



Scholarship Information

Byrne Creek Community School

Who, me? Yes, you!



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

A.\$60, 000

B.\$100, 000

C.\$255,600

D.\$400,000

Answer:

D!

Types of Scholarships

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

1. Ministry of Education

[BC Ministry Scholarship Link](#)

- A. Dogwood/District Authority Scholarships -
\$1250 (info released in May 2020)
- B. BC Excellence Scholarship - **\$5000**
(due date info released in January/February)
- C. BC Achievement Scholarship - **\$1250**
(Ministry decides in Fall 2020)
- A. Pathway to Teacher Education School - **\$5000**
(due date info released in January/February)

A. Dogwood Scholarships - \$1250

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



B. BC Excellence Scholarship- \$5000

- Recognizes 55 students in BC for excellence in community service in and out of school
 - Shows commitment to their chosen career
- **Requirements:**
 - School must nominate student
 - Application required
 - 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:**
 - No application required. 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:**
 - Application required
 - 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	Vouchers mailed (after graduation)
Dogwood/ District Authority	\$1250	Yes	Student applies to through school in May	District , validated by Ministry	December
BC Excellence	\$5000	Yes	School selects nominee to apply to Ministry	Ministry Committee	September
BC Achievement	\$1250	No	None	Ministry	October
Pathway to Education	\$5000	Yes	Student applies to Ministry	Ministry Committee	September

2. Sponsored by Post-Secondary Institutions

Scholarships

- Most are due in 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 by departments and community partners
 - Ex. Artona, Corporate Classics etc.)
- Thousands of dollars are available in this category
 - Example: PAC, Leo Club, Student Government, Athlete of the Year, Byrne Creek Alumni, VPA, Department awards...
 - Amounts usually range from \$100-\$500 each

Helpful Websites for Financial Aid

- **www.scholartree.ca**
- <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 a summary of your commitments
 - Template is provided for you
 - Click on SCHOLARSHIP FORMS, then
REFERENCE LETTER FORMS
- Give your referee 2 weeks to write a **good** letter for you
- Be sure to write a thank you card for people who write your letter(s)



External Applications



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

Internal Applications



The Byrne Creek Scholarship Committee will look closely at your:

- Personal profile
- Extracurricular involvement in and out of school
- Financial need
- Marks from grades 10-12
- Special circumstances
- Reference letters

The reasons to apply:



- Get a head start on paying for your tuition
- There are **millions** of dollars out there for scholarships... you just have to look for it
- Scholarships exist for **every** kind of student from Academics, Trades, the Arts, Applied Skills to Physical Education and more
- Most scholarships focus volunteerism outside of the classroom rather than grades
- They are focused on students who are contributing to their community and **authentically** learning from their activities
 - Not just “checking the box”

The applications are a great self-reflection activity:



- Self reflections are an important part of your growth
 - You have probably done these kinds of reflections in your classes
 - Keep your responses and use them in your applications
- They ask about the most significant things you have **learned** in your life
- 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

What do you need to do now?

1. Download a Student Profile Sheet from our website
2. Follow @MsFalsettoByrne on Twitter for Scholarship Updates
3. Check <http://blogs.sd41.bc.ca/byrnekreek-scholarships/>
4. Listen to the Student Bulletin
5. Start Googling BC Scholarships to see what's out there
6. Type Ms. Falsetto's email into your contacts:
laida.falsetto@burnabyschools.ca
 - send emails regarding scholarships when questions arise

Timeline: take a picture of this slide

Month	To Do
October/November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Complete Personal Profile<ul style="list-style-type: none">– hand in to Ms. Falsetto before the end of term 1- 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	<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- Update your Personal Profile with Ms. Falsetto
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</p> <p>Scholarships will be announced as your cross the stage</p>

This Powerpoint is posted on
our school website:

<https://byrnecreek.burnabyschools.ca>

Click on STUDENTS

Click on SCHOLARSHIPS

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with questions. I am happy to help.