

To: Secondary Principals
Secondary Counsellors

Date: February 28, 2017

RE: Dogwood District/Authority Award

The District Scholarship Programme rewards graduating students for their superior achievement in their chosen non-academic field(s). It recognizes excellence for graduates who excel in the areas of:

- Fine Arts (Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music)
- Applied Skills (Business Ed, Technology Ed, Home Economics)
- Physical Activity (Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics, not limited to Physical Education)
- Second Languages (including Aboriginal Languages)
- Community Service (Volunteer Activity)
- Technical and Trades Training (e.g., Carpentry, Automotive, Mechanics, Cook Training)

In order to qualify for a Dogwood District/Authority Award, the graduating students must be a Canadian student or landed immigrant. In addition to demonstrating superior achievement in their chosen field, the candidate should have a record of regular attendance, strong work habits and the ability to articulate information about future plans and educational experiences clearly. They must also:

- Meet graduation requirements in June 2017 (August 31st, 2017).
- Meet criteria determined by the local District Scholarship Committee
- May receive both the district and provincial scholarship as well as a Passport award

- Each school will host an interview process in the same manner as previous years.

- Candidates at each school will present for about 10 minutes each leaving 5 minutes for questions and answers (total of 15 minutes.)

None of the winners will be notified until they receive their award at the graduation ceremonies.

Please begin the process of identifying students in your school who may be candidates for district scholarships, so that they may start to prepare their portfolios now. A detailed package including the application form and a list of required documentation is attached.

In order to qualify for a **Dogwood District/Authority Award**, the graduating student must:

- 1 ___ be a Canadian student or landed immigrant.
- 2 ___ meet graduation requirements in June 2017.
- 3 ___ demonstrate superior achievement in his or her chosen field.
- 4 ___ plan to attend a post-secondary institution.
- 5 ___ have been cumulatively evaluated in the chosen area. (Must provide proof of evaluation in chosen program of study).
- 6 ___ have a record of regular attendance.
- 7 ___ have a record of strong work habits.
- 8 ___ articulate information about educational experiences clearly.
- 9 ___ articulate information about future plans clearly.
- 10 ___ prepare for and present a 10 minutes presentation, followed by 5 minutes of questions. (10 minute presentation will be timed).
- 11 ___ complete the application form.
- 12 ___ provide an autobiographical essay covering the topics listed.
- 13 ___ provide two letters of reference.
- 14 ___ provide a copy of current report card.
- 15 ___ provide a copy of 2016-17 attendance register from the office
- 16 ___ provide a copy of FOI/POP consent.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #75 (MISSION)

District Dogwood/Authority Award

2016 - 2017

Please ensure that all applicants for district scholarship include the following items in the order listed below:

1. Completed application form
2. Autobiographical essay
3. Two reference letters
4. Copy of current report card
5. Copy of 2016-2017 Attendance from office
6. Copy of student's FOI/POP consent

The completed package must be submitted to:

Riverside Main Office by 3:00pm on April 28, 2017

DISTRICT DOGWOOD/AUTHORITY AWARD APPLICATION



Name of Candidate _____

Address _____ **Postal Code** _____

Telephone _____

Birthdate _____

S.I.N.# _____ **P.E.N.#** _____

(Ministry will not give scholarship without these numbers)

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY

Write an autobiographical essay to the district scholarship committee addressing the items listed below. Your essay should be word processed and should be a maximum of two pages.

1. Personal Information

- courses taken relating to your area of expertise
- involvement in school activities, teams, service
- your hobbies, work experience, volunteer work
- your growth as a student in your field

2. Educational Plans

- how your present education has prepared you for your career plans
- information about your field of interest, career plans
- post secondary information
- how a district scholarship would assist you

DISTRICT DOGWOOD / AUTHORITY AWARD INTERVIEW RATING



Candidate: _____

Categories	Comments	Rating
<p>1. Future Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • knowledge of chosen field • reasons for choice of post secondary institution • role of area of presentation in future plans • commitment to future plans as related to area of presentation • commitment to future educational plans 		/10
<p>2. Educational Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • effort • course applicability • marks • attendance • growth • perseverance 		/10
<p>3. Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content 10 min duration • advance preparation • competence/expertise or skills • enthusiasm • appearance 		/10
	Total	/30