

A PRIMER ON THE WORLD OF GRADE 12 SCHOLARSHIPS

There are four categories of scholarships available to Grade 12 Seycove students:

- **Private / Corporate Scholarships:** sponsored by thousands of national organizations and people. *Due dates ongoing.* ScholarshipsCanada.com SchoolFinder.com StudentAwards.com
- **Provincial Scholarships:** sponsored by the BC government. [Provincial Scholarships Program Information for Students](#)
- **Post-Secondary Scholarships:** sponsored by colleges and universities. See individual school websites. *Due dates typically in Dec. / Jan.*
- **Local Scholarships:** sponsored by local community groups, companies and schools. These offer the best chance of scholarship money for many of our students. Application forms can be found [online here](#) or hard copies are available in the choir room. *Applications must be submitted to Ms. Langevin via the locked mailbox outside of the choir room by January 17, 2022.*

Tips for Applications:

- Get a folder to collect your reference letters, certificates, awards, etc.
- Put together a 'brag list' of all of your achievements, accomplishments and activities that show your skills, your passions, your commitments
- Don't forget to record all of your volunteer efforts, however small
- Consider buying a small paper calendar in which you can record upcoming application deadlines. Your phone is fine, but sometimes a hard copy beside your laptop at home is easier to navigate. **DON'T FORGET TO RECORD KEY DATES** on your home calendar so another pair of eyes is there to remind you of upcoming deadlines.
- Time is the biggest stumbling block. Build a repeatable template that can be tailored towards individual applications. Applications tend to ask similar essay questions about leadership/initiative, etc.

- Write the rough outlines of some scholarship mini-essay questions early. Any post-secondary application will have these essay topics listed and they tend to revolve around similar themes. Write your practice essay early (Sept-Oct) so you're ready for the genuine applications without stressing!
- Be thorough, be honest, be creative and be original. Let others read your work so they can critique, encourage and polish.