

BC Excellence Scholarships: \$5,000

There are 55 BC Excellence Scholarships available to recognize well-rounded B.C. graduates. Winners will have demonstrated community service, both inside and outside their schools, and shown aptitude and commitment to their chosen career paths. They will receive a \$5000 scholarship voucher to use for post-secondary tuition.

Students must be nominated for this scholarship by their school. If nominated, the student must submit an application to their school district or independent school authority, who will forward it to the Ministry of Education for adjudication by the selection committee.

(A student cannot win both a BC Excellence Scholarship and a Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship.)

Districts/authorities must submit application packages on behalf of their nominees to the Ministry by February 15, 2023. Nominees must:

- Meet basic eligibility requirements as noted above.
- Be enrolled in or graduated from a B.C. Grade 12 graduation program.
- Be eligible for a BC Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) by August 31st of the school year in which they are nominated.
- Submit a SAIL Scholarship Application

Selection Criteria

Required information

Here are detailed instructions for how to prepare the required information offline.

1. **Nomination from your school**

- Save this [nomination form \(PDF\)](#) to your computer
- Ask your principal or school head to sign the form and return it to you
- Save a digital copy
- When you are ready to submit your BC Excellence application online, upload your signed nomination form where prompted

2. **Written statement** (500 words)

- Save this [written statement template \(DOCX\)](#) to your computer
- Write your statement in the template, following the instructions provided

- When you are ready to submit your BC Excellence application online, upload your written statement into the application form where prompted
- **Note:** the written statement is worth 60% in the overall assessment of the application; all written statements are assessed, and those assessments are used to shortlist applications

3. **Resume**

- Save the [resume instructions \(PDF\)](#) to your computer
- Reference this PDF as you prepare your information and responses offline
- When you are ready to submit your BC Excellence application online, input the information you prepared where prompted
- **Note:** resumes are worth 40% in the overall assessment of the application; only resumes from shortlisted applications are reviewed

4. **Two reference letters** (one community-related and one school-related)

- Save these [reference letter instructions \(PDF\)](#) to your computer
- Share the instructions with your two referees and have them return signed letters to you
- Save digital copies
- When you are ready to submit your BC Excellence application online, upload your two letters into the application form where prompted
- **Note:** the marking team does not mark reference letters but does consider them when reviewing resumes
- Please visit <https://forms.gov.bc.ca/education-training/bc-excellence-scholarship-application/> to submit your application online along with required documentation.