



2009 APPLICATION PACKAGE

Staple or attach your application pages in the following order:

1. A completed Application Form
2. Your essay (double-spaced, neatly typed or handwritten)
3. Two letters of reference
4. Official school copy of your Transcript of Grades to date

Applications must be received by BCSSA no later than April 20

Send to:

Grade 12 Essay Scholarship
Suite 208, 1118 Homer Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 6L5

Only complete applications will be accepted for the scholarship selection process. Please ensure your package contains the required information and documents.

NOTE TO TEACHERS: Class/school entries mailed together must include a completed application package, as specified above, for each student.

Application forms may be downloaded at bccsa.org

The BC School Superintendents Association will award seven scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each to students planning to pursue post-secondary studies in Education

Students wishing to be considered for a scholarship must be currently enrolled in their final year of studies at a public secondary school in British Columbia and expected to graduate in 2009. One scholarship winner for an essay written in English will be selected in each of the BCSSA's six regional chapters by a committee of educators. One province-wide scholarship winner for an essay written in French will be selected by a committee of francophone educators.

In selecting the recipients for this year's awards, the scholarship committees will consider academic achievement, as indicated on each applicant's school transcript of grades, and demonstrated exemplary service and leadership within the school and community. Letters of reference will be required affirming the applicant's accomplishments and efforts to improve the quality of life for young people through volunteer work and other activities. In addition, the applicant must prepare an essay to demonstrate writing skills.

The winners will be announced in May 2009.

This year's essay topic:

Student Engagement: Creating and Maintaining Engagement in a Rapidly Changing World

Today's educators are focusing less on traditional curriculum practices and more on innovative and creative methods to create student engagement in classrooms. As an organization that supports leaders in education from across the province, BCSSA continues to reinforce the importance of change. With significant and rapid global change, it is up to educators to provide students with a module that is reflective of that, while creating and maintaining student engagement.

How can we create and maintain student engagement in a rapidly changing world? What systems, or methods work to enable students to learn more effectively? How do these systems, or methods prepare students for the challenges of tomorrow?

What are the opportunities for students in today's education system? What are the challenges for students in a rapidly changing world?

Give some thought to the questions above. You DO NOT need to answer them in your essay but may find them helpful before you begin your composition. Your completed essay must be at least 700 words and no longer than 1000 words. Your essay should have a title, which does not have to be the same as the essay topic.
