



## School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)

### SCHOLARSHIPS

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#### Preamble

The Board is committed to community involvement in the education of its students. It views the granting of scholarships and bursaries as a recognition of student achievement and as encouragement for further education.

#### Policy

- 1. The Board encourages the provision of scholarships and bursaries for graduating students by individual citizens or community organizations. Such donations shall be provided in accordance with Board regulations.**
- 2. The Board shall establish a District Scholarship Committee which shall administer the Ministry sponsored Dogwood District/Authority Awards (District Scholarship Program) in accordance with Board Regulations.**

#### Regulations

##### A. SCHOOL AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Each school enrolling Grade 12 students shall establish a School Scholarship Committee or Joint School Scholarship Committee of professional staff and, if desired, community members. The Committee will administer the scholarship program in schools represented by membership. Any appeals by students will be adjudicated by the District Scholarship Committee.
2. Donors should specify criteria upon which they wish the grant to be made, and are encouraged to consult the staff of the school when drafting such provisions.
3. The selection of recipients, based on the criteria specified by each donor, will be made by the professional staff, or a committee of staff and community members.
5. Funds will be transferred to award winners as per agreement with the school and the donor.
6. In addition to any scholarships thus awarded, the school will give public recognition for outstanding scholastic achievement.
7. Scholarships available, and the criteria upon which each award is based, will be made available to all Grade 12 students and their

parents via the District website. A printed handbook may be made available at the discretion of the school. Applications will be actively encouraged.

**B. DOGWOOD DISTRICT/AUTHORITY AWARDS (District Scholarship Program)**

The Dogwood District/Authority Awards Program rewards graduating students for excellence in their chosen non-academic field(s). These scholarships are intended to assist tuition for furthering students' post-secondary education.

1. Under the Ministry of Education's Handbook of Procedures for the Graduating Program, a District Scholarship Committee is required to administer the Dogwood District/Authority Awards Program.
- 2.. The District Scholarship Committee shall consist of:
  - i. one trustee appointed by the Board Chair
  - ii. the Superintendent of Schools who will act as the chair
  - iii. two secondary school principals
  - iv. one teacher appointed by the president of the CCTA
3. The Committee shall be convened to act as an adjudication committee in the event of an appeal relating to the awarding of scholarships or bursaries or to establish further regulations for the granting of the awards as necessary.
4. Dogwood District/Authority Awards as established by the Ministry of Education, will be distributed on a proportional basis, determined by the September 30<sup>th</sup>, Grade 12 enrollment to schools.
5. School Scholarship Committees will make the selection of award winners for their schools in accordance with the Ministry of Education's Handbook of Procedures for the Graduating Program.
6. Students applying for Dogwood District/Authority Awards must have attained superior achievement (minimum of 80%) in one or more fields of learning, as per the Handbook of Procedures for the Graduating Program in any of the following specialty areas
  - i. Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies (Business Ed., Technology Ed., Home Economics, Information Communication Technology)
  - ii. Second International Languages(s) (Including Aboriginal Languages)
  - iii. Indigenous Lanugages and Culture (demonstrated in the school or in the community)
  - iv. Fine Arts (Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music)

- iv. Physical Activity (eg: Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics, not limited to Physical Education)
  - vi. Community Service (Volunteer Activity)
  - vi. Technical and Trades Training (eg: Carpentry, Automotive, Mechanics, Cook Training)
7. Principals shall submit to the Chair of the District Scholarship Committee the names of the award winners of the Dogwood District/Authority Awards prior to the school notifying award winners and prior to the Ministry of Education's deadline of August 31.
8. The Superintendent of Schools, as District Scholarship Committee Chair, will ensure that an equitable distribution of scholarship awards are made across the recognized fields of learning as per the Ministry of Education's Handbook of Procedures for the Graduation Program.