

## Graduation Program Examinations Scholarships (Provincial Scholarship Program)

As a result of the cancellation of optional provincial examinations, the Provincial Scholarship Program has been revised. Graduation Program Examinations Scholarships will be awarded based on students' performance on the Graduation Program Exams. These revisions are intended to recognize students' academic excellence across the suite of graduation provincial exams.

For students graduating on or before August 31, 2011, Grade 12 optional exams are counted towards scholarship eligibility.

For students graduating on or after September 1, 2011, the following rules apply:

- Students must achieve at least a “B” (73% or above) final mark (provincial exam and school mark combined) in one of the Language Arts 12 (Communications 12, English 12, Français langue première 12, or English 12 First Peoples).
- Students must achieve at least one “A” (86% or higher) and three “B”s (73% or higher) on four of their best provincial exams (can include the Language Arts 12 provincial exam).
- The examination rewrite rule will be relaxed for one year (September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012) to allow students to rewrite a required exam to improve their scores.
- AP and most IB scores will no longer count towards scholarship.

See page 107 for the full details on eligibility.

*Students who have met all scholarship requirements under the old rules but have not graduated prior to August 31, 2011 and do not qualify for scholarship under the new rules will be awarded a scholarship based on the work done prior to August 31, 2011.*

### Purpose of the Graduation Program Examinations Scholarship

The Graduation Program Examinations Scholarships reward graduating students in BC for academic excellence in their provincial examinations from grades 10 to 12. Scholarships are intended to assist in tuition for furthering a student's post-secondary education.

The Ministry will grant \$1000 and \$2500 scholarships based on BC provincial exam results to those students who meet established criteria.

## Basic Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for a Graduation Program Examinations Scholarship, a student:

- must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant) at the time of writing the provincial exams
- must be a BC resident
- must be or must have been enrolled in, or registered as a home schooler in:
  - a British Columbia public school (including Distributed Learning schools), or
  - a Group 1, 2, or 4 British Columbia Independent School
  - a Continuing Education Centre

**Note: Citizenship information is taken from TRAX which collects data five times per year. Incomplete or incorrect data in the citizenship field could affect a student's eligibility for a scholarship.**

## Qualifying for a Graduation Program Examinations Scholarship

A student will receive a \$1000 Examinations Scholarship if he or she:

- meets the basic eligibility requirements
- fulfills the BC graduation requirements of either the 2004 Grad Program or the Adult Grad Program
- meets the following requirements:
  - a. Achieves at least a “B” (73% or above) final mark (provincial exam and school mark combined) in one of the Language Arts 12 (Communications 12, English 12, Francais langue premiere 12, or English 12 First Peoples).
  - b. Achieves at least one “A” (86% or higher) and three “B”s (73% or higher) on four of his or her best provincial exams (can include the English 12 provincial exam).
  - c. The exams within each category below are restricted against each other for scholarship purposes; only the highest percent within each group is used to calculate a student's total.
  - d. Students must have a final course mark (course and exam combined) for the exam to be counted towards scholarship.

Provincial examinations categories:

<b>Language Arts 10 (only one of these exams qualifies):</b>	
EN 10	EFP 10
FRALP 10	
<b>Science 10 (only one of these exams qualifies):</b>	
SC 10	SCF 10
<b>Math 10 (only one of these exams qualifies):</b>	
AWM 10	AWMF 10
FMP 10	FMPF 10
<b>Social Studies 11 (only one of these exams qualifies):</b>	
SS 11	SCH11
CIV 11	CIVF 11
FNS12	FNSF 12
<b>Language Arts 12 (only one of these exams qualifies):</b>	
COM 12	EN 12
EFP 12	EFPF12
FRALP 12	

Scenario 1: A student who gets a “B” final mark in English 12, an “A” in English 12 exam, and a “B” in English 10, Science 10 and Math 10 exams will get a scholarship.

Scenario 2: A student who gets a B final mark in English 12, a “B” in the English 12 exam, an “A” in the Social Studies 11 exam and a “B” in English 10 and Math 10 exams will get a scholarship.

Scenario 3: A student who gets a “B” final mark in English 12, a “B” in the English 12 exam, an “A” in Social Studies 11 exam and a “B” in English 10 and BC First Nations Studies 12 exams will not qualify for a scholarship because Social Studies 11 and BC First Nations Studies 12 are from the same category (i.e., they both fulfill the Social Studies 11 credit requirement).

### **Additional Information**

A student will receive a \$2500 Examinations Scholarship if he or she:

- qualifies for the graduation program examinations scholarship
- ranks among the top twenty scholarship students (based on their percentage score)

Any student who achieves a perfect score (100%) in each of three provincial exams from grades 10 – 12 (exam mark) will also be awarded an Academic Medal of Excellence.

A student can receive only one Graduation Program Examinations Scholarship in their lifetime. A student can receive both a Graduation Program Examinations Scholarship and a Dogwood District/Authority Award in the same year.