



# Carson Grad Update

Grad 2015: Vol I

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**Thursday, January 15 – Carson Graham  
Scholarship Meeting at 3:05 in the Library**

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**The Grad Update is our primary means of communication with students and parents as students work through the rigors of Grade 12 and prepare for the next phase of their education.**

**As we head into the Christmas season, there are items to check off your list!**

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## **UPCOMING DEADLINES**

January 31 – UBC Applications Due

January 30 – Carson Graham Scholarship Applications Due

February 28 - SFU Applications Due

## **SCHOOL-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES**

On Thursday, January 15 at 3:05 in the library there will be a meeting to discuss the school- based scholarship and bursary application process. Grads should plan on attending for an explanation of the process. Applications will be available on the Carson.ca website (*Students>Grade 12 information>Scholarship and Bursary Information*) and are due to Mr. Watson by January 30, 2015, 3:15 sharp. ***Late applications will not be accepted***

## **CAPILANO U VISITS CARSON GRAHAM**

In early March, Capilano U will have 2 advisors visiting Carson. Students will have the opportunity to make an individual appointment with an advisor and will have any of their questions about applications, program choices, transferring to other universities and the complete application/admission process answered. Once the date is set, an appointment sign-up will be posted in counselling.

## **WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY??**

After you have submitted your Post Secondary Application, you will receive an email from the institution confirming that it has received your application and advising you of any further steps you need to take.

SFU – You will be self-reporting your grades in March. SFU will then confirm what you have self-reported when they receive your second term grades from the Ministry of Education in April.

UBC – You will receive an email from UBC in March asking you to self report your grades. UBC requires you to self report your grades as well as upload the document from which you took the data. (IE: your second report card)

Cap U – Cap will wait for your grades from the Ministry of Education in April and will give an admissions decision at that time.

## **PSI FORMS**

If you have not already done so, it is imperative that you have completed your Post Secondary Institution Choices Form on the Ministry of Education website. This form needs to be completed by you to give permission for the Ministry to release your marks to your post secondary schools. As part of your Grad Trans assignment #2, you were required to activate your account on the Ministry of Education site. The PSI Selections form is found there.

***If the form is not completed you will not get admitted!!!!***

The link below will guide you through the PSI process:

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/trx\\_updates/pdf/psi\\_selections\\_instructions.pdf](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/trx_updates/pdf/psi_selections_instructions.pdf)

## **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY INDEX**

The LPI (Language Proficiency Index) is required for many B.C. post-secondary institutions. Registration Fee: \$109.00 + HST (Visa, MasterCard, Money Order or Cheque). It is written a number of times throughout the year, BUT YOU MUST REGISTER ONLINE FOR THE EXAMINATION AT LEAST THREE WEEKS IN ADVANCE.

It is important to note that the LPI is not a consideration for admission. The test merely determines which first year English course you will register for.

Students are exempted from writing the LPI if they:

UBC – achieve a final blended grade of 75% in English 12 or Lit 12 or achieve a 5 in IB English Language A1

SFU – Achieve a blended grade of 75% in Eng 12 or Lit 12 or a 3 in IB English Language A. Students who fall between 60-75% in the English/Lit 12 must take a writing course prior to first year English or write the LPI.

Capilano U – achieve a grade of 75% on Eng 12 or Lit 12 or a 5 in IB English Language A1

**\*\*UBC Faculty of Arts applicants do not need to write the LPI; they have a different first year English course requirement**

\*\*\* Students who are applying only to Capilano U are able to satisfy their English requirement by writing the English Diagnostic Test, administered by Capilano U. It is offered numerous times throughout the Spring at the Cap campus. The cost is only \$40.

<http://www2.capilano.ca/programs/english/diagnostic/EDT-Schedule.html>

Check the website for schedules: [www.lpitest.ca](http://www.lpitest.ca)

## **APPLYING OUTSIDE OF BC???**

If you are applying outside of British Columbia, (with the exception of McGill) you must inform Mr. Watson by completing a Transcript Request Form (available in Counselling). He will send your grades in mid-January and again after second report card in March. You must follow this procedure as the grades delivered electronically by the Ministry of Education arrive too late for admission decisions!!

## **JANUARY**

- Note that for many universities, this month marks the deadline for completing your application.
- Make sure universities receive all the pertinent information about additional components such as on-line courses. Many post secondaries have early completion standards for on-line courses. Check it out.  
**Special note this year: UBC** requires online courses that will be used in the admission average to be completed by **February 1**.
- Fill out the PSI Form (Post-secondary Institutions Selections Form) to give permission for your marks to be released from the BC Ministry of Education to the PSIs of your choice. (See above)

## **FEBRUARY**

- This month marks the last date, in some provinces, to revise your university program choices without penalty.
- Continue to check for scholarship and bursary opportunities.
- Continue to check your email to be informed of important dates for supporting documents, auditions, portfolios or interviews for some specific programs.

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## Scholarships

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Scholarships are monetary awards given to graduates who have excelled in their program of studies and have been active in school and community activities. These awards are intended to help graduates with the cost of their post secondary education. Scholarships generally fall into three categories: **Provincial**, **Carson Graham**, and **External**. Students do not have to apply for a Provincial scholarship; they will be automatically considered if they have excellent achievement in their 5 Graduation Program exams. [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards)

The **Carson Graham** Scholarship Committee awards scholarships provided to Carson graduates through the generosity of service clubs, businesses, the Carson community, and individuals. Grade 12's must complete the Scholarship and Bursary application, which will be given to them at the January 15 meeting.

**External** scholarships include university scholarships and awards offered by outside agencies. Make sure to check application dates for university entrance scholarships; usually, they should be submitted in January/February. Typically, an applicant for a major entrance scholarship will have a 90% plus average in their academic courses as well as an outstanding record of extracurricular involvement. Other external scholarships will be advertised in future Grad Updates newsletters and/or posted on the bulletin board outside counselling. Most scholarship applications are quite involved and may require letters of reference or essays. Deadlines for scholarships are firm, so don't leave it to the last minute. **REMEMBER TO CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR UPDATES.**

### **SFU Entrance Scholarships**

The SFU Entrance Scholarship Program allows students to apply directly. See their Financial Aid website for details.

**Deadline:** Feb 28, 2014

## **David C Lam/TEAL Scholarship**

All ELL students living in British Columbia who are landed immigrants or Canadian citizens are eligible to apply for the David C. Lam/BC TEAL ESL Scholarship. Please note that international students on student visas are not eligible for this award. The successful applicant may use the scholarship to register in any program being offered at a British Columbia post-secondary institution. One scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding ESL student in BC. The scholarship is valued at \$2500. Please refer to the BC TEAL website <http://www.bctéal.org/tcf/awards-scholarships-bursaries/david-c-lambc-teal-esl-scholarships/> for information regarding the application process for the David C. Lam Scholarship.

**Deadline:** January 31, 2015.

## **TCF Refugee Award**

The TEAL Charitable Foundation [TCF] Refugee Award recognizes an adult or secondary student whose second language is English and who entered Canada as a refugee. The award is for a refugee who has shown courage and determination while adapting to a new language and a new culture in Canada and wishes to study in a vocational or academic program at an educational institution in British Columbia.

Applicants will be evaluated according to the applicant's ability to:

- i] Provide documented proof of refugee status.
- ii] Describe fully the vocational or academic program selected by the applicant.
- iii] Provide reasons for applying for the TCF Refugee Award.
- iv] Describe any community or volunteer involvement on the part of the applicant.

The TCF Refugee Award is valued at \$1000 .Go to <http://www.bctéal.org/tcf/awards-scholarships-bursaries/teal-charitable-foundation-refugee-award/> for information .

**Deadline:** January 31, 2015.

## **BCGEU Scholarships**

The BC Government and Service Employees' Union is offering \$45,000 in scholarship awards, \$3,000.00 for full-time students and \$2,000.00 for part-time students who are BCGEU members or relatives of BCGEU members or staff.

<http://www.bcgau.ca/sites/default/files/page/attachments/2015Scholarshipbrochure.pdf>

**Deadline:** February 27, 2015

## **RE/MAX of Western Canada Quest of Excellence 2014 Bursary Program**

RE/MAX of Western Canada has renewed the Quest of Excellence bursary program. This year we are once again offering (16) \$1,000 bursaries for a total of \$16,000 to grade 12 students. This program was established by RE/MAX of Western Canada to recognize the success and ongoing pursuits of Western Canadian students in regards to leadership and community contribution initiatives. <http://www.remax.ca/editorial/about-remax/western/re/max-of-western-canada-quest-for-excellence/>

**Deadline:** March 9, 2015

## **The Special Education Association of BC Student Scholarships**

The goal of these scholarships is to help BC public school students with Ministry designations

1) attended a BC public school 2) has a Ministry of Education designation that can impede academic success. 3) is entering or is enrolled in a full-time post-secondary program at a recognized Canadian institution.

<http://www.seaofbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/SEAScholarships2012.pdf>

**Deadline:** June 15, 2015

## **Terry Fox Humanitarian Awards (\$7000)**

Terry Fox Humanitarian Awards are open to graduating secondary level students and those currently studying towards a first university degree or diploma in a Canadian post-secondary institution.

Award recipients must meet the following criteria:

Involvement in voluntary humanitarian work.  
Canadian citizens or landed immigrants.  
Undergraduates studying towards their first university degree or diploma at a Canadian post-secondary institution in Canada.  
Maintain a satisfactory academic standing and continued involvement in voluntary humanitarian and community work.

Students are eligible to receive the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award until they have received their first university degree (for a maximum of four years), provided they have maintained a standard of humanitarian work and personal conduct which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, justifies the award. [http://www.terryfoxawards.ca/application\\_info.html](http://www.terryfoxawards.ca/application_info.html)

**Deadline:** February 1, 2015

### **RBC Student Awards Program**

**RBC Students Leading Change Scholarship** - We are excited to announce the launch of this year's scholarship program. The RBC Students Leading Change Scholarship recognizes students who are pursuing their post-secondary education and are committed to making a difference by being a leader of positive change in their community. Each scholarship recipient will receive financial support worth \$10,000 to go towards their tuition. Plus, this year's scholarship applicants will have a chance to apply for a Me to We Trip in addition to the scholarship. The Me to We Trip is a life-changing experience volunteering in a 'Free The Children' community overseas.

**Deadline:** Feb 19, 2015

### **Steve Cowan Memorial Scholarship (Community Service and Athletics)**

Students must have demonstrated a commitment and preformed services in relation to community issues, have a record of participation in volunteer activities in school or the community, demonstrate a capacity for leadership, letters of recommendation and an evaluation of the student's essay and self assessment. <http://www.crisiscentre.bc.ca/about-us/scholarship/>

**Deadline:** Early April



**RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program** - The RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program was launched in 1992 to assist Aboriginal students to complete post-secondary education, and provide an opportunity for RBC to strengthen its relationship with the Aboriginal community. Selected students are awarded up to \$4,000 each academic year for two to four years to use towards tuition, textbooks, supplies and living expenses. RBC awards 10 scholarships in two categories

**Deadline:** Feb 28, 2015

[http://scholarships.rbc.com/Overview.aspx?WT.srch=1&AFFCODE=9&CAMP=9847&V\\_TID=62521&ProspectID=550B276930C14FBD93B73B835228BBBE](http://scholarships.rbc.com/Overview.aspx?WT.srch=1&AFFCODE=9&CAMP=9847&V_TID=62521&ProspectID=550B276930C14FBD93B73B835228BBBE)

### **BC Association of Health Care Auxiliaries**

This Association offers an annual scholarship/Bursary (this year for \$1000.00) to assist a deserving student entering post-secondary education at a recognized institution in a human health-related field.

It is open to all students meeting these qualifications:

- volunteer service to an accredited health-related facility (minimum 100 hours

**Career prep DOES NOT count as volunteer hours**

- intention to enroll in further education as above
- a grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- need for financial assistance

**Deadline:** March 31

### **BCSTA Student Citizenship Award**

BC School Trustees association invites applications for the 2012 Awards for Student Citizenship. They are offering five awards of \$500.00 to students that have demonstrated outstanding contributions they have made to their school and community. For further information.:

<https://dsweb.bcsta.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-72050/>

**Deadline:** March 31, 2015

### **Trevor Linden Community Spirit Scholarship**

The Trevor Linden Community Spirit Scholarship recognizes 4 student leaders in the province of British Columbia entering their first year of post secondary education, in good academic standing that have made exceptional contributions to:

- School and community service, leadership
- Initiating community development
- Affecting positive change
- Mentoring others
- Personal development and growth
- Good academic performance

Taking the time to do something for others during difficult times in one's own life requires particularly outstanding commitment. This is why, as part of the selection process, the personal circumstances and/or challenges of each applicant will be considered. Applicants who possess personal qualities such as dedication, commitment to helping others and strength of character will also be considered <http://canucks.nhl.com/club/page.htm?id=88558>

**Deadline:** March 13, 2015

### **Coast Capital Savings Citizenship Awards(\$2000) and Standing Tall Awards (\$5000)**

Please visit <http://www.coastcapitalsavings.com/awards> for more info.

*-Citizenship Awards:* Awarded to individuals who are taking a leadership role in their communities while successfully balancing their academic and personal lives. 32 awards are available in 2011.

*-Standing Tall Awards:* Awarded to individuals who are working hard to overcome significant personal challenges to achieve their dreams. 16 awards are available in 2013.

**Deadline:** Late March

**????? WHAT'S GOING ON ?????**

***Events and Happenings for the Involved Grade 12  
and their Parents***

**January 15 - Bloodmobile**

**January 15 - Carson Graham Scholarship meeting 3:05,  
Library**

**January 30 - Carson Graham Scholarship deadline (3:15)**

**Jan 31- UBC Admission deadline**

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - SFU Application deadline**

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - Scholarship applications due to SFU**

**March ?? - Capilano U visits Carson Graham 9-3 (sign up  
in Counselling)**

**March 6-23 - Spring Break!!**

**April 9 - Spring Grad Formal - Celebration on Water**

**May 7 - Bloodmobile**

**June ?? - Grad Ceremony Date TBD - Orpheum Theatre**

**June 25 - Grad Banquet - Italian Cultural Centre**

**Stay Connected**

**Questions???**

**As always, you are invited to call/email you child's  
counsellor with any questions you may have**

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