



BC School Sports Scholarships

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Overview

The Member Schools of BC School Sports are pleased to announce this year's BC School Sports Scholarship Fund. The association is dedicated to assisting worthy student-athletes in their desire to attend an accredited Canadian University or College.

BC School Sports Scholarships reward excellence in both scholastic and athletic pursuits. The successful applicants will be student-athletes who have balanced their high academic achievements with significant success as school athletes and contributions to their community.

Scholarships shall be awarded to students enrolled in member schools who apply, and who meet all of the criteria set out below.

Scholarships Available

Dave Gifford Memorial Scholarships

Dave Gifford was a BCSS Director from 1988-90, and received the BCSS Honour Award in 1992. He was a teacher and Administrator in Vancouver, and died in 1992. In his honour, this scholarship is for one male and one female student who truly excels as a student-athlete.

Applicants must have competed in at least two BCSS approved sports during grade 12. Unsuccessful applicants for the Dave Gifford Memorial Scholarship will automatically be considered for their respective Zone Scholarship. (Please DO NOT complete two applications)

Two scholarships for \$700 each will be awarded in this category (one male and one female).

Zone Scholarships

Applicants must have competed in at least one BCSS approved sport during grade 12. They must be enrolled in a B.C. School who are graduating this year and will be entering their first year of full-time studies in a Canadian University or College. Applicants must have demonstrated exceptional athletic achievement in a BCSS sanctioned sport, have a minimum grade percentage of 75% and have demonstrated outstanding service and leadership in school and/or community.

Two scholarships for \$500 will be awarded for each athletic zone (one male and one female).

Zone A – Kootenay

Zone B – Okanagan Valley

Zone C – North Central District

Zone D – Northwest Zone

Zone E – Vancouver Island

Zone F – Lower Mainland

Zone G – Fraser Valley

Payment of Scholarship Funds

A scholarship will be paid to the successful applicant upon receipt by BC School Sports of proof of registration in a full-time program of studies at an accredited Canadian College or University. Receipt of the award may be deferred for a period no longer than one (1) academic year.

For tax reasons, successful applicants are required to provide their Social Insurance Number (SIN) to BC School Sports.

Application Procedure

Candidates for scholarships must complete a BC School Sports Scholarship Application Form online (see below).

Print the completed form, sign the Candidate Declaration section and have an administrator (Principal or Vice-Principal) complete the Endorsement section.

Attach the following **mandatory** documentation in support of your application:

- A 400 to 500 word essay (minimum of three paragraphs) relating your experience in school sports to the concept of '**Commitment**'. Please note that you are expected to fulfill the requirements of your scholarship application by submitting an essay written at the post-secondary entrance level.
- Letter from a school administrator (or his/her designate) certifying character, scholastic achievement and school citizenship. The letter **must** include the following declaration:
"I certify that this student is a suitable applicant for the BC School Sports Scholarship Program, and I endorse this application."
- Letter from the school coach certifying leadership, sportsmanship and, in particular, the level of athletic ability; and
- Transcript of grades showing percentages for all grade ten, eleven and twelve courses completed, as well as interim percentages for all courses in progress

Form Instructions

Download the form to your computer. You may begin typing in the boxes to fill in the required information. Boxes will expand to accommodate more information as you type. Pressing enter will start a new line.

The "Select Your Zone" is a dropdown box. If you are unsure of which zone you live in, please contact your school administrator or athletic director and they will be able to advise you.

Application Deadline

Completed and signed application forms, together with all supporting documentation, must reach the BC School Sports office by email no later than April 24, 2015.

Submission Instructions

Only completed applications will be considered. Please refer to the Document Checklist (next page) to ensure that you have submitted all required documentation.

Applications will be accepted by e-mail **only**.

When your application is received, BC School Sports will contact you using the e-mail address that the application was sent from to confirm receipt. If you do not receive a confirmation, we might not have received your application.

E-mail

All submissions can be e-mailed to info@bcschoolsports.ca. Please ensure all scanned documents are high quality and legible.

All attachments should be in PDF or .doc (Word) format. Other file formats will not be accepted. All documents should have the candidate's first and last name in the filename.

Document Checklist

- Application form
- 400-500 word essay
- Letter from principal with endorsement
- Letter from coach
- Transcript for grades 10-12

Any documents besides the ones listed above will be discarded and not considered in the application.

E-mail application to info@bcschoolsports.ca and ensure the photo is JPG format, and all other documents are PDF or .doc format.