

Bursary Information – 2023

In preparation for applying for bursaries, either through Vanier or external organizations, it is important to understand the process and what you can do prior to help organize your bursary package and to lower your stress level during a busy and hectic time in January and February.

The Timeline

- The Bursary Program will be released and available online Jan 19, 2023.
- You will have until February 24th at 1:00 pm to hand in your completed applications.
- You will be notified of a bursary award prior to the bursary tea on June 13th, 2023.

The Process

Vanier Bursaries are either chosen by a committee of teachers (Vanier selected) or by external organizations (Donor selected).

- Vanier selected bursaries require only **one** application package.
- Donor selected bursaries require one application package **per bursary**.

All bursary application packages must include:

1. Application Form
2. Letter of Introduction
3. Resume
4. One reference letter (coach, community member, employer, teacher). Make sure to give your references enough time to complete this on your behalf.
5. Transcript (you can access this from MyEd or ask Ms. Allan in the counselling office for a copy).

What can I do to make my bursary package stand out?

1. List every volunteer hour, community involvement from grade 9 through 12, as well as details about part jobs and extra curricular activities.
 - A) For volunteering and community involvements, talk about projects taken on, what the impact was on the community, as well as commenting on when things did not go as planned.
 - B) Be genuine and honest – talk about what you did, why you did it and who helped.
2. List other information about you as a person – not just what you have done – how did you balance work/school/life? Why did you choose the organization you were volunteering for? What are you passionate about? What do you look up to?

3. Be diverse in your activities – does your volunteering cover personal, community and province wide projects? Is there a good balance between school and community activities?
4. Don't assume the bursary committee knows who you are. Sell yourself, your skills, activities, volunteer etc.

Common mistakes made that might disqualify you for a bursary:

1. Ignoring the instructions – ensure you answer all questions in full
2. Submitting an incomplete application – read all requirements carefully
3. Forgetting to proofread
4. Not checking day and time deadline – late applications will not be accepted.

Scholarship Websites – there is a lot of money available. Here are some websites to begin your search:

www.bcscholarships.ca www.studentscholarships.org

www.studentaidbc.ca

www.scholarshipscanada.com

www.scholartree.ca – sign up and check regularly for new scholarships

www.educationplannerbc.ca

Many Universities have their own bursary and scholarship programs. If you know where you plan to attend your post-secondary education, check their website or inquire with student services for more information!

Remember:

You can apply for Vanier Bursaries starting January 19th, 2023.

Bursary Applications are due on *February 24th, no later than 1:00 pm*. Late applications will not be accepted.