



GRADE 12 SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN 2026

TO: All Grade 12 Students
FROM: The Sentinel Scholarship Committee

This is a special bulletin which outlines all the scholarships, awards, and bursaries offered through Sentinel Secondary School. The recipients of all scholarships and awards will be announced at Commencement on **June 13th, 2026**. The awards and scholarships range in amounts from \$500 to \$6,500.

All interested students are encouraged to complete an application form. Forms can ONLY be submitted by paper to the office (not emailed). An electronic form is located on the Sentinel website and in the Grade 12 Google Classroom.

Forms must be submitted no later than Friday April 17th, 2026
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

SENTINEL SECONDARY INTERNAL AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Procedure

- The Scholarship Committee reviews the scholarship information.
- Sentinel staff are consulted for nominations for certain awards and scholarships.
- The Scholarship Committee selects the nominees for each award and scholarship then recommends them to the trustees of the Sentinel Education and Achievement Foundation.
- The Scholarship Committee and the trustees of the Sentinel Foundation make the final decisions regarding recipients.

Eligibility: *To be eligible for scholarship and award consideration, students must:*

- be Canadian citizens or permanent residents.
- be international students for specific scholarships.
- have attended Sentinel Secondary School for at least one full school year.
- have a solid record of citizenship in the school and community, (students who have had serious infractions that have resulted in suspension in either Grades 11 or 12 may have jeopardized their chances of obtaining awards or scholarships).
- be enrolled in a minimum of 7 courses (a minimum of 28 credits) at Sentinel.
have satisfied graduation requirements and been issued a Ministry of Education Transcript of Grades dated no later than July 31, 2026.
- apply by the deadline.

An attempt will be made to recognize as many students as possible.

❖ SCHOLARSHIPS FINANCED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE SENTINEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

1. ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is presented to the student who has challenged themselves through active participation in both pre-AP and AP courses. Consideration will be given to:

- The number of Advanced Placement courses completed.
- The percentage average of school-based marks in AP courses and AP exams when applicable.
- The breadth of courses completed.

2. APPLIED SKILLS STRAND SCHOLARSHIP (ADST)

This scholarship is presented for outstanding achievement in applied skills courses offered at Sentinel: Accounting, Drafting & Woodwork, E- Commerce, Economics, Food Studies, Information Technology, Marketing & Entrepreneurship, Media Design (Visual Art), Programming, Robotics and Textiles.

The following criteria will be considered:

- Percentage average and number of courses in the above-mentioned areas.
- Advanced Placement courses completed.
- Number of Grade 12 subject-related book prizes won.
- Standing in external competitions.
- Contribution to applied skills-related activities outside the classroom.

3. FINE ARTS STRAND SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is presented for outstanding achievement in the area of Fine Arts offered at Sentinel: Music, Visual Arts, Theatre.

The following criteria will be considered:

- Percentage average and number of courses in the above-mentioned areas.
- Advanced Placement courses completed.
- Number of Grade 12 subject-related book prizes won.
- Standing in external competitions.
- Contribution to fine arts-related activities outside the classroom.

4. GENERAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships will be awarded annually to students based on the following criteria:

- Percentage average and number of academic Grade 12 courses on these three provincial universities' accepted lists: UBC, UVic, and SFU.
- Minimum of 7 academic grade 12 courses with an A average in them.
- Number of Advanced Placement courses completed.
- Number of grade 12 subject book prizes won.
- Standing in external competitions, i.e., essay contest, math contest, etc.
- Other contributions to Sentinel:
 - a) extra-curricular athletics/activities; service; leadership.

5. HARRY E. CULLIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is presented to the student who has demonstrated leadership skills over the course of their high school years while maintaining a high-grade point average. Study and community service in the area of the environment will be additional criteria.

6. HUMANITIES STRAND SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is presented to an outstanding student who has focused on their graduation program on the humanities and has excelled in courses in the following disciplines: Comparative Civilizations, English, English Literature, Geography, History, Languages, Law, and Psychology.

The following criteria will be considered:

- Percentage average and number of the above-mentioned courses.
- Advanced Placement courses completed.
- Number of Grade 12 subject-related book prizes won.
- Participation in humanities-related competitions (i.e., UBC essay contest).
- Contribution to humanities-related activities outside the classroom.

7. MATHEMATICS/SCIENCES STRAND SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is presented to an outstanding student in the area of science and mathematics: Calculus, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Physics.

The following criteria will be considered:

- Percentage average and number of the above-mentioned courses.
- Advanced Placement courses completed.
- Number of Grade 12 subject-related book prizes won.
- Participation in science competitions.
- Contribution to science-related activities outside the classroom.

8. SENTINEL STAGE SCHOLARSHIP

Students must meet the following criteria:

- Significant participation with Sentinel Stage (min. 3 years, including grade 12).
- Min. 2 classes at the grade 10-12 level in drama, dance, choir, and/or band.
- Must be continuing on in the performing arts at the post-secondary level.
- Exemplifies the qualities of leadership, commitment, and being a team player.
- Percentage grade in class is not the only determining factor – students must complete a separate application. To apply, please see Ms. McGuinness-Gill.

Students applying to this scholarship will also be considered for the Sentinel Stage Award.

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10. CORINTHIAN ATHLETIC AWARD (2 scholarships)

Scholarships will be presented to two students who have a strong record of athletic and academic performance at Sentinel, as well as school and/or community service. Intended recipients are expected to be "positive-minded" and "well-rounded" and must have a solid record of good citizenship in the school. See criteria below:

- A minimum of two seasons on an athletic team at Sentinel with extra consideration given to students who complete an additional season of play in their Grades 11 and 12 years.
- Recognition as a North Shore All-Star/Conference All-Star/Provincial All-Star in their

- respective sports.
- A solid record of academic achievement, school service & community service.

❖ **B. C. AWARDS FINANCED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE SENTINEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

1. CLASS OF '73 MENTORSHIP AWARD

To the student who is a consistently willing participant in helping out with teachers and staff and related school activities and demonstrates a good example for the younger students through their volunteer and/or mentoring service.

2. FRENCH IMMERSION ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award for French Immersion students will be presented to a student who is eligible for the Bilingual Dogwood Certificate, and who has achieved the highest marks in academic subjects.

3. GUARDS RECOGNITION AWARD

This award is presented to a student who demonstrates outstanding citizenship, service and commitment to the school community as defined by the schools' Values Statements. This includes demonstrating the characteristics of Grit, Understanding, Action, Respect, Decision Making and Spirit.

4. MODERN LANGUAGE AWARD- new double check wording OK

This award will be presented to a non-heritage speaker who is taking an additional language at the grade 12 level (Japanese 12, Mandarin 12, Spanish 12 or Core French 12) at Sentinel.

- How they plan to further acquire the language either by pursuing post-secondary courses or by travelling and participating in a language course abroad or by working in a country where the language is spoken
- How they have genuinely demonstrated interest in the language/ culture (evidence could reflect involvement in extracurricular activities outside of the classroom including volunteer opportunities, community service etc)
- How they have contributed to fostering inclusivity and cultural understanding (in class, in the school or broader community)
- Evidence of proficiency in the classroom (could be evidence from a recent 'Learning Update', a teacher's letter)
- Evidence of strong work habits, enthusiasm for the language, and engagement in the classroom (teacher reference)

5. PRINCIPAL'S AWARD OF MERIT

This award is presented to an outstanding overall student with a minimum C+ academic average, a record of service, participation, and citizenship in the school. The principal, in consultation with the Scholarship Committee will determine the recipient of this award.

6. SENTINEL SCHOOL AWARD

This award is presented to the most socially mature, committed, dedicated and caring student in the graduating class. The Sentinel Staff nominates students.

- 7. SENTINEL SCHOOL BURSARY AWARD (See # 22 on the Application Form)**
Students must apply in writing for this award. The recipient will be a deserving Grade 12 student of reasonable academic standing: the award to be used for post-secondary education purposes only.

❖ **SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS FINANCED AND PRESENTED TO THE SCHOOL BY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

- 1. A.W. VAUGHAN SCHOLARSHIP**

A scholarship will be awarded to a student who excels in Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics.

- 2. ARTONA SCHOLARSHIP FOR DESIGN**

Awarded to a student who excels in design. The design criteria may be evidenced through visual art, photography, or digital art. The student should use their skills in school service.

- 3. CHARTWELL – PATTI WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL AWARD**

Awarded to a former Chartwell student and donated by the Chartwell Parents' Association in honour of Ms. Patti Williams.

- 4. ÉCOLE PAULINE JOHNSON ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP**

Awarded to an alumni of École Pauline Johnson who will be receiving a bilingual graduation certificate. The winner will have performed community service, either in a French or English setting, and is planning on continuing to study French in a post-secondary institution.

- 5. ELIZABETH PETRIE MODERN LANGUAGES SCHOLARSHIP**

The Modern Languages scholarship is awarded to the student who has been enrolled in Core French plus one or more non-heritage languages.

- 6. INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM AWARD**

This award recognizes an outstanding international student who has actively promoted diversity and has acted as a positive role model for new international students.

- 7. MICHEL YIN SCHOLARSHIP (2 Awards)**

To be presented to two students who previously graduated from École Pauline Johnson. The winners will graduate with bilingual diplomas and will have had a positive impact on the culture and experience of Sentinel students through service, music, arts, or athletics.

- 8. AMBLESIDE AND TIDDLEYCOVE LIONS CLUB (See #22 on the application form)** This bursary is awarded to the student who has worked hard and been involved in the community and would not otherwise receive any other monetary award from the school to assist with post-secondary academic education or the pursuit of a trade.

- 9. BRITISH PROPERTIES AREA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

This year the BPAHO will be presenting the Meritorious Service Award. This award is

given to the student who has provided valuable service in school-related and community activities.

10. CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (See #22 on application form) The winner of a Canadian Federation of University Women West Vancouver “education award” to a **secondary** school graduating student must:

- be a woman residing in British Columbia.
- plan to attend and have applied to a recognized B.C. post-secondary institution;
- provide proof of registration at said B.C. post-secondary institution before the “education award” monies are awarded.
- demonstrate financial need;
- demonstrate good citizenship and community involvement;
- demonstrate academic diligence or competence and,
- not be a member of the Canadian Federation of University Women West Vancouver or an immediate family member thereof.

11. INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP (2 Awards)

This scholarship is presented to two graduating international students who have demonstrated excellence in academics, attendance, school, and community service, and who have made significant contributions to global relations, multicultural understanding, and/or promotion of international student initiatives during their high school years in West Vancouver.

12. KIWANIS NORTH SHORE FOUNDATION

This scholarship will be presented to a student who registers at a college or university to pursue a post-secondary education and meets the following criteria:

- Good grades
- Demonstrates community service

**13. KIWANIS CLUB OF VANCOUVER KAY MEEK BURSARY
(See #22 on the application form)**

This award will be presented to a student who intends to pursue post-secondary education in a college or university and meets the following criteria:

- Good citizenship
- Community service
- Financial need

14. WEST VANCOUVER UNITED CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP FOR YOUNG INNOVATORS

This scholarship is to be awarded to students who demonstrates innovation and creative thinking, and who shows the potential of using these qualities in the years ahead to make this world a better place. This sense of innovation should be embodied by the student in conjunction with a sense of integrity and love of others.

15. DRS. BOWDEN, DAVIDSON & CHIU SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES

Award recipient should show extending academic grade levels in the subject of Science and the recipient should also intend to pursue a career and education in the field of Health Sciences.

16. WEST VANCOUVER FOUNDATION STUDENT EDUCATION AWARD

The West Vancouver Foundation offers one student education award each year. Criteria: Open to graduating Grade 12 students who face significant financial challenges to reaching their post-secondary goals.

Students must be enrolled in post-secondary education which will lead to a recognized degree, diploma, certificate, or trade credential at an accredited university/college.

Students must be industrious, of good character and have a keen desire to do their best.

THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIPS REQUIRE SEPARATE APPLICATIONS

1. THE DIENTJE PIETERS-HORSTMAN DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to a student in serious financial need in order to continue with their post-secondary education. Completion of the application form and letter of explanation is required.

2. DISTRICT DOGWOOD/AUTHORITY AWARDS

The Dogwood District/Authority Awards are available to graduates who excel in any of the following areas:

- Fine Arts (Visual Art, Dance, Drama, Music)
- Applied Skills (Business Education, Technology Education, Home Ec)
- Physical Activity (not limited to Physical Education)
- Second Languages (including Aboriginal Languages)

3. WEST VANCOUVER FIRE FIGHTERS' CHARITABLE SOCIETY GARY HUNTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Criteria:

- Academic achievement, preferably in trades or technical programs.
- School or community sports achievement.
- Community involvement.
- Financial need.
- Attendance at a recognized post-secondary institution in BC.
- *Application will be forwarded to the West Vancouver Firefighters Charitable Society for review*

4. WEST VANCOUVER ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #60 SCHOLARSHIP Award recipient must show:

- Academic Achievement
- Extra-Curricular involvement (priority given to Remembrance Day support or Veteran Association)
- Involvement in the greater community
- Related or other work experience
- Canadian Citizenship