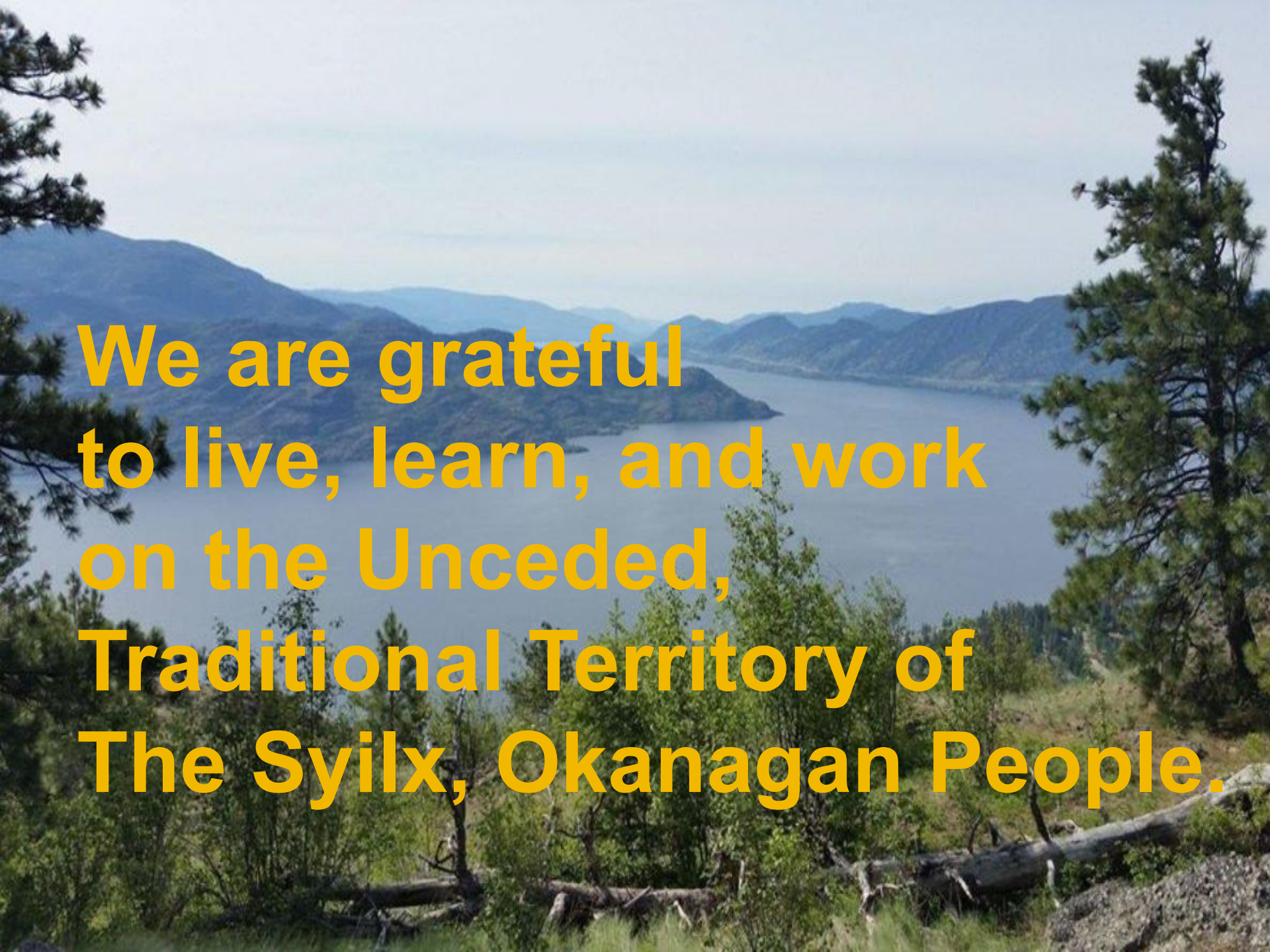




**Mount Boucherie Secondary School**  
**POST-SECONDARY PREPARATION SESSION (PSP) #2**

# **Scholarship & Bursary Information November 2023**





**We are grateful  
to live, learn, and work  
on the Unceded,  
Traditional Territory of  
The Syilx, Okanagan People.**

# Grade 12 Grad Info

## MBS Grade 12 Information on Google Classroom

for all things for grade 12s at MBS

*(sanctioned grad events, grad photos, grad gowns,  
post-secondary info, scholarships, etc)*

Code  
for  
joining



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*Google Classroom information does not preclude students from the  
responsibility of independent post-secondary research.*

# Gr 12 Post Secondary Prep #2

- ◆ Student Transcript Service
- ◆ Financial Planning
- ◆ Funding Research
- ◆ Sources of Funding- Public/Private
- ◆ COBSS
- ◆ Important dates to note



**It's time to  
access the  
StudentTranscript  
Service!**



# Student Transcript Service

Your school marks are protected under privacy laws.

**You must GIVE PERMISSION to the Ministry of Education to share your marks with post-secondary institutions.**

**[www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca](http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca)**

**Do this  
ASAP!**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**MBS Website ☐ Students ☐ Counselling  
→ Post-Secondary  
☐ Transcripts: View/Order/Send**



# StudentTranscript Service

**[www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca](http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca)**

- Transcripts are sent electronically to post-secondary institutions according to the SEND OPTION that the PSI has chosen.
- Do not adjust the default send option and/or date range the post-secondary school has already set.

**Example:** "Send my transcript now and allow this post-secondary Institution to request updates until the date specified below" (\*can be a 1 year timeline)

**\*\*DO NOT SELECT:**

*"Send my transcript electronically now" or "Send my printed transcript now" as these selections are for students who have already graduated*

**It's time to get  
clear about your  
financial plan!**



# The Costs of Education

- TUITION
- STUDENT FEES
- HEALTH FEES
- DENTAL FEES
- BOOKS & SUPPLIES
- HOUSING
- FOOD
- TRANSPORTATION

**Have you started  
the conversation yet?**

# The Costs of Education

## 1st year comparison

Institution	Program	Tuition	Student Fees
Okanagan College	Associate of Arts (university transfer)	<b>\$3903</b>	<b>\$826</b>
UBC Okanagan	Bachelor of Arts	<b>\$5843</b>	<b>\$874</b>
UVIC	Bachelor of Arts	<b>\$6166</b>	<b>\$732</b>

*\*\*Studying sciences?*

*Consider that tuition is often a bit higher for science programs as there are lectures, labs, & tutorials which means more contact time with professors.*

**Remember to also consider your personal living expenses!**  
*(ie: transportation, books, technology, etc)*



# The Costs of Education

## *tuition across Canada*

Institution	Tuition
Mount Royal University	<b>\$6,279 - \$6,881</b>
University of Saskatchewan	<b>\$6,978 - \$7,146</b>
University of Manitoba	<b>\$4,528 - \$5,071</b>
Queen's University	<b>\$6,083</b>
University of New Brunswick	<b>\$7,313 - \$7,825</b>
Dalhousie University	<b>\$7,312 - \$8,595</b>
University of Prince Edward Island	<b>\$6,570</b>

**Stats Canada, 2023-24:** <https://www.univcan.ca/universities/facts-and-stats/tuition-fees-by-university/>

*Considering Québec schools? Tuition for out-of-province students now \$17,000+ starting next year! ([click here to read more](#))*

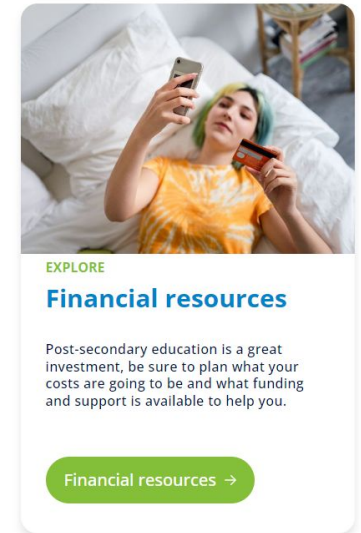
# The Costs of Education

Go to: [educationplannerbc.ca](https://educationplannerbc.ca)



Scroll down to **FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

- Types of Expenses
- [Education Budget Worksheet](#)
- [Cost of Living Calculator](#)
- Types of Financial Support
- Financial Support Options
- Scholarships (links)
- Financial Aid & Awards Offices (links)



# Early Fee Payments

**Plan for fee payments BEFORE next September!**

✓ **APPLICATION FEES: \$30 to upwards of \$100**  
due when application is submitted

✓ **REGISTRATION DEPOSITS: approx. \$250 (or more) for confirming your seat**  
due when student accepts admission offer

✓ **HOUSING APPLICATION FEES & DEPOSITS: \$50 to upwards of \$500**  
various due dates, but before next June

**It's time to  
research possible  
sources of  
funding!**

# General Funding Research

**MBS  
Counselling**



**Post-Secondary**



**Scholarships,  
Bursaries &  
Funding**



## COUNSELLING at Mount Boucherie Secondary

[Home](#) [New Students](#) [Learning Info](#) [Help & Support](#) [Post-Secondary](#) [Graduation](#) [Indigenous Students](#)



### SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES & POST-SECONDARY FUNDING

Post-secondary education is a wonderful investment of both time and money! Planning for how you will manage the costs is essential! Your costs will vary depending on your choices: school, program, number of courses, books, equipment, and student fees are all part of calculating your costs. Research the price of the educational program you choose, and allow extra for major and minor incidentals in your budget. Making a budget for your education is a critical step!

Students are responsible for independently researching and applying for all scholarships, bursaries, grants, and loans. In addition to the links and information posted below, students should remember to research funding possibilities with their chosen post-secondary institution.

**Additional scholarships and bursaries that are sent to MBS are shared with grade 12s via the Grade 12 Google Classroom.**

**MBS Scholarship & Bursary Listing 2023-24**

**This is a list of scholarship and bursary opportunities organized for you by MONTHLY DUE DATE.** What a great place to get started on funding your education! As this is by no means a complete listing of all available awards and scholarships, students are advised to do independent research for further opportunities. The information included is correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of compilation. It is based, in part, on opportunities and deadlines advertised for the previous school year.

**\*\*\*Because donor organizations and post-secondary institutions have the right to change their deadlines without notice, please plan ahead and research the opportunities you wish to apply for so that you don't miss a deadline.**

**Provincial Funding Information**

There are provincial funding opportunities available to students from **B.C. Ministry of Education** scholarships. Students can also receive financial assistance through **government student loans**. Click the button for information concerning these forms of assistance and awards.

The B.C. government has created the "Provincial Tuition Waiver Program" where tuition

# General Funding Research



[studentscholarships.org/](https://studentscholarships.org/)



[scholarshipscanada.com](https://scholarshipscanada.com)



[studentawards.com/](https://studentawards.com/)



# General Funding Research: TIPS

STEP 1

Do your research

STEP 2

Read the criteria

STEP 3

Make a calendar of deadlines

STEP 4

Gather references letters

STEP 5

Create a scholarship portfolio- reuse/recycle

STEP 6

Gather updated transcripts

STEP 7

Proof read applications

# General Funding Research: Personal Brag Sheet

## HELP YOUR REFERENCE WRITE YOU THE LETTER YOU NEED!

- ✓ Indicate the reason for the letter (name of award, scholarship, employer, etc.)
- ✓ Provide as much detail as you can
- ✓ Make a copy to give to the person you are asking to write the letter (\*keep the original for other letters you may request)
- ✓ PDF Available on the MBSS Counselling Site (Scholarships, Bursaries, & Funding – bottom of page)

### My Personal “Brag Sheet”

Letter of Reference / Scholarship Nomination

DATE LETTER IS REQUIRED: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for letter (name of bursary or grant, employer or job title, post-secondary entrance): \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ethic or Honour Roll: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicable course information (especially for the teacher writing the letter):

SEMESTER 1			SEMESTER 2		
Course	Mark	Work Habit	Course	Mark	Work Habit

Other academic achievements: (ex: Work Experience, AP Program(s), Physics Olympics, etc.)

#### PERSONAL/ACADEMIC/CAREER GOALS

Next Year: \_\_\_\_\_

In 5 years: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

At MBS: \_\_\_\_\_

Outside of school: (ex: Community, Select, Provincial or National Team) \_\_\_\_\_

~ HELP YOUR REFERENCE WRITE YOU THE LETTER YOU NEED! ~

**Not all bursary/scholarship applications require a letter. Check before asking!**

# Specific Sources of Funding

## 1. BC Ministry of Education Scholarships

- ✓ BC Achievement Scholarships - \$1,250
- ✓ BC Excellence Scholarships - \$5,000
- ✓ Pathway to Education Scholarships - \$5,000
- ✓ District / Authority Scholarships - \$1,250

## 2. COBSS

One Application, 400+ awards

## 3. Institution Specific Funding

May be automatically awarded based on application to the PSI

(ie: UVIC offers scholarships based on your admission average)

OR

May require a separate application with a separate due date

(ie: Okanagan College offers high school entrance awards requiring a separate application through your myOkanagan portal due by March 8th, 2024)

BC Ministry of Education:

# BC Achievement Scholarship

**\$1250 scholarship awarded to the TOP 8000 BC students**

- This scholarship recognizes achievement in Grade 10, 11, and 12 courses meeting graduation program requirements, including electives.
- Cumulative average percentage will be calculated by Ministry.
- Eligibility requirements:
  - Must be a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident
  - Must be a BC resident
  - Have a “B” (73%) or better in Language Arts 12 course

**STUDENTS DO NOT APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP!**

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/bc-achievement-scholarships>

BC Ministry of Education:

# BC Excellence Scholarship

## \$5000 scholarship awarded to 55 students in BC

- This scholarship recognizes well-rounded graduates demonstrating community services and a broader range of experiences count with leadership both inside and outside of school, as well as an aptitude and commitment to their chosen career path.
- **Students must:**
  - Be in their graduation year
  - Have a “B” average in Grade 11 and 12 courses required for Graduation
  - Minimum ( 73% or above” in English 12 / EFP 12
  - Minimum “B” average, no more than one “C+” & nothing lower than “C+” in Science 11/12, Math 11, SS 11/12
  - Submit a resume & a written statement describing accomplishments
  - Provide 2 references- one from school, one from community
- **Application available late Fall:**  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/bc-excellence-scholarships>
- **Due date: February 2024**
- **Schools will collect applications: 1 nominated student per school, a district committee reviews applications & chooses the one for each school.**

**Watch your school announcements for further information.**

BC Ministry of Education:

# Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship

## \$5000 scholarship awarded to 20 students in BC

- This \$5000 annual scholarship recognizes 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment and aptitude for a career path in K-12 teaching
- **Students must:**
  - Be in their graduation year
  - Have a B average in Grade 11 and 12 courses required for Graduation
  - Minimum “73% or above” in English 12 / EFP 12
  - Minimum “B” average, no more than one “C+” & nothing lower than “C+” in Science 11/12, Math 11, SS 11/12
  - Submit a resume & written statement describing their accomplishments
  - Provide 2 references- one from school, one from community
- Application available late Fall:  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/pathway-to-teacher-education-scholarship>
- Due date: February 2024

**Watch your school announcements for further information.**

BC Ministry of Education:

# District / Authority Scholarships

**\$1250 scholarship (approx. 45+ / year to MBS)**

- This scholarship rewards those who demonstrate excellence in chosen field of interest or strength.
- Students require teacher nomination, & complete online application
- Tuition vouchers are mailed to recipients in Oct. of 2024.
- Vouchers may be used up to 5 years after receipt

**STUDENTS MUST DEMONSTRATE SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- **Applied Design, Skill and Technologies**
- **Community Service ( Volunteer Activity)**
- **Fine Arts**
- **Indigenous Languages and Culture**
- **Languages**
- **Physical Activity (and Health)**
- **Technical and Trades Training**

**See Mr. Bone in  
CAREER CENTER for  
more information.**

# Institution Specific Funding

**Go to the school's website & look for links such as:**

- Financial Aid / Assistance
- Scholarships
- Entrance Awards
- Financial Aid & Awards (Okanagan College)



## **Okanagan College:**

[https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Student\\_Services/students/financialaid.html](https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Student_Services/students/financialaid.html)

## **UBC:**

<https://you.ubc.ca/financial-planning/scholarships-awards-canadian-students/>



# Okanagan College Awards

**Dec 1. Online Applications open**

## **1. President's Entrance Award - \$5000 (8 Awards)**

- ❖ Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident
- ❖ Must be entering full time studies with a full course load
- ❖ Entering eligible program at any campus of OC with offer of admission prior to allocation
- ❖ Demonstrate leadership and made a contribution to school and community through sports, culture, voluntary service, other extra-curricular activities, &/or scholastic achievement
- ❖ 1 reference from school is required, additional references may be beneficial (see "Reference Sheet" to assist your reference writers)

## **2. Community Spirit Award - \$1000 (40 Awards)**

- ❖ Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident
- ❖ have a minimum GPA of 65% based on all grade 11 and 12 courses
- ❖ demonstrate service to school and/or community

## **3. Board of Governors Award - \$1000 (3+ Awards)**

- ❖ Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident
- ❖ demonstrate academic achievement and financial need

**APPLY ONLINE – DEADLINE: MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

<https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/financial-aid-and-awards#awards>



# Institution Specific Funding: French Immersion Students

**SFU**

SIMON FRASER  
UNIVERSITY

**DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH / DÉPARTEMENT DE FRANÇAIS**

- <https://www.sfu.ca/french/undergraduate/scholarships-awards.html>



**Campus Saint-Jean**

- <https://www.ualberta.ca/campus-saint-jean/current-students/bourses/index.html>



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**French Immersion Stream**

French Immersion Stream / Scholarships

- <https://immersion.uottawa.ca/en/contests-scholarships>

# Public Sources of Funding

## 1. Community Opportunities

Through community organizations, banking institutions, service clubs, etc.

## 2. Student Loans

[studentaidbc.ca](http://studentaidbc.ca)

\*\* Government of Canada has permanently eliminated the accumulation of interest on all Canada Student Loans

## 3. Student Lines of Credit

See your banking institution to discuss options.

## 4. Talk to your Parents and Relatives

Affiliations with work and organizations that may offer bursaries & scholarships

ie: **Costco Canada** offers employees or children of employees scholarships for tuition & fees, up to a max of \$2,500 per year

ie: **Starbucks** offers employees up to \$1,000 annually in reimbursement for tuition, books, and fees at any accredited institution



# Central Okanagan Foundation

## **Volunteer Spirit Award:** <https://www.centralokanaganfoundation.org/grants/scholarship/>

- a current resident of the Central Okanagan region who is, or has recently been, an active volunteer either in a Canadian community or internationally
  - One scholarship will be awarded to a resident from each of the four Central Okanagan Municipalities: Peachland, West Kelowna, Kelowna, and Lake Country.
  - \$1,500 for each municipality.
- DUE: March 17, 2024**

## **KSER Scholarship:** <https://www.centralokanaganfoundation.org/grants/kser-scholarship/>

- Grade 12 student-athletes from School District 23 pursuing excellence in athletics and academics.
  - \$2,500 scholarships available plus a bonus scholarship of \$2,500 on behalf of Raymond James.
- DUE: April 14, 2024**

## **Evan Guthrie Scholarship:** <https://www.centralokanaganfoundation.org/grants/evan-guthrie-scholarship/>

- Grade 12 student-athletes to recognize an athlete's journey through sport and education
  - two \$500 scholarships available.
- DUE: April 14, 2024**



# MILLION Dollar Bursary

## Interior Savings Credit Union

- Up to 1,000 post-secondary bursaries of \$1,000 each to students 17-24 years old at any point in 2024
- Attend full time studies in 2024 or 2025

### HOW TO APPLY:

1. Become a member before Feb. 28, 2024
2. Use interior savings as your everyday banking account  
*(could mean payroll deposits, monthly bill payments, using debit card for monthly purchases, etc.)*
3. Complete online bursary application

**Application deadline: Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

<https://www.interiorsavings.com/about-us/community/bursary-programs>



...And then why not also apply for the  
“CREDIT UNIONS OF BC BURSARY PROGRAM”  
(application posted Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024)

<https://cufoundation.org/student-application/>

# FSL Bursary- [ACUFC.ca/FSL Bursary](http://ACUFC.ca/FSLBursary)

9 Provinces offer FSL Bursaries- Must be enrolled in first year Post Secondary with at least 50% of study taught in French

## It's rewarding to be bilingual!

Is your child thinking of pursuing  
postsecondary studies in French?



**\$3,000  
bursaries**

Available in  
23 colleges & universities  
across Canada

For more info:  
[ACUFC.ca/FSLbursaries](http://ACUFC.ca/FSLbursaries)



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BURSARIES  
FOR POSTSECONDARY  
STUDIES  
IN FRENCH  
AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Canada



# STUDENT LOANS



StudentAidBC

[www.studentaidbc.ca](http://www.studentaidbc.ca)

- **Both BC and Canada provide student loans, integrated in BC as a single loan to streamline the service delivery.** Students sign a joint federal-provincial loan agreement and have a single point of contact for managing their loans. At the point of loan repayment, students make just one monthly payment towards their integrated loan balance.
- **These loans are based on financial need and are interest-free while you are enrolled in full-time study.**
- **One application to StudentAidBC covers both the BC and Canada student loan programs.**
- **StudentAidBC helps with the cost of post-secondary education through student loans, grants, scholarships and other non-repayable financial supports.** They also have programs that help with loan repayment. Use this site to determine your eligibility and information on how to apply.

**APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN JUNE 2024**

# Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society



<http://www.cobss.sd23.bc.ca>



# CENTRAL OKANAGAN BURSARY AND SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY

- Unique to the Central Okanagan
- One application allows students to apply to hundreds of awards
- There are 2 types of awards
  1. **No criteria awards** which are open to all students
  2. **Specific criteria awards** which have been established by donors

# ELIGIBILITY

1. Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or refugee living within the boundaries of Central Okanagan Public Schools.
2. Must be applying/have applied and plan to **attend FULL TIME** at an **accredited** post-secondary institution in **September of graduation year.**
3. Obtain a minimum of 60% average in all grade 11 and 12 courses.
4. Registered in a minimum of six (6) courses during grade 12 year, and will complete a minimum of six (6) courses by June 30th not including the grade 12 Capstone Careers course.
5. Have potential to graduate for the first time this June.
6. Attending one of the member schools of COBSS as their home school during graduation year.

# SELECTION PROCESS

- Applications are submitted online.
- Applications are strictly confidential.
- Applications are read only by school counsellors, donors and members of the COBSS selection committee consisting of representatives from each of the member schools.
- School counsellors are not part of the selection process.



# SELECTION IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING THREE AREAS:

## **1. FINANCIAL NEED**

based on line 150 of tax return and any special circumstances

## **2. ACADEMIC ABILITY**

the average of student's Grade 11 and Grade 12 marks

## **3. ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP**

such as involvement in school and community

# TYPES OF AWARDS

## **BURSARY:**

primarily based on financial need

## **SCHOLARSHIP:**

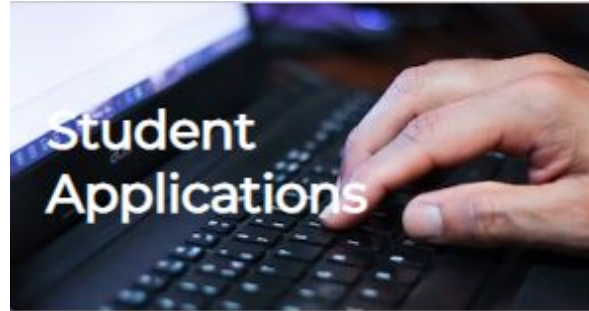
based on excellence; excellence can be in a variety of areas - academic, fine arts, applied skills, sports, community involvement, etc.

## **AWARD:**

based on donor discretion


# ON-LINE APPLICATION

- The on-line application is available at:  
[www.cobss.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.cobss.sd23.bc.ca) – and follow link:



- If you are having difficulties, please see your school counsellor.
- The on-line application opens on **Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>**.

# ON-LINE APPLICATION



COBSS Central Okanagan Bursary And Scholarship Society

## Online Applications - Sign In

Email:

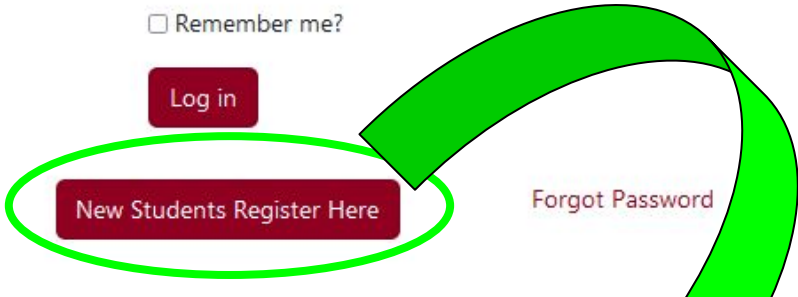
Password:

☐ Remember me?

[Log in](#)

[New Students Register Here](#)

[Forgot Password](#)



Click on **New Students Register Here**

# ON-LINE APPLICATION

## Online Application - Create Account

Legal First Name:

Legal Last Name:

Email:

PERMANENT, NON-SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS

Confirm Email:

Password:

MIN. LENGTH 8, 1 NUMBER, MIX OF LOWERCASE & UPPERCASE, 1

SPECIAL CHARACTER

Confirm password:

Access Code:

PROVIDED BY YOUR SCHOOL

School:

Register

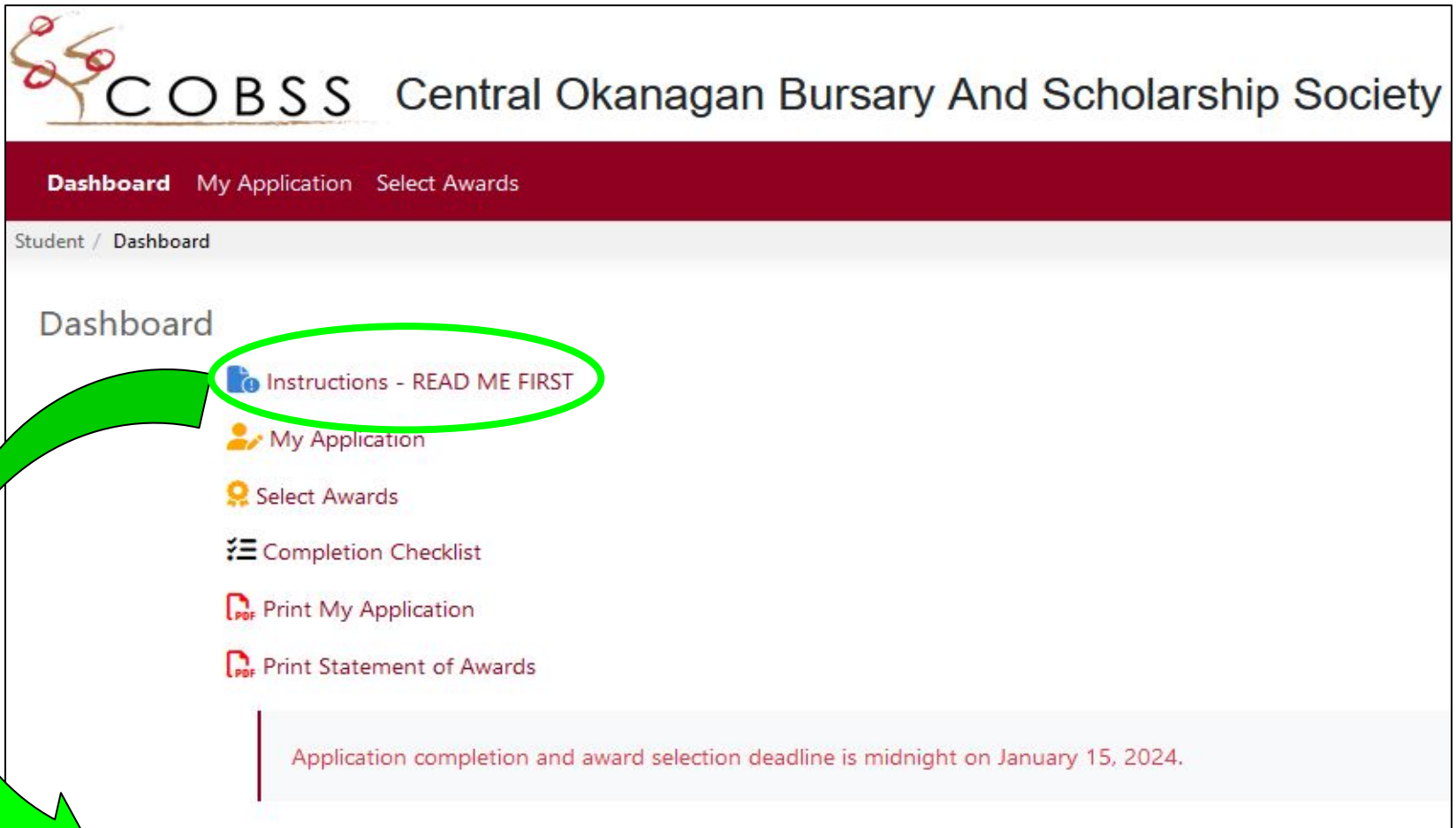
MBS Access Code = **mbs2024**

(lower case letters only)





# INSTRUCTIONS



Click on **Instructions** and follow carefully.

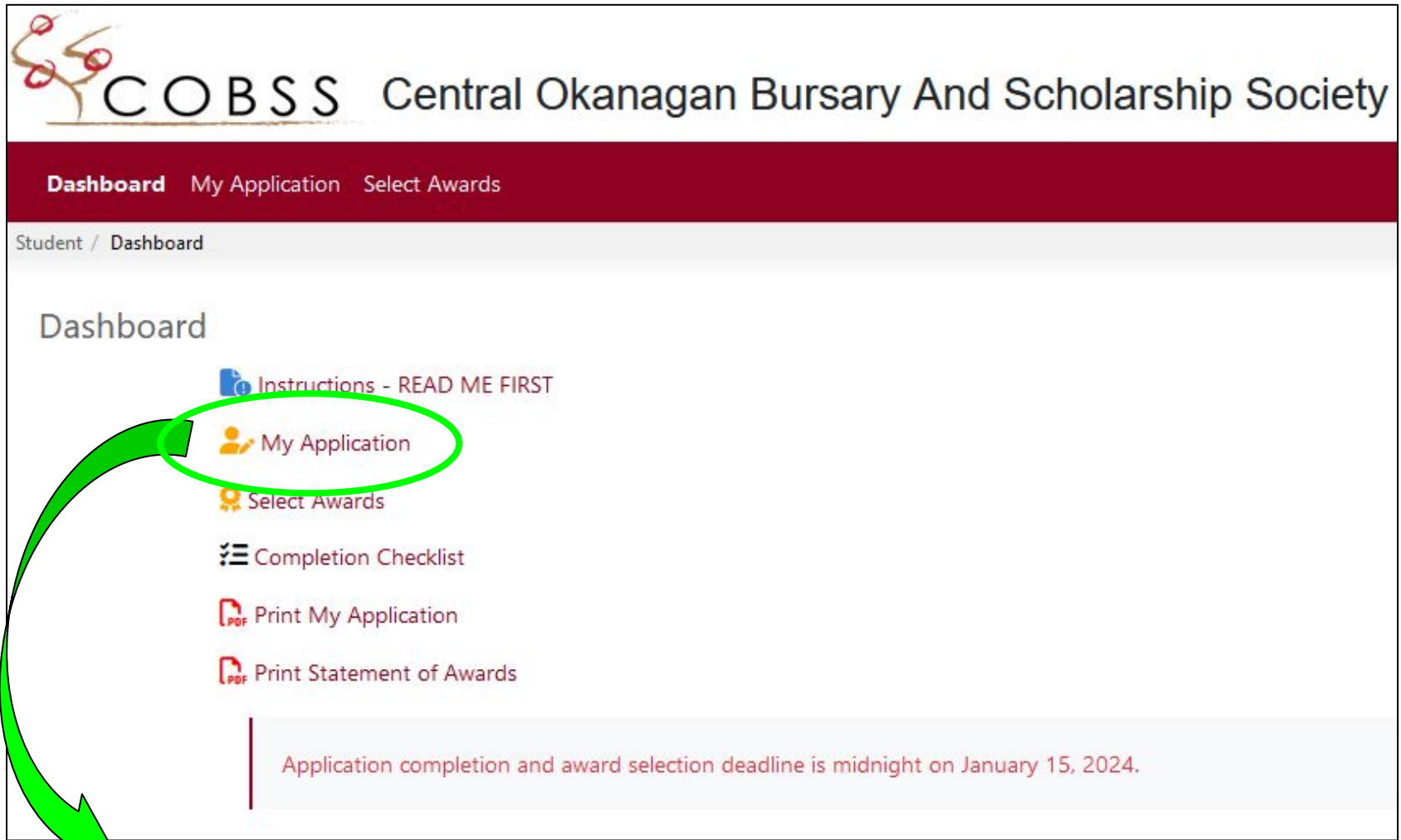
If you have any questions, please see your school counsellor.

# ON-LINE APPLICATION

There are **two main components** to the COBSS application package:

1. **My Application** section  
(largest part of application)
2. **Select Awards** section

# ON-LINE APPLICATION



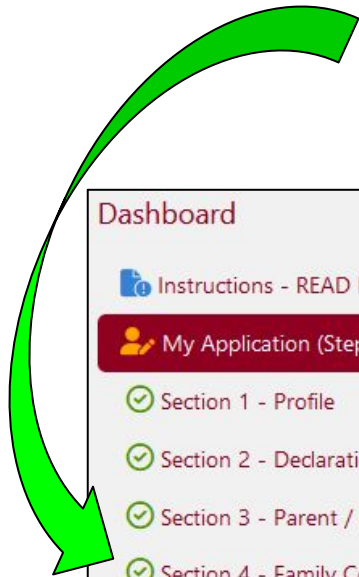
The screenshot shows the COBSS (Central Okanagan Bursary And Scholarship Society) online application dashboard. At the top, the COBSS logo is on the left and the full name of the society is on the right. Below this is a dark red navigation bar with links for 'Dashboard', 'My Application', and 'Select Awards'. The main content area is titled 'Dashboard' and lists several options: 'Instructions - READ ME FIRST', 'My Application' (which is circled in green), 'Select Awards', 'Completion Checklist', 'Print My Application', and 'Print Statement of Awards'. A large green arrow originates from the 'My Application' link and points down towards the instruction text at the bottom of the slide. At the bottom of the dashboard area, a light blue box contains the text: 'Application completion and award selection deadline is midnight on January 15, 2024.'

Click on **My Application** to begin the application process.


# MY APPLICATION



There are **ten sections** and the **Application Completion step** to be completed.


When a section is completed, the check mark will turn **green**.



## Dashboard

 Instructions - READ ME FIRST


 My Application (Step 1) 


 Section 1 - Profile


 Section 2 - Declaration of Truth

 Section 3 - Parent / Legal Guardian Info.


 Section 4 - Family Composition

 Section 5 - Financial Information

 Section 6 - Educational History

 Section 7 - Educational Plan

 Section 8 - Personal Statements

 Section 9 - Student Activity

## My Application

 Read Before Starting

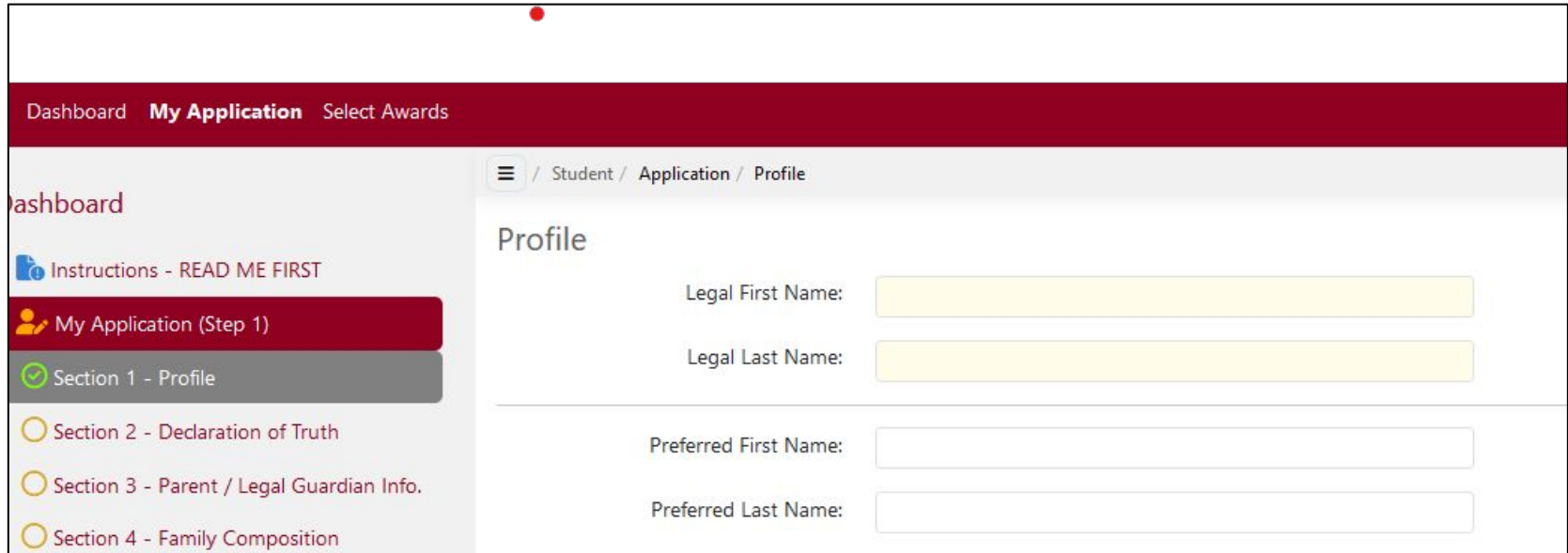
This application contains 11 sections with many required entries. These required entries will be highlighted yellow.

Before you start, **prepare Section 8 responses in advance** using a word processor and then copy/paste accordingly.

Application completion and award selection deadline is midnight on January 15, 2024.

[Click Here to Get Started Now](#)

# MY APPLICATION



The screenshot shows a web application interface. At the top, there is a dark red navigation bar with the text 'Dashboard', 'My Application' (highlighted), and 'Select Awards'. Below this, on the left, is a sidebar with a 'dashboard' heading and a list of items: 'Instructions - READ ME FIRST' (with a blue icon), 'My Application (Step 1)' (with a person icon and highlighted in red), 'Section 1 - Profile' (with a green checkmark icon and highlighted in grey), 'Section 2 - Declaration of Truth' (with a yellow circle icon), 'Section 3 - Parent / Legal Guardian Info.' (with a yellow circle icon), and 'Section 4 - Family Composition' (with a yellow circle icon). The main content area on the right has a breadcrumb trail: '/ Student / Application / Profile'. Below this is the 'Profile' section with four input fields: 'Legal First Name:', 'Legal Last Name:', 'Preferred First Name:', and 'Preferred Last Name:'. Each field is represented by a yellow rectangular input box.

Fill in the application form carefully and as accurately as possible **after reading all of the instructions.**



Students may go back and edit as often as they wish until the site closes at **11:59 pm on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>.**

# MY APPLICATION

- Use the drop down menus where given
- Complete paragraph answers in the space provided.
- Be aware that the secure site will time out. (after 480 mins)  
*\*\* Remember to click “Save & Continue” before moving on*

**TIP:** Compose paragraphs in a Word Document, and then cut and paste into COBSS application.

- Space is limited so write concisely as there are a maximum number of characters available.
- Please check spelling, grammar and punctuation.

# MY APPLICATION

One **critical** component of the application is the paragraph answers under **Student Personal Statements**.

There are 3 questions you will need to answer in this section.

# MY APPLICATION

- This is where your personality shows through and helps the committee with its decision.
- BE **CREATIVE, HONEST** and **CONCISE** and remember to proofread your answers.
- With your words, you are trying to create a vision in the donor's mind of who you are, what your goals and dreams are and why you deserve to be selected for the award.



# MY APPLICATION

## QUESTION 1:

What are your educational/career plans?  
Describe the experiences that have contributed to these plans.

### TIPS:

- Try to be original and creative.
- Do not start with “My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am in grade 12 at \_\_\_\_\_.”

# MY APPLICATION

## QUESTION 2:

For the selection committee, describe the three qualities that best demonstrate your character. Use examples from your life to illustrate these qualities.

### TIPS:

- Try to get across who you are and what you are about in words.
- You want to stand out in the sea of applications.

# MY APPLICATION

## QUESTION 3:

Describe your family (include custodial and non-custodial parent information). Explain any financial and non-financial struggles that you may have encountered.

### TIPS:

- Remember that financial need is one of the areas that selection is based on for COBSS awards.
- This is a snapshot of your current family and financial situation.

# MY APPLICATION

Another important part of the application is **Your Activity Details.**

Students will include their activities from grades 10, 11 & 12 in the following **three** areas:

- 1. Community & School Based Involvement & Achievements**
- 2. Volunteer Experience**
- 3. Paid Work Experience**

# MY APPLICATION

Under each activity heading, list **(up to)** **3 of the MOST SIGNIFICANT** activities in which you have been involved. *(no more than 3)*

For each activity, list in this order:

1. Organization
2. Your activities/responsibilities/duties
3. Dates (mm/yyyy-mm/yyyy)
4. Estimated total activity hours (per week)
5. Total overall hours

**TIP:**

- Remember to include anticipated hours until the end of June.

# MY APPLICATION

Ex. of Community & School Based Involvement & Achievement:  
(use the green + button to add details to each section)



≡ / Student / Application / Activity Details

## Activity Details

In the spaces provided please include experience, activities & achievements from **Grades 10-12**, starting with the most recent experience in each section (maximum 3 in each section).

### Community & School Based Involvement & Achievements

(List any extracurricular involvement outside of classroom time which can include athletics, fine arts, music, certifications Please do not list school courses)

Organization	What is the activity/achievement? (255 characters max)	Dates (mm/yyyy-mm/yyyy)	Estimated Total Activity Hours (per week)	Total Overall Hours for This Activity	+
Kelowna 1 Minor Basketball	Basketball Referee	12/2022-03/2023	5	100	 

*Hours per week* *Total Hours*

### Volunteer Experience

(list any unpaid and non credit Community & School experience.)

Organization	What are your responsibilities/activities? (255 characters max)	Dates (mm/yyyy-mm/yyyy)	Estimated Total Activity Hours (per week)	Total Overall Hours for This Activity	+
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### Paid Work Experience

	What is your job title and duties?	Dates	Estimated Total Activity Hours	Total Overall Hours for This	+
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# MY APPLICATION

After completing **Your Activity Details:**

- Choose one activity or achievement you have listed that you are most proud of
- Explain what you have learned from it

## **TIPS:**

- You have 1000 characters to answer this question.
- Remember that award selection is based on active citizenship so this is a good place to expand on your involvement and include reflective learning.

# STATEMENT OF REFERENCE

- Students must provide 2 referees as references to your application. Consider community people, employers, and teachers as potential referees.
- Choose referees carefully and contact them in advance for permission.**

Dashboard

Instructions - READ ME FIRST

My Application (Step 1)

- Section 1 - Profile
- Section 2 - Declaration of Truth
- Section 3 - Parent / Legal Guardian Info.
- Section 4 - Family Composition
- Section 5 - Financial Information
- Section 6 - Educational History
- Section 7 - Educational Plan
- Section 8 - Personal Statements
- Section 9 - Student Activity
- Section 10 - Referees**

Referees

+ Add Referee

Please provide **two** referees. Once you complete your application, they will each be sent an email with instructions on how to complete their Statement of Reference.

⚠ It is imperative that you enter each referee's email address correctly

Continue

**\*\*One teacher and one community reference is recommended.**

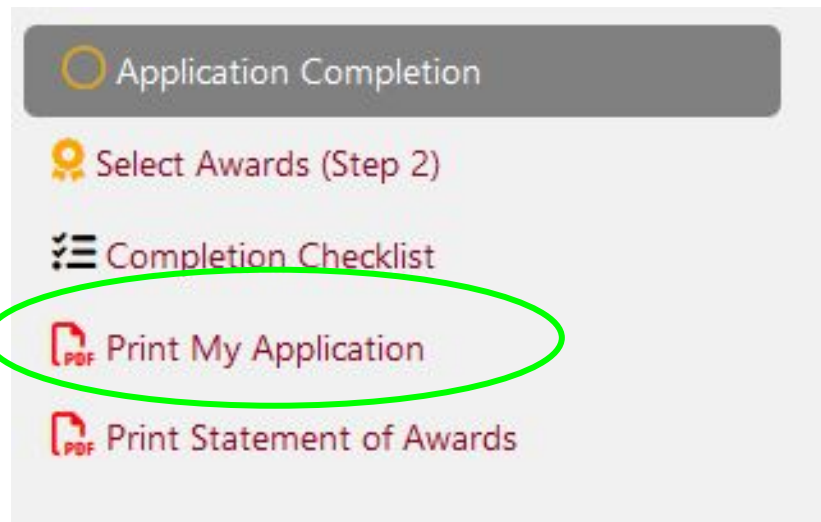
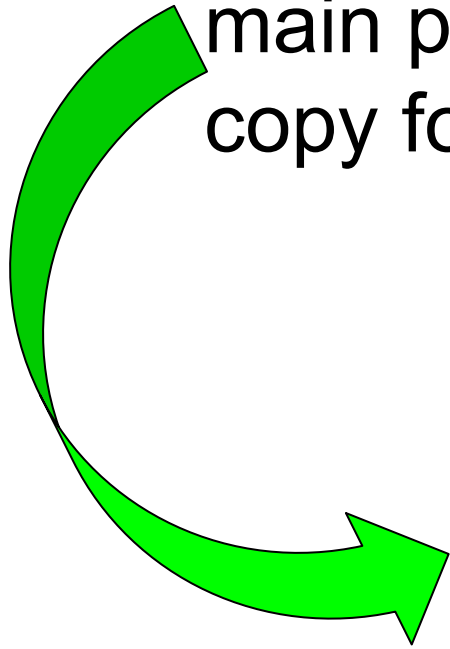


# MY APPLICATION

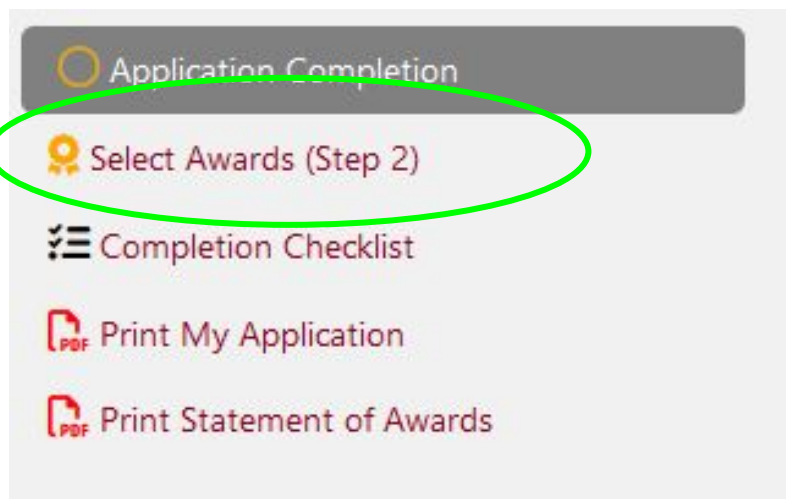
- **Student digital signature** is required to confirm applicant meets all eligibility requirements and all information is accurate.
- **Parent or guardian digital signature** is required to confirm that financial information is accurate.

# MY APPLICATION

Click **Print My Application** from icon on main page to either save or print a pdf copy for your records. (optional)



# SELECT AWARDS

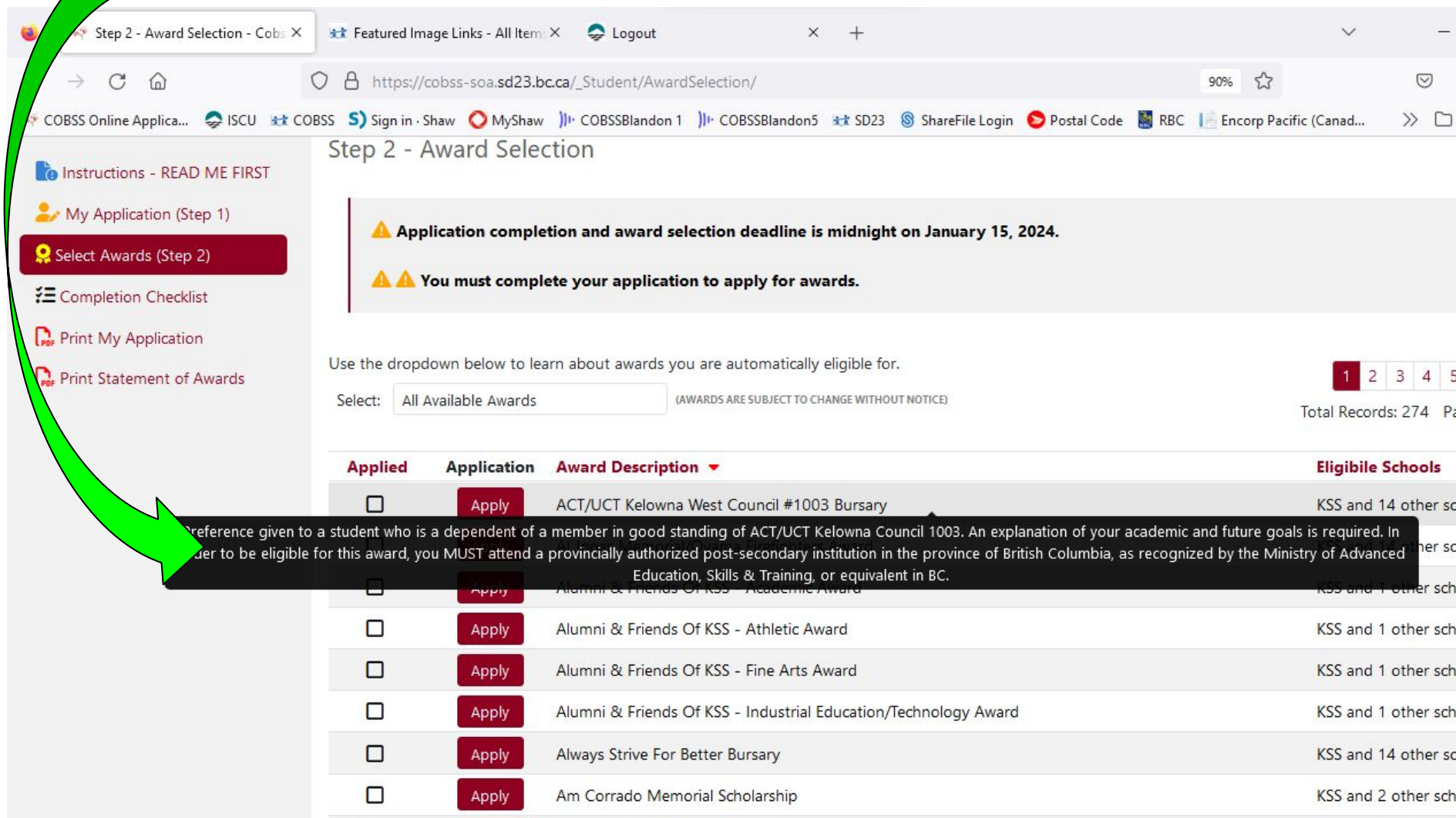


Click on **Select Awards** to view all awards available to your school.

\*Please note that awards are subject to change.

# SELECT AWARDS

To view criteria for each award, hover over title.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [https://cobss-soa.sd23.bc.ca/\\_Student/AwardSelection/](https://cobss-soa.sd23.bc.ca/_Student/AwardSelection/). The page title is "Step 2 - Award Selection". On the left sidebar, there are links: "Instructions - READ ME FIRST", "My Application (Step 1)", "Select Awards (Step 2)" (highlighted in red), "Completion Checklist", "Print My Application", and "Print Statement of Awards". The main content area has a warning: "Application completion and award selection deadline is midnight on January 15, 2024." and "You must complete your application to apply for awards." Below this, a dropdown menu is set to "All Available Awards". A table of awards is displayed with columns: "Applied", "Application", "Award Description", and "Eligible Schools". A green arrow points to the "Award Description" column header. A tooltip is visible over the first row's description.

Applied	Application	Award Description	Eligible Schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Apply</a>	ACT/UCT Kelowna West Council #1003 Bursary	KSS and 14 other schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Apply</a>	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Academic Award	KSS and 1 other school
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Apply</a>	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Athletic Award	KSS and 1 other school
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Apply</a>	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Fine Arts Award	KSS and 1 other school
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Apply</a>	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Industrial Education/Technology Award	KSS and 1 other school
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Apply</a>	Always Strive For Better Bursary	KSS and 14 other schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Apply</a>	Am Corrado Memorial Scholarship	KSS and 2 other schools

# SELECT AWARDS

Click on **APPLY** if eligible for award.

Dashboard

Instructions - READ ME FIRST

My Application (Step 1)

Select Awards (Step 2)

Completion Checklist

Print My Application

Print Statement of Awards

Student / Step 2 - Award Selection

Step 2 - Award Selection

⚠ Application completion and award selection deadline is midnight on January 15, 2024.

⚠⚠ You must complete your application to apply for awards.

Use the dropdown below to learn about awards you are automatically eligible for.

Select: All Available Awards (AWARDS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE)

1 2 3 4 5 >> >|

Total Records: 274 Page 1 of 14

Applied	Application	Award Description ▼	Eligible Schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	ACT/UCT Kelowna West Council #1003 Bursary	KSS and 14 other schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	Al Jones Memorial/Oyama Firefighters Award	KSS and 14 other schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Academic Award	KSS and 1 other school
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Athletic Award	KSS and 1 other school
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Fine Arts Award	KSS and 1 other school
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Industrial Education/Technology Award	KSS and 1 other school
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	Always Strive For Better Bursary	KSS and 14 other schools

# SELECT AWARDS

Click on **APPLY FOR THIS AWARD**

Apply for

*" ACT/UCT Kelowna West Council #1003 Bursary "*

Criteria:

Preference given to a student who is a dependent of a member in good standing of ACT/UCT Kelowna Council 1003. An explanation of your academic and future goals is required. In order to be eligible for this award, you **MUST** attend a provincially authorized post-secondary institution in the province of British Columbia, as recognized by the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills & Training, or equivalent in BC.

Eligible Schools List:

Aberdeen Hall Preparatory School  
Anse-au-sable  
Central Programs School  
ESchool23  
Flex Academy  
George Elliot Secondary  
Heritage Christian Online School  
Immaculata Regional High School  
Kelowna Christian School  
Kelowna Secondary School  
Mount Boucherie Secondary  
Okanagan Christian School  
Okanagan Mission Secondary  
Rutland Senior Secondary

☐ APPLY FOR THIS AWARD

# SELECT AWARDS

If prompted, fill in **Applicant Responses** to explain eligibility and additional information requested by the donor.

A **Save Award Application Now** button is at the bottom of each screen to **save** information.



☒ APPLY FOR THIS AWARD ENSURE ALL APPLICANT RESPONSES ARE COMPLETED

Name of member of ACT/UCT.:   
100 available characters

Relationship to member.:   
100 available characters

**Save Award Application Now** Cancel

A green curved arrow points from the text 'save information.' to the 'Save Award Application Now' button.

# AWARDS APPLIED FOR

When all eligible awards are selected, use the drop down menu to view awards applied for:

Dashboard

My Application

Select Awards

Hello Lisa ▾

Dashboard

Instructions - READ ME FIRST

My Application (Step 1) ✓

Select Awards (Step 2)

Completion Checklist

Print My Application

Print Statement of Awards

/ Student / Step 2 - Award Selection

Step 2 - Award Selection

⚠ Application completion and award selection deadline is midnight on January 15, 2024.

Use the dropdown below to learn about awards you are automatically eligible for.

Select: Awards I Have Applied For (AWARDS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE)

Total Records: 3 Page 1 of 1

Applied	Application	Award Description ▾	Eligible Schools
✓	Edit	ACT/UCT Kelowna West Council #1003 Bursary	KSS and 14 other schools
✓	Edit	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Athletic Award	KSS and 1 other school
✓	Edit	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Industrial Education/Technology Award	KSS and 1 other school



# COMPLETION CHECKLIST

When you have completed Steps 1 & 2, click on **Completion Checklist** to review.






COBSS


Central Okanagan Bursary And Scholarship Society

**Dashboard** My Application Select Awards


## Dashboard

 Instructions - READ ME FIRST

 My Application (Step 1) 

 Select Awards (Step 2)

 **Completion Checklist**

 Print My Application

 Print Statement of Awards

 / Student / Dashboard / Completion Checklist

## Completion Checklist for COBSS

Please ensure you:

1. Complete all of the **My Application** sections;  
When the **Application Completion** section has a green checkmark in the left menu, it is complete.
2. Complete the **Select Award** process;
3. Ensure your entered **Parent / Legal Guardian(s)** digitally sign;
4. Confirm that the two entered **Referees** have completed their online portion and digitally signed;

Application completion and award selection deadline is midnight on January 15, 2024.

# OTHER

**Applications must be completed on time.  
THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**Prior to the due date**, please confirm that:

- ✓ your parent/guardian has completed their digital signature

**AND**

- ✓ your references have completed their online documents.

**Transcript** – will be added by your school counsellor

# DUE DATE

Your COBSS online application package will be submitted automatically on:

**Mon. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 pm**

Plan your time accordingly.

**You CANNOT make changes or print after this time.**

# PLEASE REMEMBER

If you are a COBSS award recipient, please:

**Write an immediate thank you note  
to your donor.**

*...and a follow up thank you note in the early fall is  
always a kind gesture.*

## TIP:

- Note your awards (file, binder, phone notes, etc.) so that you can track them accurately and use them before they expire.



# FAQ's

## **Question:**

When should I begin my COBSS application?

## **Answer:**

It is recommended to begin the application as soon as possible. It is a lengthy process which takes a number of separate sittings to complete. It cannot be completed in one sitting.

# FAQ's

## **Question:**

When will I know if I have received a COBSS award?

## **Answer:**

Awards are typically presented to individual student recipients at either the school graduation ceremonies or a separate awards night. Check with your school.

# FAQ's

## **Question:**

Will my COBSS award expire?

## **Answer:**

Yes. COBSS awards presented this year are valid until December 1<sup>st</sup> of your graduation year.

# FAQ's

## **Question:**

Can I take a year off for an exchange, a gap year, missionary work, etc. and still use my COBSS award?

## **Answer:**

No, COBSS awards given out this year are valid until December 1<sup>st</sup> of your graduation year.



# FAQ's

## Question:

How do I know if the school I plan to attend is accredited as required for my COBSS eligibility.

## Answer:

On the COBSS website is this link to search accredited institutions.



# FAQ's

## **Question:**

What do I do with a COBSS award?

## **Answer:**

A COBSS award recipient receives a voucher called a Certificate of Award (COA). To redeem the award at the post secondary school, a student can do one of the following:

1. Take the COA to the registrar of the post secondary to be validated and sent by the post secondary school to COBSS for payment.

# FAQ's

## Answer (con't):

2. If the registrar of the post secondary school will not send the validated COA to COBBS, then the student must return the validated COA via:

- mail
- scan and email **OR**
- drop off at the COBSS office

# FAQ's

## Answer (con't):

3. If the registrar will not validate the COA, the student needs to return two forms to COBSS:

- **the COA and**
- **a Verification of Enrolment form from the post secondary school**

# AWARD RECIPIENTS

If your circumstances change after you have received a COBSS award and you are no longer able to use the award before the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, **please contact COBSS at [cobss@shaw.ca](mailto:cobss@shaw.ca)**.

The award money can then be given to an alternate recipient.

# AWARD RECIPIENTS

If you have any questions regarding an award that you have received, please address all inquiries to COBSS directly at **[cobss@shaw.ca](mailto:cobss@shaw.ca)** and not the award donor.

**If you need help or further information, check back in the COBSS instructions.**

**Your school counsellor can help if you get stuck.**

*Remember, the site closes Mon. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 pm!*

# **!!! IMPORTANT !!!**

**Students are responsible to ensure the following:**

- !** ENTIRE application is completed & signed
- !** parent digital signature completed
- !** reference #1 form completed
- !** reference #2 form completed

**Without these, your application is  
INCOMPLETE  
and will not be considered.**



# *Please Remember ...*

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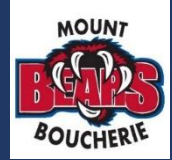
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# WHAT TO DO NEXT?

- ✓ **Research to find applicable opportunities:**
  - MBS website (Scholarships, Bursaries & Funding page)
  - MBS scholarship bulletin board in Counselling Center
  - funding websites (independent research)
  - potential post-secondary institutions' funding sites
- ✓ **Note applicable opportunities and follow up with applications**
- ✓ **Be organized with a calendar to track due dates and deadlines**
- ✓ **Independently complete applications** (perhaps with family &/or friends as proof-readers 😊)



# UPCOMING DATES



- **Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>** COBSS application opens online
- **Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** UBC application deadline for awards and early admission
- **Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>** CAPSTONE (first semester Eng 12 students)
- **Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>** Grad Winter Formal
- **Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** St. Francis Xavier University (Nova Scotia) 10:30am Career Centre
- **Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>** MBSS Classes resume after winter break
- **Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>** COBSS APPLICATION CLOSES at 11:59pm
- **Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>** UBC application general deadline
- **Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>** Grad Photos (\*dates subject to change by Mountainwest)
- **Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>** Last day of Semester 1
- **Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>** Semester Turn Around (no classes)
- **Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>** Semester 2 starts
- **Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>** Grad Fees due
- **Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>** OC Entrance Award Applications due
- **April 11<sup>th</sup>** PSP #3: *You have been accepted...now what?*

# GOOD LUCK ON YOUR APPLICATIONS!

**REMEMBER TO THOROUGHLY & CAREFULLY  
READ THROUGH THE COBSS INSTRUCTIONS!**

*Afterwards, if you need help or further information,  
please see your counsellor.*

**Mr. Harbour**  
(A-G)

**Ms. Gilbert**  
(H-N)

**Mr. Bridges**  
(O-Z)

*It's Time to Get Started*