



Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships

Grad class 2020

Things we'll talk about tonight...

1. Who is there money for?

2. What's available?

3. How to get started?

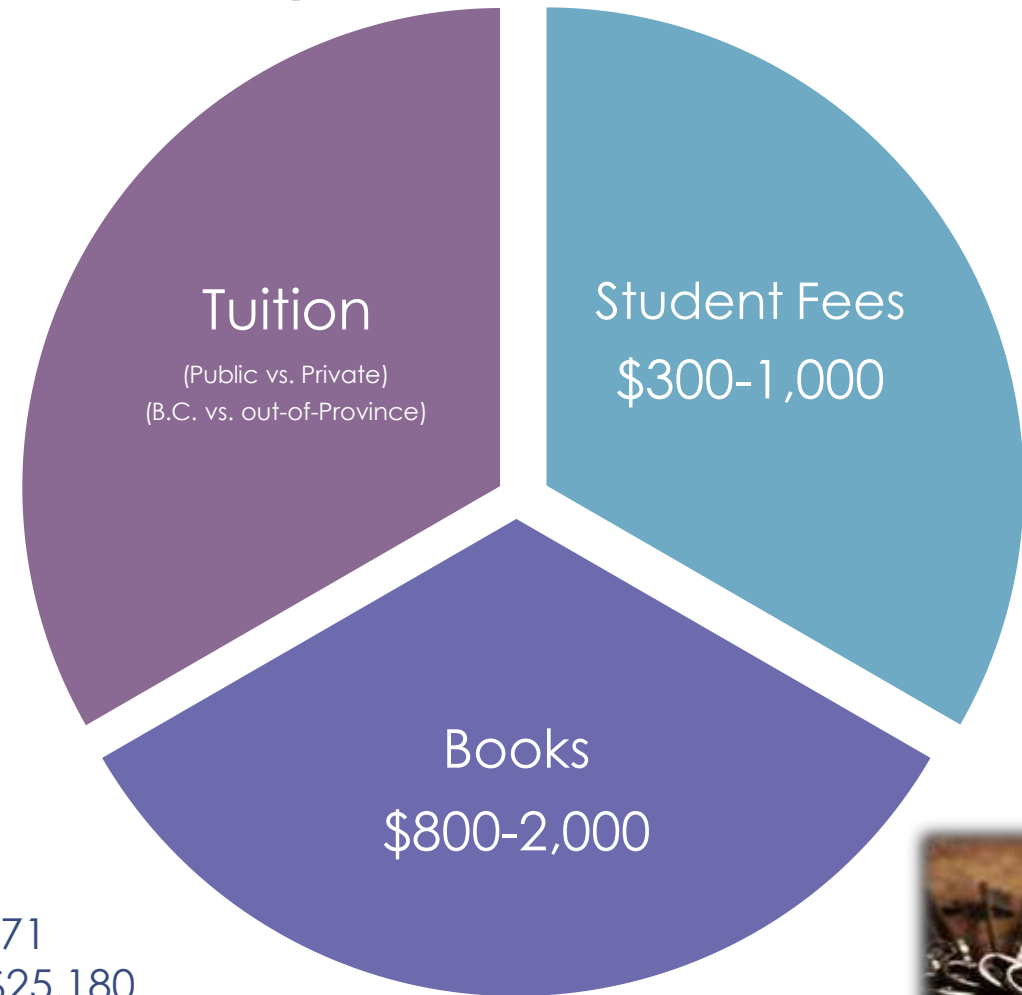
4. Where to access scholarship info?



Why apply for scholarships?

EDUCATION IS PRICELESS

...But it's expensive



- Average tuition in Canada for Canadian Student: \$6,571
- Average tuition for International Students in Canada: \$25,180



Part-time Job vs. Applying for Scholarships?

\$12.65/hr.

- Minimum Wage

15 hrs/week

- Limit how much you work in order to keep earning high marks and have time to volunteer



- Taking time to apply for scholarships is worthwhile
- If you win \$500 and you put in 4 hours on your application that = \$125/hr.
- If you win \$20,000 and put in 20 hours on your application that = \$1000/hr.
- If you win a \$1,000 scholarship that = 79 hours of work

Who? EVERYONE is eligible

- Academic
- Athletic
- Artistic
- Mechanical
- Technical
- Citizenship / Community Service / Leadership
- Cultural /Heritage
- Financial need
- Overcoming hardship/obstacles/chronic illness/mental illness/disability
- Ministry Care
- Trades & Technology

Types of Financial Aid (Terminology)

Scholarship

- Recognizes outstanding achievement, service or athletics

Bursary

- Financial need considered
- Criteria set by Donor

Loan

- Repayment required unless family income is limited

Award

- Contest
- Recognition + sometimes monetary reward



WHATS AVAILABLE:

5 Main Areas for Scholarship Money



Provincial Government

- BC Excellence (\$5000) + Achievement (\$1250)
- District Authority (\$1250)
- Pathways (Future Teachers) (\$5000), Trades (\$1000)

Entrance Awards

- Automatic Entrance Award (based on academic entrance GPA)
- Application Entrance Scholarships (based on financial need or leadership)
- Aboriginal Scholarships + Bursaries (based on heritage)

SD 36 Awards

- District Authority scholarships
- Nominees from Elgin for SD 36 scholarships (Academic, citizenship, community service, financial need, adversity, overcoming obstacles, trades and technology, specific fields of study (Teaching etc.)

EPS Internal Scholarships and Bursaries

- One application – Scholarship Committee decides approximately 75 scholarships

External Scholarships and Bursaries

- Affiliation, employment, union, community, financial institutes, sports, health. parents / grandparents, etc.

Ministry of Education



\$5000
x 55

BC Excellence

- School nomination required (EPS gets one nominee)
- Minimum B average (Grade 11&12)
- Service, Leadership, School, Community based , shown aptitude and commitment to learning

\$1250
x 8000

BC Achievement Scholarship

- Automatic (students do not apply) based on highest cumulative average
- Ministry determines top 8000 recipients based on achievement in grades 10, 11, and 12 including elective classes that satisfy 2004 Graduation Program

\$1250

District/Authority

- For students who demonstrate excellence in one of 7 areas
- Indigenous languages and culture, Fine arts, Applied skills, Community service, Physical activity, International languages, Technical and Trades training

\$5000

Pathways to Teacher Education

- For students pursuing Teacher Education in BC at one of BC's nine faculties of education
- Awarded to 20 outstanding high school graduates
- Submit directly to Ministry of Education in February 2018 (www2.gov.bc.ca/)

\$1000

Youth Work in Trades (formerly SSA) Scholarships

- If you are a high school student already working as an apprentice, speak to Ms. Muir about signing up for this program
- Minimum C+, credits and 900 hrs of post graduate employment/training in a trade.

District Authority Awards – BC Ministry of Education



Indigenous Languages and Culture

- Leadership at school or in community with First Nations

Fine Arts

- Visual Arts, Film and Video, Theatre and Drama, Music, Dance

Applied Skills

- Business Ed., Computers, Home Ec

Technical and Trades Training

- Carpentry, Automotive, Metalwork, Drafting, Cafeteria not Youth-in Trades Training

Physical Activity

- Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics, not limited to Physical Education

International Languages

Community Service

- Exceptional volunteerism, including demonstration of local and global issues and awareness

\$1250 for Exceptional Achievement in one of the 7 categories

- Anyone can apply
- Scholarship Committee select winners

Student Applications/ Portfolios

Will include evidence of student learning/achievement in the chosen area of interest

Elgin Park Secondary Internal Scholarships



Over \$30 000
available; over 70
different awards

Criteria may include GPA,
Service,
leadership, school
involvement, criteria of the
donor, financial need

**One
Application
Form**

Application form due:
TBA (Spring 2020)

Elementary Schools,
Businesses, Memorial
Funds

Where to Access Information

EPS

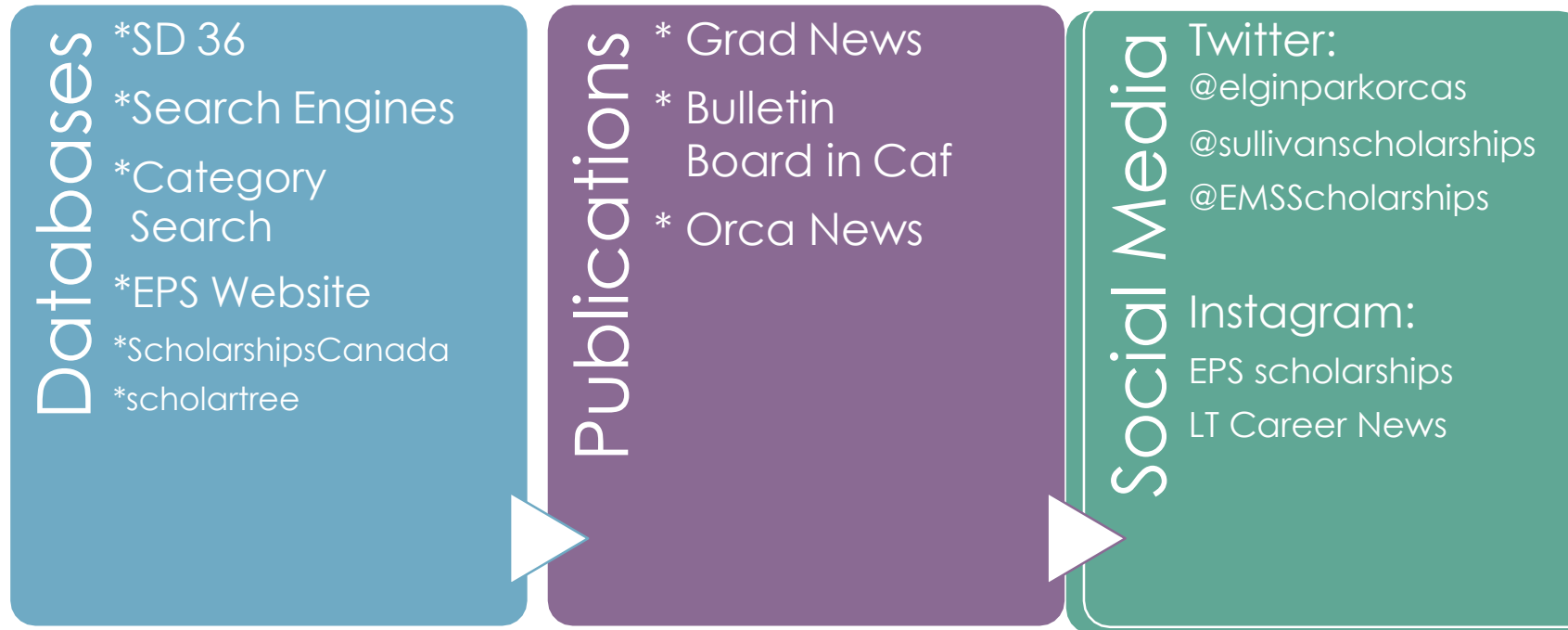
- <http://scholarshipselgin.weebly.com>
- Career Centre and Counselors
- Post Secondary Info Sessions

ONLINE

- educationplanner.bc.ca
- Scholarship Websites
- Search Engines
- Independent Businesses, Associations, Clubs, etc.



External (Community) Scholarships and Bursaries



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Parent's
Affiliations

e.g. Unions

Service

e.g. Leadership

Clubs

e.g. Scouts

Sports

e.g. Soccer

Heritage

e.g. Aboriginal

Health

e.g. JDRF

A few examples....



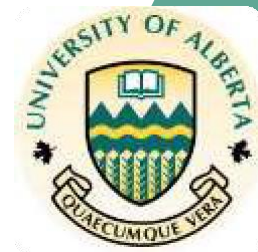
Financial
Institutions

e.g. Credit Unions

Area of
Study

e.g. Sciences

Automatic Entrance Scholarships



Automatically considered when apply

Calculated on Gr. 12 courses =
academic GPA

Amount varies depending institution and
on academic GPA

See: **Post Secondary Sites**
for additional information

Where to Start – ACTION PLAN



Preparation

- Comprehensive Resume: updated
- Essay
- Reference(s)

Organization

- Spreadsheet
- Binder
- Zip Drive

Activation

- Research opportunities
- Apply to the universities of your choice
- Research the Institution(s) + Programs you're considering
- Ask your references

Scholarship Hacks

1. **APPLY, APPLY, APPLY** for several scholarships!
2. **Follow the instructions** and **eligibility** carefully
3. **Proofread** and make sure someone else reviews the application also
4. **Keep your academics in good standing**
5. **Have your reference letters ready**, at least **one from school** and **one from a community member**
6. **Have a copy of your official transcript**
7. **Keep updating your resumé**
8. **Stay up to date with deadlines and PLAN AHEAD!**

SECRETS

TO WINNING A
SCHOLARSHIP



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