



Scholarship Information

Byrne Creek Community School

2017-18

Who, me? Yes, you!



**How much money in
scholarships did Byrne Creek
Grads earn last year?**

A. \$60,000

B. \$100,000

C. \$125,000

D. \$200,000

Answer:

D!

Types of Scholarships

1. Ministry of Education
2. Post-Secondary Institutions (PSI's)
3. Private Organizations
4. Byrne Creek Community School



Ministry of
Education

1. Ministry of Education

- A. Dogwood/District Authority Scholarships - **\$1250**
- B. BC Excellence Scholarship - **\$5000**
- C. BC Achievement Scholarship - **\$1250**
- D. Pathway to Teacher Education School - **\$5000**

A. Dogwood Scholarships - \$1250

- Applied Skills, Fine Arts, Community Service, Physical Activity, Languages, Tech and Trades, Indigenous Language and Culture
- **Requirements**
 - Concentration of 4 courses leading to a career in that area
 - At least C+ (2.5 GPA)
 - Good attendance and attitude
 - Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant
 - **30** grads at Byrne were awarded this last year



B. BC Excellence Scholarship- \$5000

- Recognizes 55 students in BC for excellence in community service in and out of school
 - commitment to their chosen career
- Requirements:
 - **School must nominate student**
 - Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant
 - BC resident
 - B average; C+ average in certain courses
 - Complete resume
 - Two references

C. BC Achievement Scholarships - \$1250

- Recognizes 3000 BC Grads with **highest** cumulative average requirements based on courses required for graduation from grades 10-12
- Requirements:
 - **Ministry will determine recipients based on marks**
 - At least 73% in English 12 or Communications 12
 - Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant
 - BC Resident

D. Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship - \$5000

- Recognizes 20 Grads who want to be a teacher
- **Requirements:**
 - Must show evidence of commitment to and aptitude for a teaching career
 - Maintain B average in all courses with no more than one grade 12 course at the C+ level
 - resume
 - Two reference letters

Ministry Scholarships

Scholarship	Amount	Application Required?	Application Process	Winners Selection by	Deadline/ vouchers
Dogwood/ District Authority	\$1250	Yes	Student applies to District	District & validated by Ministry Committee	Apply in March/ April 2018 Paid in October
BC Excellence	\$5000	Yes	School selects nominee to apply to Ministry	Ministry Committee	Apply in February Paid in September
BC Achievement	\$1250	No	None	Ministry Committee	October
Pathway to Education	\$5000	Yes	Student applies to Ministry	Ministry Committee	Apply in February Paid in September

2. Sponsored by Post-Secondary Institutions

Scholarships

- Most are due in January/February
- Mostly based on marks
- Major awards often require “other” involvement
- Student writes academic and personal profile



Bursaries

- Must demonstrate financial need
- Need must be above and beyond “ordinary”



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3. Sponsored by Private Organizations

- Community involvement
- Interests or skills
- See our website for updates
 - Ex. Horatio Alger, TD Canada Trust, Remax Quest for Excellence, AES...
- Contact your consulate if your family is not from Canada
- Ask your parents' place of work

4. Sponsored by Byrne Creek

- Provided by donations
- Set up for various reasons
- **Thousands** of dollars are available in this category
 - Example: PAC, Leo Club, Student Government, Athlete of the Year, Byrne Creek Alumni, VPA, Department awards...

Helpful Websites for Financial Aid

<http://www.studentawards.com>

- <http://www.schoolfinder.com>

- <http://www.fastweb.com/canada>

- <http://www.scholarshipscanada.com>

- <http://www.achievebc.ca>

- <http://www.pas.bc.ca/resources/financial.htm> (apply online)

- <http://www.edupass.org> (for students bound for the United States)

Reference Letters



- Very important that the letter indicates
 - SPECIFICS of what you did
 - How often you volunteered/worked
 - Number of hours you contributed
- Provide your referee with your “Reference Letter Form”
 - Template is provided for you
- Give your referee 2 weeks to write a **good** letter for you
- Be sure to write a **thank you card** or email to your referees

External Applications



- Follow the instructions on the application
- You are responsible for gathering info
- You are responsible for meeting the deadline
- You are responsible for mailing the application
- Send the applications **before** the deadline. They will **not** look at your application if it arrives on the due date.

Internal Applications



The Byrne Creek Scholarship Committee will look closely at your:

- Personal profile
- Extracurricular involvement
- Financial need
- Marks from grades 10-12
- Special circumstances
- Reference letters

Why bother to apply?



- There are **millions** of dollars out there for scholarships... you just have to look for it
- the scholarships are often given as a cheque **DIRECTLY** to you
- There are scholarships for **every** kind of student from academic, ACE-IT, the Arts, Applied Skills to Physical Education and more
- Most scholarships want a lot of volunteerism in the school and community rather than grades.

Why bother with the *long* applications?



- They ask about the most significant things you have **learned**
- They get you to **think** about what is most important to you
- They get you to **think** about what you want... not just what career you think you want to do
- The applications encourage you to pause and **reflect** on your life
- They help you know yourself better

What do you need to do now?

1. Listen and watch for Student Bulletin posts
2. Submit your Personal Profile to Ms. Falsetto before Friday, November 3rd
3. Make sure your email address has your name in it. If not, start a new email account.
4. Follow @MsFalsettoByrne for Scholarship Updates
5. Check <http://blogs.sd41.bc.ca/byrnecreek-scholarships/>
6. Start Googling BC Scholarships to see what's out there
7. Type Ms. Falsetto's email into your contacts:
laida.falsetto@sd41.bc.ca

Timeline: take a picture of this slide

Month	To Do
October/November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Submit your personal profile to Ms. Falsetto- Start thinking about challenges you have overcome and write down what you did to achieve success... this will help write your essays- Check if your parents' work offer scholarships- Prepare your resume- Line up teacher references- Check Byrne Creek Scholarship website and @MsFalsettoByrne regularly for updates- Search internet for financial aid- Start applying for scholarships 😊
December/January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Apply for major entrance scholarships to PSI, where necessary
January/February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Watch for announcements from PSI's
March/April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Keep your eyes open for PSI announcements- Many applications are due- Send thank you cards to those who awarded you with a scholarship!
May/June	<p>Tell Ms. Falsetto when you have won an award Send thank you cards to scholarship donors and referees</p>