## Scholarship Information for 2025-26

Unlock the door to your academic dreams with our comprehensive scholarship guide for the 2025-26 school year. Discover a world of opportunities awaiting you.



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## **Purpose of Scholarships**

#### **Funding Education**



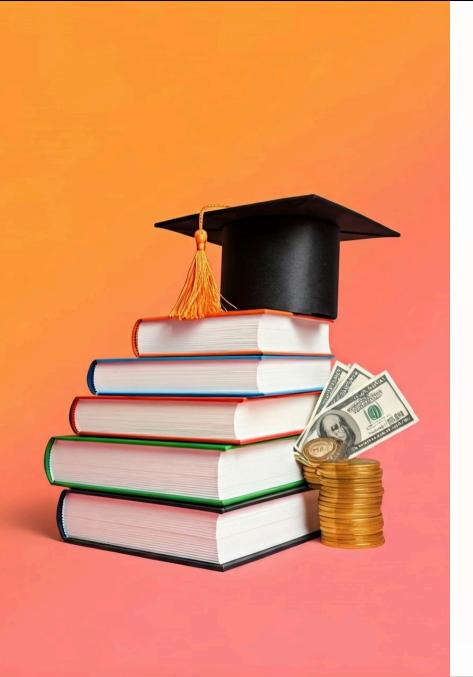
Scholarships provide crucial financial support to help students afford the rising costs of post-secondary education.

#### Recognizing **Achievement Y**

Scholarships honor and celebrate students' academic excellence, extracurricular involvement, and community service.

#### Prestige and Opportunities \*\*

Winning a scholarship can open doors to prestigious schools and programs, as well as valuable networking opportunities.



## What is a Scholarship?

**Financial Assistance** 

A scholarship is a non-repayable sum of money awarded to a student to help finance their post-secondary education.

**Covering Costs** 

These funds can be used for tuition, books, residence, and other expenses related to a student's post-secondary studies.

**Delivery Options** 

Scholarships may come in the form of a check, voucher, or a direct transfer to the student's post-secondary institution.

## Types of Scholarships and Aid



#### **BC Ministry of Education**

Scholarships and awards sponsored by the provincial government to recognize academic achievement.



#### **Post-Secondary Schools**

Scholarships and bursaries offered directly by colleges and universities to attract top students.



#### **Private & Local Sponsors**

Scholarships from businesses, organizations, and community groups to support local students.



#### Argyle Secondary/NVSD

District and school-level awards recognizing exceptional achievement and community involvement.



## **Types of Scholarships & Awards**



#### **Entrance Scholarships**

Awarded by post-secondary institutions to incoming students based on academic merit and potential.



#### **Athletic Scholarships**

Offered by universities and colleges to recruit talented student-athletes to their sports programs.



#### **Merit Scholarships**

Recognize students'
exceptional academic
performance, leadership, and
extracurricular involvement



#### **Bursaries**

Provide financial assistance based on demonstrated financial need, helping students access education.

### Fun Facts About Scholarships

#### Renewable Rewards

Many scholarships based on academic achievement are renewable if you maintain high grades!

## Unlimited Opportunities

You can apply for and receive an unlimited number of scholarships, except for those from universities.

#### **Tax-Free Windfalls**

Most scholarship funds are not considered taxable income, so you get to keep the full amount.

#### Contests = Cash

Entering academic competitions like math, science, and essay contests can earn you valuable scholarships.

At Argyle Secondary, the graduating class is offered between \$400,000 and \$1,000,000 in scholarships every year - that's a lot of potential funding!

## BC Ministry of Education Scholarships



#### District/Authority Scholarships

Awarded to graduating BC students for excellence in the arts, applied skills, sports, or community service.



#### Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship

Recognizes graduating BC students who demonstrate a commitment to the teaching profession.



#### **BC Excellence Scholarships**

Awarded to well-rounded BC graduates who demonstrate community service and leadership.



#### BC Achievement Scholarships

Recognizes the top 8% of graduating BC students based on academic achievement.

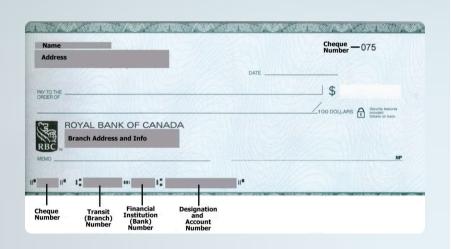




## **BC Excellence Scholarships**

Number of Awards	55 awards
Award Amount	\$5,000 each
Eligibility	One student nominated by each high school
Selection Criteria	Demonstrate community service and aptitude/commitment to chosen career path

Past Argyle winners have pursued diverse opportunities in fields like journalism, medicine, digital media, business, and music performance.



## BC Achievement Scholarships

The BC Achievement Scholarships are automatically awarded to the 8,000 students with the highest cumulative average based on their graduation requirements. No application is necessary - just make sure your mailing address is up-to-date so the \$1,250 cheque can be sent to the right place!

## **District/Authority Awards Process**

**Application** Complete the Argyle Scholarship Application Form Deadline Submit the application before the deadline Selection 3 Argyle is allotted 20-30 of these \$1250 awards **Receive Award** Awarded as a voucher you get in the fall

The District/Authority Awards recognize graduating students for superior achievement in non-academic areas like fine arts, second languages, community service, and more. To apply, you must complete the Argyle Scholarship Application Form before the deadline. Argyle typically receives 20-30 of these \$1,250 awards, which are provided as a voucher in the fall.

## Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship

- Must be a BC resident and Canadian citizen/Landed
   Immigrant
- Must show evidence of commitment to and aptitude for a teaching career
- \$5,000 to 20 students (maintaining a B average in all courses with no more than one grade 12 mark at the C+ level)
- Must be applied for through Ministry of Education website





# Argyle Awards and Scholarships Guide

Application and instructions available on the Scholarship Information 2026 Team Under the channel called Argyle Scholarships

## **Argyle Awards Application**

1 — Application Period

Opens December 1 and closes January 30 at 9:00am.

2 Part A: MS Form

Fill out and submit the application form with brief answers.

**3** — Part B: Application Letter

Write a letter outlining your background, achievements, and future plans.



## **Application Letter Tips**

- 1 School Involvement

  Highlight participation in sports, music, and leadership roles.
- 2 Community Engagement

  Mention volunteering experiences and work contributions.
- 3 Academic Achievements

  Showcase awards, advanced courses, and extracurricular accomplishments.





## International Student Scholarship

#### Eligibility

Available for outstanding international students.

#### **Application Process**

See Ms. Peers between March 1-30 for the application form.

## Post-Secondary Institutions' Scholarships



#### **Entrance Scholarships**

Awards for new students entering post-secondary institutions.



#### **Entrance Bursaries**

Financial aid based on need for incoming students.



#### **Academic Excellence**

Scholarships recognizing outstanding academic performance.



## **Entrance Scholarship Criteria**

Requirements	Application form, 85-90%+ marks, community involvement
Deadlines	Vary by institution - check websites
Bursaries	Must demonstrate significant financial need





## Private Organization Scholarships

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#### **Community Involvement**

Many scholarships emphasize volunteer work and community engagement.

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#### **Specific Criteria**

Some focus on leadership, ethnic background, or specific skills.

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#### **Essay Requirements**

Some may require essays on topics like future plans or opinions.



### Financial Aid Websites

1 Scholarship Databases

ScholarTree, Yconic, ScholarshipsCanada offer extensive award listings.

**2** Government Resources

CanLearn and StudentAidBC provide official financial aid information.

3 International Resources

Edupass for U.S.-bound students, AUCC for Canadian universities.

### Student Action Plan

1 — October-November

Verify transcript, check workplace aid, complete Statement of Activities assignment.

2 — November-December

Research scholarships, take required tests (IELTS, SAT), prepare nomination packages.

3 — December

Meet major entrance scholarship deadlines (e.g., UBC, Queen's).

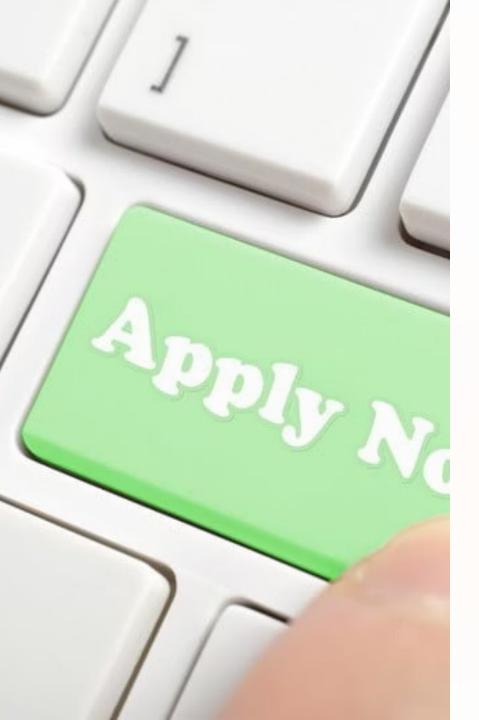


## Part 3 - Scholarship Success: Your Ultimate Guide

Hey future scholars! Ready to dive into the wild world of scholarships? Buckle up, because we're about to embark on a thrilling journey filled with deadlines, essays, and sweet, sweet funding opportunities!



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## **Kick-Starting Your Scholarship Hunt**

January-February: The Early Bird Gets the Worm

Stay alert for university announcements. Double-check those pesky deadlines. Some scholarships are early birds too!

2 March-April: Scholarship Season in Full Swing

Canada-wide scholarships are knocking. Apply, apply! It's raining opportunities, so grab your application umbrella.

3 — May-June: Local Love and Gratitude

Local scholarships bloom like spring flowers. Don't forget to water them with thank-you notes!

#### The Art of Reference Letters

1 Choose Wisely

Pick someone who knows you better than your Netflix account does. Quality over quantity, folks!

2 Prep Your Referees

Give them your Statement of Activities or résumé and two weeks' notice. No surprise attacks, please!

3 Respect Confidentiality

If it's confidential, treat it like a secret recipe. One copy only!



## Mastering External Applications



#### **Follow Instructions**

Read the fine print like it's the latest viral meme. Every detail matters!



#### **Meet Deadlines**

Treat deadlines like your favorite TV show premiere. Don't be late to the party!



#### **Proper Submission**

Whether it's snail mail or email, make sure your application reaches its destination.



## Are You Scholarship Material?

#### The All-Rounder

Balance academics, community service, and extracurriculars like a pro juggler.
Wow them with your time management superpowers!

#### The Grade Guru

Aim for that 80%+ average. Your report card should shine brighter than your phone screen!

#### The Detail Detective

Follow instructions meticulously. Be the Sherlock Holmes of scholarship applications!

## **Preparation is Key**

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#### Research

Dig deep into scholarship options. Be the Indiana Jones of funding opportunities!

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#### **Prep Documents**

Get your resume and transcripts ready. They're your scholarship application superheroes!

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#### **Secure Recommendations**

Ask for glowing references. Let others sing your praises like a hit pop song!



## **Application Etiquette 101**

#### Honesty is the Best Policy

Tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. No fairy tales allowed!

#### **Presentation Matters**

Use clean, white paper and a professional font. Make your application look snazzier than a tuxedo!

#### Proofread Like a Pro

Check for typos as if each one cost you a dollar. Your future self will thank you!

#### Keep a Copy

Photocopy everything before mailing. It's your scholarship insurance policy!





## Resources for Students with Exceptionalities

1 NEADS

National Educational Association of Disabled Students: Your go-to resource for disability-related education info.

StudentAidBC

Check out their programs for students with permanent disabilities. It's like a financial aid buffet!

DisabilityAwards.ca

A treasure trove of awards for students with disabilities. Start digging for gold!

## Beyond Academics: Unique Scholarship Opportunities



#### **Community Heroes**

Turn your volunteer hours into scholarship gold. Every little bit helps!



#### **Sports Stars**

From hockey to horseshoes, there's a scholarship for that. Game on!



#### **Cultural Connections**

Your heritage and language skills could be your ticket to free education. Embrace your roots!