

January 22, 2010

Dear Grade 12 students,

Re: Post-secondary scholarships for Grade 12 students

I would like to invite you to apply for funding for your future post secondary education. Post secondary education can be expensive with tuition and books running from \$2500 to well over \$5000 per year. When living expenses are added, the bill can easily come to \$15,000 annually. Student loans and savings can cover much of the cost but why not consider applying for scholarships that don't need to be paid back?

Scholarships are available from several sources and the application process for many only requires you to complete the two applications attached. Local scholarships are for Crawford Bay School students only. The Application for All Local Scholarships form must be completed and returned by April 30, 2010. You may defer entering post-secondary education until September 2011 without forfeiting your scholarship award.

District scholarships are awarded by the district and the School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) District Scholarships Application Form must be completed and returned to the board office by April 30, 2010. The Dogwood/District Authority Award is for students who excel in fine arts (visual arts, drama, music), applied skills (technology, home economics), physical activity (not limited to physical education) and second languages (including aboriginal languages) and requires the applicant to present to a panel of evaluators on May 13, 2010 at LV Rogers in Nelson.

There are many other scholarships available that require individual applications. Some are for students enrolling in specific institutions while others recognize high academic standings, financial need, school/community involvement or a combination of the three. Some are gender specific, for instance, women entering trades. Some are for specific fields of study, for instance, environmental education.

In particular, Columbia Basin Trust has a \$2000 scholarship based on volunteer service for a student at our school. The deadline for application is April 10, 2010 with details to apply available at www.cbt.org. Scholarship offerings are also posted on the bulletin board outside the counselling office. You may also want to check out the scholarships offered at www.scholarshipscanada.com and studentawards.com.

I strongly urge you to apply for the local scholarships in the very least. Please remember the April 30th deadline as it will be strictly adhered to. If I can be of any assistance with scholarship applications or post secondary plans, please do not hesitate to visit my office. I have open blocks of time during A and C blocks to speak with you or you may make an appointment for lunch or after school.

With best wishes for your plans for the future,

Sincerely,

Lori O'Neill