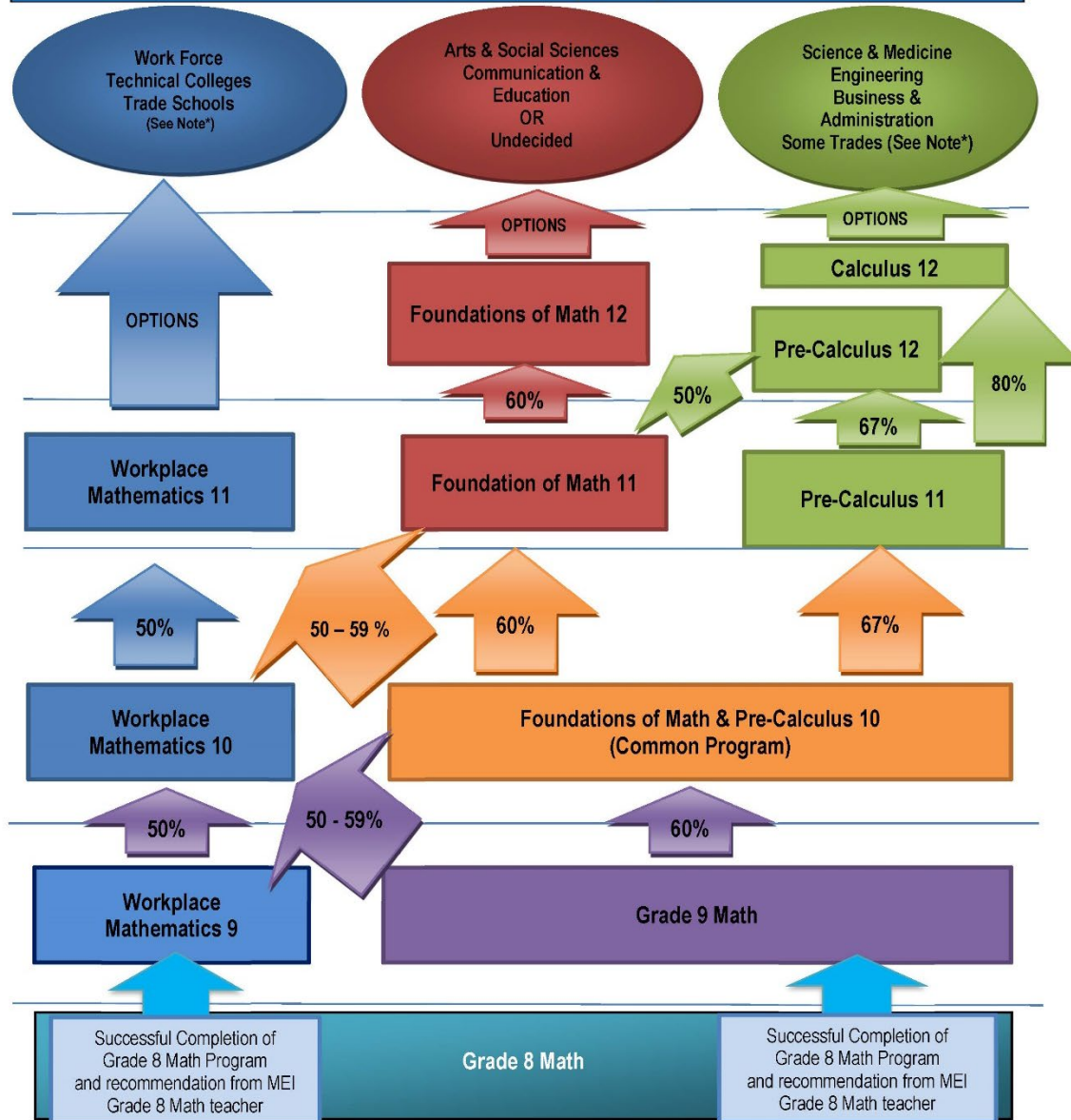
Students must complete 4 grade 10, 11 or 12 AE and/or ADST credits in order to meet graduation requirements.

- * Grade 10, 11 and 12 *Provincially Authorized* AE  and ADST  Courses do meet this graduation requirement.
- * Only Grade 11 ***Board Authority Authorized*** (BAA) AE  and ADST  Courses do meet this graduation requirement, not Grade 10 or 12 BAAs

Some Grade 12 Pre-requisites









AP English Lit. & Comp. 12	80% in English 11 Honours or Permission of the teacher
French, Spanish 12	70% in French 11 or Spanish 11
Foundation of Math 12	60% in Foundations of Math 11 or 50% in Pre-calculus 11
Pre-Calculus 12	67% in Pre-Calculus 11
Calculus 12	80% in Pre-Calculus 11
Anatomy and Physiology 12	67% in Biology 11 <u>and</u> Chemistry 11 is strongly recommended.
Chemistry 12	67% in Chem. 11, Foundations of Math 11 or Pre-Calculus 11 and enrolled in Foundations of Math 12 or Pre-Calculus 12 (or permission of instructor)
Chemistry 12 Honours	Same as above plus teacher's permission
Physics 12	67% in Physics 11 and enrolled in Foundations of Math 12 or Pre-Calculus 12 (or permission of instructor)
Physical Geography 12	60% in Social 10
20th Century World History 12	67% in Social 10
Law Studies 12	50% in Social 10

Mathematics Pathways Diagram



NOTE: Some trades schools (e.g. Electrical at BCIT) require Pre-Calculus 11 or 12. Some post-secondary institutions (e.g. UBC Okanagan or UVV) do not have a mathematics pre-requisite preference as part of their admission. Please consult the general or program specific admission requirements of any PSI of your choice to know in advance what mathematics pre-requisite they are asking for.

Application Forms Required for:

- Advance Performance PE 12 
- APEX: Student Leadership 12 
- Hockey Academy 12 
- Marketing and Retailing 12 
- Peer Tutoring 12 
- Senior Worship Leadership 12 
- Yearbook 12 
- Outdoor Education 12 

Submit Completed Course Application Form to the General Office before March 30, 2020

French or Spanish 12



As you are considering whether or not to carry on your education with a second language, it is important to take into account the following information:

- In order to take French or Spanish 12 at MEI students must have previously successfully completed French 11 or Spanish 11. So, if you did not take French or Spanish 11 this year you will not be able to carry on in a second language in grade 12 until you have met that pre-requisite.
- A second language IS optional in Grades 9-12. You do not need any second language to graduate

Choosing Courses with Pre-requisites

Course Selection should be based on a student's final mark in the required pre-requisite course, however, if the required pre-requisite course is being taken in the second semester, students should base their course selection on their final mark in the required course the previous year. Students will still need to end up with the required pre-requisite in their requested course by the end of the semester, unless a Department Head or Teacher Designate waives the pre-requisite using a Course Permission Slip.

Department Head/Teacher Who can waive a prerequisite:

Mathematics	- Mr. Balzer
English Language Arts	- Mr. Nickel
French	- Mrs. Drew
Spanish	- Mr. Peters
Science	- Mrs. Thiessen

Course Permission Slips

➤ 👉 Course Permission Slip 👉

➤ This permission slip must be used by a student hoping to get into a course where a prerequisite has not been met and an exception is being requested or permission from the teacher is needed before taking that particular course.

➤ The prerequisite has not been met because I : _____

➤ _____

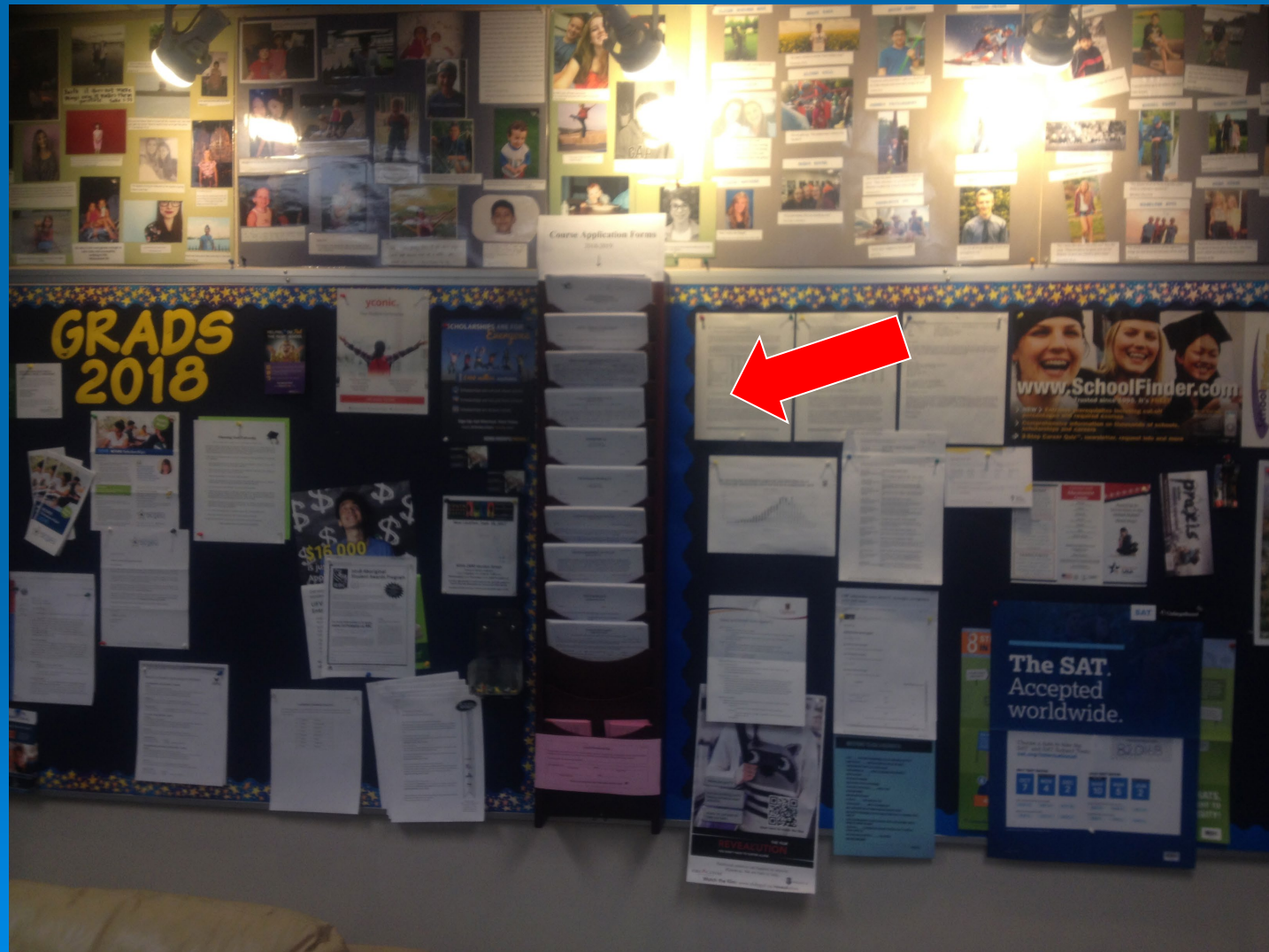
➤ I give permission for _____ to take _____
(Student Name) (Course Title)

➤ _____ Date: _____
(Teacher Signature)

➤ Submit this completed signed form to the General Office

Application Form Required (Limited Enrollment)

* Application Forms are available in Student Services or online at:
<https://www.meischools.com/resources/course-planning-for-mei-secondary-students/>



External Credentials

External Credentials are approved BC Ministry of Education courses, programs, and assessments developed outside the regular school system.

Examples: ICBC Driver Education, RCM Music Courses, Bronze Cross, Red Cross First Aid, etc..

- ❖ Complete list of organizations and their courses is available on the web:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/graduation/getting-credit-to-graduate/external-credentials>

See Mr. Girard to process request for external credits.

I DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL!



DO NOT PANIC

What should I do?

Where should I go?

Career Life Connections (Grade 12 year)

- <https://myblueprint.ca/>



- <https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/>



Keep Calm & Do Something

- Embrace unpredictability and change
- Do not be stuck on the one thing.
- Focus on the here and now of your journey
- It is normal to have very little or no ideas yet
- Do something and see what opportunities come along
- In non-moral decision, God will be please with what you choose
- A job or a title or money should not define you, no matter what others say

Post Secondary Institutions (PSI) Admission Requirements

➤ General Admission Requirements

To get your foot in the door
Basic requirements to apply



➤ Program Specific Admission Requirements

To qualify for a program a PSI offers (in addition to General Admission Requirements)

What do PSIs want?

- University Websites (see links in the MEI Course Calendar)
- Meet with an academic guidance counsellor in Student Services
- Contact a University/College Advisor
- Visit a campus: Open House & View Days
- BC Post Secondary Annual Event (September)

B.C. Second Language Information



Some things to consider:

- * A grade 11 second language IS required for direct general admission to SFU (SFU will accept an Introductory Language 11) and UBC, but is NOT required at BCIT, TWU, UFV, UVIC and most other B.C. colleges and Bible colleges.
- * If a student completes a full year of approved transferable post-secondary courses/credits at another institution, and then wants to transfer to SFU/UBC*, SFU/UBC* will not require a grade 11 second language.

NOTE: A second language 12 (or equivalent) is NOT required for general admission to UBC, but IS required as part of their Bachelor of Arts degree program.

Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) Admission Requirements

PSI's often have general admission requirements and program specific admission requirements:

- General Admission Requirements:
 - allow a student to “get their foot in the door”
 - are the basic requirements necessary to apply
- Program Specific Admission Requirements
 - allow students to qualify for a specific program at the PSI (the Program Specific Admission Requirements are usually in addition to General Admission Requirements)

Some BC Post-Secondary Admission Requirements Links

www.bcit.ca

British Columbia Institute of Technology, Burnaby, Richmond. At BCIT all admission requirements are program specific.

<https://www.bcit.ca/admission/requirements/>

www.capilanou.ca

Capilano University, North Vancouver

<https://www.capilanou.ca/admissions/apply-to-capu/admission-requirements/>.

www.douglascollege.ca

Douglas College, New Westminster and Coquitlam

<https://www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/general-information/admissions>

Some BC Post-Secondary Admission Requirements Links

www.ecad.ca

Emily Carr University of Art + Design, Vancouver

<https://www.ecuad.ca/admissions/application-info/undergraduate-applications/first-year-academic-requirements#undefined>

www.kpu.ca

Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Langley, Surrey, Richmond

<https://www.kpu.ca/admission/requirements>

www.sfu.ca

Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Surrey and Vancouver

<http://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/admission-requirements.html>

Some BC Post-Secondary Admission Requirements Links

www.twu.ca

Trinity Western University, Langley

<https://www.twu.ca/admissions-aid/admission-requirements/canadian-high-school-students#bc>

www.tru.ca

Thompson River University, Kamloops

<https://www.tru.ca/future/admissions/undergrad/requirements.html>

www.ubc.ca

*University of British Columbia: Vancouver, Okanagan and Robson Square campus **

<https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/requirements/canadian-high-schools#british-columbia> *each campus has different admission requirements

Some BC Post-Secondary Admission Requirements Links

www.ufv.ca

University of the Fraser Valley: Chilliwack, Abbotsford campus

<https://www.ufv.ca/admissions/admission-requirements/>

www.uvic.ca

University of Victoria, Victoria

[https://www.uvic.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/high-school/bc-
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yt/index.php)

How much does a post secondary education cost?



Tuition, Fees and Room/Board Expenses

- ❑ The information to the right is based on **2019-2020** post-secondary website information.
- ❑ Fees are approximate, subject to change and based on a general program full course load.
- ❑ There may be additional student fees, and will be textbooks (1,500 to \$2,000 per year), transportation and personal expenses.
- ❑ There are pros and cons to attending any post-secondary institution. Financial costs are only one factor to consider.

Post-Secondary Institution	Tuition & Fees/per school yr.	Food /On-campus housing	Total
CBC (Abbotsford)	\$9,900	\$5,380	\$15,280
TWU (Langley)	\$22,260* *Awards are available to most students to help cover costs.	\$9,226	\$31,486
UBC (Vancouver)	\$6,209	\$10,709	\$16,918
UFV (Abbotsford)	\$5,497	\$11,537	\$17,034

Some Examples of Post-Secondary Website Links Showing Approximate Costs

Columbia Bible College:

- <https://www.columbiabc.edu/fs/costs?section=tuition>

Trinity Western University:

- <https://www.twu.ca/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs>

University of British Columbia (Vancouver):

- <http://you.ubc.ca/financial-planning/cost/>

University of the Fraser Valley:

- <https://www.ufv.ca/future-students/go-to-university/tuition-fees>

Financing Post-Secondary Education

- ❑ Personal Savings: Summer/Part-time Jobs, Gifts
- ❑ Scholarship & Bursary Awards
- ❑ Parents/Grandparents: Scholarship Plans, Gifts, Loans
- ❑ Government Loans: Provincial / Federal

Scholarship & Bursary Awards

What you need to know



Financing Post-Secondary Education

- ❑ Personal Savings: Summer/Part-time Jobs
- ❑ Scholarship & Bursary Awards:
 - * Abbotsford Community Foundation Awards / Mission Comm. Foundation Awards
 - * BC Achievement Scholarships (B.C. Ministry of Education)
 - * BC Excellence Scholarships (B.C. Ministry of Education)
 - * District Authority Scholarships (B.C. Ministry of Education / FISA)
 - * MEI Friends & Alumni Awards
 - * Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarships (B.C. Ministry of Education)
 - * Various Businesses and Organizations
 - * Various Post-Secondary Institutions
- ❑ Parents: Scholarship Plans, Gifts, Loans
- ❑ Government Loans: Provincial / Federal

Finding Award Information

➤ Check the Internet regularly:

- ❑ MEI Student Services Grads 2020 Schoology Group
- ❑ <http://www.keytoscholarships.com/>
- ❑ <https://yconic.com/>
- ❑ <http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>
- ❑ <https://scholartree.ca/>
- ❑ <http://www.canlearn.ca/eng/index.shtml>
- ❑ <http://www.campusstarter.com/>
- ❑ <http://www.grantme.ca/>
- ❑ <http://international.collegeboard.org/> (US)
- ❑ <http://www.fastweb.com/> (US)

Finding Award Information (con't)

The following resources may also be helpful:

- ❑ Post-secondary education websites
- ❑ Organization & government websites
- ❑ Various search engines (eg. Google)
- ❑ **GRAD** bulletin board in Student Services

Criteria for Awarding Scholarship & Bursary Awards

May include one or more of the following:

- ☐ high academic achievement
- ☐ leadership involvement
- ☐ extra-curricular school activities
- ☐ community service / good citizenship
- ☐ membership in a specific organization
- ☐ having specific education/career goals
- ☐ pursuing specific post-secondary studies/a specific career
- ☐ nomination and/or knowing the donor
- ☐ financial need

Why Talk about Scholarship and Bursary Awards Now?

- ❑ Many award donors / organizations are interested in an applicant's achievements and school/community involvements not only in grade 12, but also prior to grade 12.
- ❑ Some donor organizations require membership the year prior to applying for their award.
eg. Otter Co-op Scholarships
- ❑ Planning ahead and implementing new initiatives in grade 11 and 12 is likely to give an applicant a better chance of receiving an award. (Having balance in life is however, an important factor to consider when working toward scholarships.)

eg. Volunteering to tutor is *great*, but recognizing a need for a tutoring program in an "inner-city" Abbotsford school, initiating a tutoring program and finding all of the volunteers and putting the program in place is better.

More Questions

- Schedule an appointment with a Counsellor
- Drop-In during lunch or after school
- Meet with teachers teaching a particular course (as around if you do not know)
- Email us