

### **Admissions Applications**

Application for admission to most post secondary institutions in BC should be done online. Apply through ApplyBC at [www.bccampus.ca/applybc/](http://www.bccampus.ca/applybc/) Have your PEN number and your Social Insurance Number. Your PEN is available from your counsellor or on a report card.

### **Academic Planning with an Eye on Careers**

1. Talk to people in the field before starting post-secondary. If you want to be a software designer find out what employers who hire software designers are looking for, what type of education they prefer for their employees, and what kinds of jobs are available.
2. Look to the future. Look for "Labor Market Information" in the library, on the internet, in the counselling office.
3. Plan to get related work experience. Employers want to see both education and related work experience on your resume. Consider a Co-op Ed program if available.
4. Research previous graduates. Try to find out what kinds of jobs graduates in your academic area of interest have obtained and how long it took them to get a job. -from UBC Student Resources Centre

### **Christmas Holiday**

The Christmas holiday is a great time to begin organizing your scholarship applicant file.

Depending on the scholarship you may be asked for the following:

- a resume or autobiographical essay which includes awards, activities in the school or the community, goals, leadership, and the LPI.

- letters of reference from your subject specialist teacher. Major

entrance scholarships (which require straight A's ) will also require a letter from the principal.

- letters of reference from members of the community to validate your other activities.

### **Scholarships**

Applications currently available:

**Dec 1** Queens Major Entrance

**Dec 15** UNBC Leadership and Early Entrance awards

**Dec 15** Univ of Calgary Entrance (online)

**Jan 10** Burger King Scholarship Program

**Jan 23** Youth in Motion

([www.top20under20.ca](http://www.top20under20.ca))

**Jan 31** Toyota Earthday Scholarship (earthday.ca)

**Feb 1** Terry Fox ([www.terryfox.org](http://www.terryfox.org))

**Feb 1** York Univ

**Feb 15** University of Alberta

**Feb 28** SFU, UBC Entrance Scholarship

**Feb 29** BCGEU Scholarship ([www.bcgeu.ca](http://www.bcgeu.ca))

**Mar 1** TRU Awards ([www.tru.ca/finaid](http://www.tru.ca/finaid))

**Mar 1** UNBC Undergrad awards

**Mar 12** ReMax Quest for Excellence

**Mar 31** UVic Entrance ([uvic.ca/safa](http://uvic.ca/safa))

In early April we will hold a meeting to give information about applying for local scholarships and bursaries.

### **Designated Schools**

Post secondary institutions must be "designated" for you to use provincial or district scholarships or to use a student loan. To check go to: [www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/welcome.htm](http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/welcome.htm)

### **Katimavik**

Great opportunity for youth ages 17-21 to participate across Canada in volunteer service/leadership programs. Placements last 6 to 9 months. Contact Mr. Apple/Ms. Bailey for more info.

