

Ministry of Education: District Authority Scholarship

To submit the application form please send application and all the required information including reference letters to Riverside College office at the following email address: lisa.yeates@mpsd.ca

Subject: Your Name - District Authority Scholarship

The District Authority Scholarships recognize graduating BC students for excellence in their chosen areas of interest or strength. The award is a \$1250 voucher that can be used toward post-secondary education tuition.

To win a scholarship, a student must apply to the local scholarship committee and:

- Meet the following basic eligibility requirements:
 - Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant) at the time of registration in the school year for which the scholarship is awarded;
 - Must be a BC resident;

- Demonstrate outstanding achievement in any **ONE** of the following focus areas:
 - **Indigenous Languages and Culture**, demonstrated at school or in the community
 - **Fine Arts** (e.g., Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music)
 - **Applied Skills** (e.g., Business Ed, Technology Ed, Media Arts, Home Economics, Technology, Tourism)
 - **Physical Activity** (and Health) (e.g., Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics, not limited to Physical Education)
 - **International Languages**, External Assessments or Languages Curriculum, including AP and IB Courses
 - **Community Service** (Volunteer Activity), which includes demonstration of local and global issues and cultural awareness
 - **Technical and Trades Training** (e.g., Carpentry, Automotive, Mechanics, Culinary Arts, Coding, Robotics, etc.)

- Fulfill the BC Graduation requirements or the Adult Graduation Program by August 31st of the student's graduating year

- Have not previously received a District/Authority Award or a District/Authority Scholarship

- Scholarship winners** must demonstrate **superior growth and achievement over time** in their chosen area of focus. In addition, they must have a **good attendance record** and **strong work habits** and be able to clearly communicate information about their post-secondary and future plans.

A completed application for the District Authority Scholarship must include the following:

- Complete application form
- Autobiographical Essay
- Summary of Accomplishments list
- Most recent report card
- Transcript and Attendance Report
- Two completed references (letters or confidential reference form) from a teacher, sponsor or community member who can comment on your achievements in your chosen area of focus (cannot be a letter from a member of your family, immediate or extended)
- Evidence of student work in the form of a project/portfolio (electronic only – e.g. PowerPoint, display, or video) with a written statement describing your **growth** and **achievements** over time in your area of focus.
- A plan for post-secondary admission (include letter of acceptance **IF** you have one)
- Participation in an interview **only if deemed necessary**

DUE DATE: Monday May 6th 2024 at 3pm

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APPLICATION FORM

Ministry of Education District Authority Scholarship Application Form

1) Personal Information

Name _____
(Surname) (Given Names)

Preferred Name (if Applicable) _____

Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____

Social Insurance Number (mandatory) _____ **PEN Number** _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

School that you will graduate from _____

I am a Canadian Citizen

I am a permanent resident (landed immigrant)

2) Area of Focus

Please check the **one** area of interest or strength for which you are making this application

- Indigenous Languages and Culture**, demonstrated at school or in the community
- Fine Arts** (e.g., Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music)
- Applied Skills** (e.g., Business Ed, Technology Ed, Media Arts, Technology, Tourism)
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3) Post-Secondary Plans

Which post-secondary program(s) do you plan to apply for?

Do you have a plan B? (A back up plan if your first choice doesn't work out)

Are you aware of the cost(s) associated with your post-secondary program? Why or why not?

How do you plan to finance your post-secondary education?

What are your long-term career plans?

4) Course work and extracurricular activities related to your area of focus

Grade 11 and 12 Courses

Teacher/Sponsor

Extracurricular Activities

Teacher/Sponsor

5) Evidence of Achievement

This application requires that you provide evidence of outstanding achievement in your chosen area of interest, a visual demonstration of skill with a written explanation is required (E.g. a PowerPoint presentation, video, etc.).

6) References

Please list two teachers and/or community members who can attest to your achievements in your chosen area of interest and will be providing a written reference on your behalf.

Name _____ Position _____

Name _____ Position _____

Applicant Signature

Date

CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORM

Thank you for providing a reference for the student named below, who is applying for a District/ Authority Scholarship in the indicated area of interest. Please complete the form and return it to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature across the envelope flap. Enclosure of additional information on a separate sheet of paper is also encouraged.

Student Name: _____

Area of Interest: _____

1) How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2) Please rate and comment on the applicant's quality of attributes

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Very Good</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>
Initiative/Motivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Collaboration/Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creativity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Critical Thinking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3) Please comment on the applicant's unique strengths as they pertain to their chosen area of interest. Please include examples that illustrate the applicant's strengths.

4) Other comments you wish to make in support of this applicant.

Your Name _____ Position _____

Signature _____ Date _____