

PLANNING TIMELINE FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Post-Secondary Entrance



October/November

- If you're interested in Post-Secondary options for the September following your June graduation, identify 2 to 3 post-secondary institutions that you are interested in attending. Research their application process, scholarships and living expenses.
- Create a "post-secondary planning" file on your computer where you can keep your notes and research.
- Compile a list of volunteer activities and community involvement for scholarships and employment applications.
- Obtain current letters of reference.
- Update your resume and cover letter.
- Set up a BASIC BCeID account and store your PEN (Personal Education Number) and BCeID account information in your phone (or computer) for future reference. *This process is part of a CLC 12 assignment.
- **Apply to Post Secondary Institutions... Ideally in October if you'd like to attend next year. Apply at least a month before the PSIs application deadline. Many PSIs are now using Education Planner BC <https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/>**
- Start working on a budget (financial plan) for next year and the year's following.
- Complete process of sending your **electronic transcript to Post-Secondary Institution Selections (PSIs)** at the Ministry of Education Student Transcript Service (STS) website. Select the option to have institutions receive electronic copies (updates) of your interim transcript in May and your final transcript in July. **THIS IS REQUIRED BY ALL COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES!**
- **Begin scholarship and bursary applications.** PDF applications for many local scholarships and bursaries are available on the SSS website under the counselling top tab. <http://sssweb.sd54.bc.ca/index.php/counselling/scholarships> Download the application(s) you wish to apply for, complete them and then send each completed application directly to the organization (in the manner requested by the organization).

***** Instead of creating individual applications, some of our local organizations choose to be part of the “SSS Common Application.”**

The “Common Application” includes approximately 25 local scholarships and bursaries! Application forms for the SSS Common Application are currently available in the SSS Counselling Office and are DUE Friday February 24th @ 3:15 PM in the SSS Counselling Office!

December/January/February

- Final chance to apply to post-secondary programs; many PSIs have Jan-Feb deadlines!
- Continue to apply for scholarships and bursaries keeping the various due dates in mind.
- Check your email regularly. Many post-secondary institutions will request additional information (such as grades and housing applications) after your initial application is received.
- **Self-report your grades on-line to post-secondary institutions** and/or send a paper copy of your transcript if required using the Student Transcript Service (BCeID) Website.

March/April/May/June

- Post-secondary course registration: register on the date and time given by the institution. Classes fill quickly and there may not be alternative sections of the course you want or need.
- Continue to apply for scholarships and bursaries; many deadlines for awards are in March, April or May!
- Spend time studying.
- Thank your teachers and parents for supporting you.

Important Local Scholarship & Bursary Reminder

We strongly encourage all Grade 12s to apply for scholarships and bursaries. Most local scholarships and bursaries are only available to students in their Grade 12 school year.

So even if you're not thinking you'll attend post-secondary in your year after graduation, we strongly encourage you to apply for local bursaries and scholarships! Most local awards can be used 1-3 years after you graduate!

ASK QUESTIONS! RECORD THE ANSWERS!

FOLLOW THROUGH WITH YOUR GOALS!