

WELCOME

to the

2016-2017

**Post-Secondary Planning &
Scholarship Information Evening**

Checklist for Graduation

Grad credit checks & TVR review

Post-secondary planning

PSI admission support

Financial aid:

Provide information and guide students in their search for scholarships and bursaries

Work with students to help prepare their applications

Life after Belmont

- Post secondary decision making
- Understanding college and university calendars & websites
- Planning college and university programs of study
- Guest speaker visits from universities
- University & college application process
- Financing a post-secondary education

WOW - WHO OFFERS WHAT?

www.educationplanner.ca

➤ for programs and schools within BC

www.schoolfinder.com

➤ national and international programs

SEARCHING FOR IDEAS:

- ~Career Cruising
- ~Work Experience

Career Education

- Apprenticeship programs
- dual credit opportunities

Camosun Lync - Westshore Courses

UNIVERSITY VERSUS COLLEGE

Factors to Consider:

- Tuition Costs
- Class size
- Programs/Co-op
- Admissions process
- Transfer credits
- Entrance scholarships
- International programs

UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admissible courses

- **Grade 12 academics**

Vary from one PSI to another

Vary from program to program

Early Admissions & self-reporting timeline

The windows for self reporting are very important for admission and scholarship offers

- **report grade 11 final marks**
- **predict marks of courses in progress**

COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- First come/ first qualified
- Apply early
- Some programs have wait-lists

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Math
- Language
- English Proficiency
- GPA

Supplementary applications

Personal profile

HOW TO APPLY

- Online Application
- Know what program you want
- Have credit card ready for application fee
- Provincial Education Number (PEN)
- A recent copy of your transcript of marks

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Be aware of application deadlines for both admissions and scholarship eligibility!

Vary from one PSI to the next AND the program applied for!

Stay organized, seek out help and read notices carefully to ensure you meet the requirements.

BC APPLICATIONS

Apply - BC www.applybc.ca

Central application service for BC post - secondary institutions

Camosun, UBC, SFU, TRU etc.

UVic has it's own online application

ALBERTA APPLICATIONS

Apply Alberta www.applyalberta.ca

Central application service for several AB PSI

University of Alberta

University of Calgary

Ontario Applications

OUAC

Ontario Universities' Application Service

www.ouac.on.ca

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

- 'Belmont Seal' to be verified as "official"
- Sometimes mailed directly to institution from Belmont

(provide Mrs. Gunn your PSI student number and PSI mailing address)

- Fill out green form located in Counselling Suite at front desk
- Allow 24 hours notice for turn-around

PSI RELEASE ONLINE

- Students **MUST** give permission to the Ministry of Education for their grades to be released to PSI's to which they have applied!

Done online on the *MoE Student Secure Server*

- Go to Belmont Web Site, select counselling, select PSI for steps and link to complete this.
- You will need your PEN #

CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE

- Based on self-reporting of marks and mid - term grades
- Offers of conditional acceptance in the spring
- Automatic entrance scholarship notifications
- Verified by final transcripts in July
- (Unconditional offers of admission happen in late July/early August)

RE-WRITING PROVINCIAL EXAMS

- Allowed one rewrite within 12 months of first writing
- Must retake course if wishing to rewrite a third time

RESOURCES

- Mr. Feser's Weebly
- Belmont Counselling Website
- Viewbooks
- PSI Websites
- Counsellors
- Teachers
- PSI Advisors/Recruiters

Scholarships

- Completing an extensive scholarship search
- Developing a scholarship resume
- Requesting letters of reference
- Volunteer opportunities
- On-going scholarship application process

The Belmont Team

Belmont Counsellors and Mr. Feser

We are here to:

- Provide information and guide students in their search
- Work with students to help prepare their applications
- Advise students of various scholarship opportunities

Post-Secondary Studies

➤ What will it cost?

- UVIC 2016 Undergraduate tuition = \$5100 + miscellaneous fees = \$800

(bus pass, dental/health, recreation fee, UVIC student society, etc.)

Total = \$5900 - \$8500 per year

*Varies by institution and faculty

- Books = \$750-\$1000
- College tuition = about 30% less
- Residence = \$4700-\$8900 per year (depending on type of housing and meal plan)

Where Will the Money Come From?

- **Scholarships** - merit and/or academic-based awards
- **Bursaries** - based on financial need
- **Student loans** - interest-free while in school
- **Student Line of Credit** - arranged through your banking institution

Scholarship Websites

- scholarshipscanada.com
- studentawards.com
- studentscholarships.org
- <http://belmontscholarship.weebly.com/>
- **yconic Scholarships**
- Check with your employer, community and faith organizations, service groups, etc.
- Search the online scholarship sites at various high schools around the city and the province

Types of Awards/Scholarships

- Basic Entrance Scholarships
- Major Entrance Scholarships
- National Awards
- BC Ministry of Education Dogwood Awards
- Grad Program Examinations Scholarships
- Open Awards
- Local Awards/Belmont Scholarships

Basic Entrance Scholarships

- Financial awards based on a student's academic marks
 - Calculated, typically, on the overall average of the Grade 12 courses required for entrance to a particular faculty (usually offered for grade averages of 85% and higher)
- Some require an application, others do not
- One time offer *or* renewable (usually over 4 years)
- Upon notification, students have one month to accept the offer
- Apply in Grade 12 *then* defer for one year if you choose to work and/or travel after high school

Major Entrance Scholarships

- Offered by most universities
- Highly competitive
- Based on merit:
 - Academic achievement
 - Community service
 - Volunteer work
 - Other accomplishments

National Awards

- **Company Awards** - REMax, RBC, Wendy's, Tim Horton's, Coast Capital, TD/Canada Trust, Scotiabank, etc.
- **Leadership/Service Awards** - The Loran Scholarship, Terry Fox Humanitarian Award, Miller-Thompson, Ken Dryden Scholarship, etc.

B.C. Ministry of Education Dogwood Awards

- The BC Ministry of Education awards tuition vouchers to students who excel in any of these 6 elective areas:
 - Physical activity
 - Second languages
 - Fine arts
 - Applied skills
 - Community Service
 - Technology and Trades Training
- Applications available in the Spring
- Students have up to 5 years to use the tuition voucher

BC Achievement Scholarships

- 3000 top B.C. graduates with the highest cumulative average based on courses required for graduation are eligible to receive a \$1250 scholarship voucher to use towards their post-secondary tuition.
- The Ministry will determine recipients based on students' achievement in Grades 10, 11, and 12 courses that satisfy 2004 Graduation Program requirements (including elective courses).
- A cumulative average percentage will be calculated and form the basis for awarding the BC Achievement Scholarship.
- Recipients must:
 - Meet basic eligibility requirements
 - Fulfill graduation requirements of the 2004 Graduation Program by August 31st of the student's graduating year
 - Attain a "B" (73% or above) or better average in their Language Arts 12 course.
- A student can receive only one BC Achievement Scholarship in their lifetime.

Open Awards

- Offered by various businesses, union affiliations, community organizations, service clubs, etc.

Examples:

- Coast Capital Credit Union
- Co-op Gas
- BC Ferries
- BC Police Association
- BC Cowboy Heritage Society

Local Awards/ Belmont Scholarships

Offered by various donors:

- Local community groups, service clubs and businesses
- Private and family donors
- Local educational groups
- Administered by the Belmont Scholarship Society
- Applications available in the Spring

The Scholarship Application

...involves several steps:

- organizing & recording basic information
- acquiring transcripts & letters of reference
- writing of a scholarship resume
- a personal essay, a summary of accomplishments, goals etc.

Note: The information used on one application, can usually be revised/recycled for another

The earlier you begin, the better . . .

Application

- Review the criteria carefully.
- Follow every step correctly to ensure you fulfill their requirements.
- Make note of the deadline. Submit the application in time!
- Ensure your work is neat and your writing is grammatically correct.

And remember: Apply for those for which you have a realistic chance but you can't receive a scholarship if you don't apply for any!

Additional Tips

- Cover letter - Look online for samples
- Letter(s) of Reference - Give your references plenty of notice
- Transcript - See Mrs. Gunn in the Counselling Office
- Interview - Practice with friends and family

Important Dates: (more will be posted)

- October 24 - BCPSI Learning Commons 9 -11am
- UVic & Camosun Evening presentations
- Dec. 1st - Deadline UBC Major Entrance Scholarship
- January 31- Deadline to apply to UBC
- Feb 28 Deadline to apply to most BC Universities

Student Successes

Scholarship recognition takes place during Belmont's June graduation ceremony.

- In June 2016, Belmont grads received scholarships and bursaries through our Belmont Scholarship Society, totaling over \$15,000
- 83 Belmont graduates were awarded the Dogwood District Authority Award
- In 2016, UVIC offered Belmont students \$109,500 in entrance scholarships

As the school year progresses...

Be aware of upcoming deadlines...

Regular updates regarding post-secondary and scholarship information posted to TWDH and our counselling site.

Frequent the "Post-Secondary Preparation 12" course

<http://belmontscholarship.weebly.com/>

Verify your credits and see your counsellor if you have any questions.

Ministry Transcript Verification Forms (TVR's) will be distributed to gr 12 students in November (TAG)

Grad Transitions - first 3 assignments are due December 7

Complete your Ministry PSI student release online soon!