



École Secondaire Hugh McRoberts Secondary School  
“*Learning Together ... Achieving Our Dreams*”

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**A PRESENTATION FOR  
GRADE 12 Students & Parents  
Post Secondary Information**



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*Presented by the Counselling Department*



# What are the key things I need to know for post secondary planning?

This presentation will cover key information regarding the following topics and processes.

1. Key resources for accessing information
2. Post Secondary research
3. Post Secondary applications
4. Transcripts & Self-Reporting
5. Applying for Scholarships
6. Dates of Q&A Sessions

Remember: The responsibility to be informed is yours, so use all the many resources at your disposal and seek help as often as you need.



# What KEY RESOURCES should I use to access information regarding post secondary planning?

1. Visit the McRoberts [Online Career Centre](#), maintained by Ms. Millar with info regarding:
  - Home: important dates regarding post secondary options – interactive calendar
  - Post-secondary - links to institutions
  - Career: labour trends and exploring career opportunities
  - Scholarship: links organized in months by deadline
  - Volunteer: links to Richmond organizations
  - Employment: resources, resume, tips
  - District programs: career and vocational training programs
2. Ms. Millar's [Careers Page on Facebook](#) will help you keep up to date with all the latest news from post secondary institutions as well as other programs - find it and FOLLOW IT NOW!
3. [Ms. Millar](#) - McRoberts Career and Post Secondary Advisor, who works very hard to stay on top of the post-secondary news, timelines and opportunities. She maintains and updates the Online Careers Centre and is also available for appointments. Please email her at [dmillar@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:dmillar@sd38.bc.ca) if you have further questions or want an appointment.

[Ms. Millar's Career Centre:](#)

<https://mcroberts.sd38.bc.ca/> - Students / Career Centre



## How else might I learn about important dates, scholarships and other opportunities?

- **Some information is posted on the bulletin board in the front foyer (check it daily)**
- **Listen to daily school announcements and watch for posters.**
- **Look up the Grade 12 “Weekly News” on the McRobert’s school website.**



## Who can I ask for guidance and help?

### Post-Secondary/Career Information Advisor

Ms. D. Millar  
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*Tuesday, Thursday, & alternate Fridays 8:00am - 3:00pm*

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## How can I begin to RESEARCH my post secondary options?

G12 students can sometimes feel overwhelmed by choice when beginning post secondary planning. However, often they already know more than they think, as through their Career Life Education (CLE) course they have already begun the process.

In CLE they have already learned how to use [myBlueprint](#). This is a powerful tool for learning about yourself, your career interests, and the pathways (via education) towards your post secondary goals. Through using myBlueprint students can also begin to research colleges and university programs as well as find the prerequisite courses required to apply.

[EducationplannerBC](#) is also a powerful tool that allows students to research and apply to programs while also finding out information about how to plan finances, study and work during their post-secondary life. You can use EducationplannerBC to apply for most Post-secondary programs in British Columbia, so it's a good idea to bookmark it and familiarize yourself with it asap.



## Any advice about how to RESEARCH options?

We recommend carrying out research with the intention to apply to at least **2-3 post-secondary institutions / programs** – ensuring that you have a) one option that encourages you to stretch yourself, b) one option that sits within your comfort zone, and c) one back up option that ensures you can move forward after G12 even if the year doesn't meet original expectations = plans A, B, and C.

Don't be afraid to consider **all your options**... university, college, private institute, local, national, international...

Do educate your self on the programs available at colleges like **KPU, Langara, Douglas, BCIT**. Often they have dynamic Co-op programs that are often highly regarded by employers after graduation. They are also popular for their transfer programs which allow you to finish your degree at a university. Many students have come back and told us that they found this a really supportive stepping stone toward academia (not least of all, financially!).



# I think I have finished my RESEARCH – what do I do next? (Ans: More research ...)

**You will also need to research the following...**

## **Dates when applications open:**

Each institution has a different date to start applying. E.g. many colleges open applications as early as October 1<sup>st</sup>. Seats for colleges are often given on a first come, first served basis; the earlier you are, the more certain you can be of your preferred program.

## **Deadlines:**

Each post secondary has their own unique program and general admission deadlines which may vary and could fall anytime between January 1st and June 1st (most often Jan 15 or Feb 28).

Ontario universities have an early admission deadline in early January.

Most universities in Canada have a deadline of February 28th. However, there may be some advantages to meeting University's early application deadlines (eg UBC's early application deadline of December 1<sup>st</sup> allows you to be considered for UBC scholarships).

## **Some careers and programs are highly competitive:**

E.g. nursing and some other post-secondary programs and schools are considering more than your grades. While it is still advisable to focus on achieving the highest grade average you feel capable of, you should also research and attempt to accumulate other relevant life experience through activities such as volunteer hours, work placements and extra curriculars to not only earn some great references but have some rich learning opportunities too.



## Now I am sure I have completed all my research – how do I APPLY to post-sec in BC?

- 1. Go to the website of each institution and program that you are applying to. Check the most up to date information on admission requirements not only for the institution but ALSO for the program of study. (i.e. *General Requirements vs Program Requirements*)**
- 2. Be prepared to complete your application through EducationplannerBC. In order to do this you will need:**
  - PEN #- Provincial Education Number (9-digit identity number )
  - to report any completed Grade 11/12 final grades (you should be able to find this on your report cards).
  - Credit or debit card to pay application fees (save the application confirmation number and the fee confirmation).
- 3. To Do Checklist**
  - Pay the application fee online with a credit/debit card.
  - Your application will not be fully processed without your PEN or payment.
  - Submit your application and save/print the page with your application ID number so that you can track the progress of your application and make inquiries.
  - By letter or e-mail, you will receive your permanent university or college ID number that is used to access your status, pay tuition and choose courses. Don't lose this number!



## How do I APPLY to post-sec in Ontario?

The application to the Ontario Post-Secondary Institutes is available at:

[WWW.OUAC.ON.CA](http://WWW.OUAC.ON.CA)

(It is the 105 form)

- At the time of writing, the OUAC application fee is \$156 for the choice of 3 institutions, and an extra \$50 for each application after that. Generally, you can only apply to a maximum of 3 programs at each university (although some universities may have further limits to the number of programs you can apply to). Additionally there may be other fees required by the individual universities during the application stage. Therefore, do your research and know where you want to go.
- International students – who are neither a permanent resident or Canadian citizen - pay a further fee of \$10.
- Please note early admission deadlines may vary institution to institution.
- Note: Attend the Canadian Universities Event to chat with many Canadian University Representatives. Check the career centre website “calendar” for more details.



# How do I APPLY to post-sec in other parts of Canada?

- In Alberta go to [applyalberta.ca](http://applyalberta.ca)
- In Nova Scotia go to [studynovascotia.ca](http://studynovascotia.ca)
- **Anywhere else in Canada**, information on how to apply will be on the university or college's website.

**They're here ONLINE - Multiple dates Sept 27 – Oct 5**

**Canadian Universities Night**  
**(BC & other Canadian Universities)**

**Register online**

**Follow Ms Millar's calendar on the career webpage AND her FACEBOOK site for other multiple University information events.**

**CHECK IT OUT NOW!!**



## How do I APPLY to post-secondary institutions in the USA?

American colleges/universities mostly use the common application site:

[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

If you decide to apply to institutions in the US:

1. Let your counsellor know ASAP
2. Check out SAT exams for U.S. Post secondary institutes and we recommend that you book a registration date ASAP

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

3. McRoberts SAT registration # is 821311.
4. Check to see if you need references and begin to approach possible referees (they will need time to write a good letter).

Upcoming: There is an Education USA application & financing info session on Monday Sept 27 2021. Registration is online. See Career Website “Calendar” for details.



## So now I've applied – how do I share my TRANSCRIPT?

For most institutions in BC you will share your transcript with the places you've applied to via the Student Transcript Service (STS). (This service provides electronic transmission of marks to the post-secondary institutions of your choice):

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

How do I use STS?

1. Once on this website, you must first register for a basic BCeID account. You will need your PEN. Record your ID, password and the 3 password reset questions for future reference.
2. Once you set up this account, you can continue to the student transcript site, log in and order/send your transcripts to all the Post-Secondaries that you have applied to.
3. After this, these post secondary institutions will be able to “pull” your transcript whenever they want to see it. You will not be required to set this up again.
4. Register early to ensure that the post-secondary institutions you've applied to, can access your mid year and final marks in time.

**NB:** If you need an official paper transcript, please fill in the blue form in the front office and hand it in to the head secretary ( Ms. Naidu).



## What if a post secondary institution asks me to SELF REPORT my grades?

- Many post-secondary schools in Canada will request that you self-report your grade 11 final grades AND your grade 12 Semester 1 and/or Semester 2 Interim percentage grades. Some will just see your marks through the Student Transcript Service site once you give them permission to access this information.
- If you have questions, contact that post-secondary institution regarding your application (remember to use your application # in the subject of your email for speedy replies).
- Because some institutions have a mid-year self reporting process, it is advisable to complete any online courses required for admission , by the end of January .
- Refer to your report cards for accurate reporting.



# How can I apply for SCHOLARSHIPS?

- **BC Excellence Scholarship** - \$5,000 (55 awarded) Each school will nominate one student. See Mr. K. Li for details. [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards)
- **BC Achievement Scholarship** - \$1,250 (3,000 awarded) Based on grade 10, 11 & 12 including elective courses. Apply through McRoberts School Scholarship –Online in March/April 2022. [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards)
- **Pathway to Teacher's Education Scholarship** - \$5,000 (20 awarded). Must apply by Feb 15, 2022. Application available at: [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards)
- **McRoberts School Scholarship Program.** These Scholarships are given to McRoberts Students only. Many different criteria are considered, so **ALL** grade 12 students are encouraged to fill in this application and be considered for the 30+ different scholarships. Applications will be online and available to students in March/April.
- **Where else to look?** Community/Business/Athletic/etc. Associations to which you or your family belong, Parent/Your Workplace, and the post secondary institutions to which you are applying. As well as [www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com).

**Please see Mr K. Li (Vice-Principal) for details regarding the scholarships that require the school's nomination.**

**Some scholarships may need a letter of recommendation. Please see a teacher/counsellor/administrator/coach/employer... for this. For school based personnel please fill out the form on our McRoberts website under: Student / Grad 2022 / [Reference Form](#) and allow at least 2-3 weeks for them to write this.**



## I still have more questions – what now???

Our Post-secondary advisor and counsellors will be offering a question/answer webinar on:

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of September 9:00-10:00 am**

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**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30 – 7:30 pm.**

Links will be emailed to grade 12 students and parent(s). Make sure your current email is on file and check it .

**For personalized/detailed information, please feel free to contact Ms. Millar or your counsellor.**