RATIONALE:

Graduating students who are planning on attending a post-secondary institution will be eligible to apply for district and provincial scholarships. Scholarships awarded to successful applicants will assist these students in meeting the financial challenges of their post-secondary learning.

PROCESS:

1. Principals of secondary schools will establish a school-based scholarship committee that will have a responsibility to ensure that the eligibility criteria for the scholarships are followed.

2. Secondary Schools will be responsible for annually updating, publishing, and communicating scholarship due dates, eligibility, and selection criteria to their graduating students.

District/Authority Scholarships

The Ministry of Education provides scholarships for graduating students who plan to attend a post-secondary institution.

1. The Ministry Handbook of Procedures provides the information and eligibility requirements on the available scholarships annually. Secondary schools are responsible for communicating this information to their graduating students.

   1.1   District/Authority Scholarship

   1.1.1   The Ministry of Education determines the allocations of District scholarships to Districts and the Superintendent or designate will approve the distribution of scholarships to schools.

   1.1.2   Principals will invite committee members that may include but is not limited to the following:

   - Teachers
   - School administrators
   - Parent Advisory Council representatives
   - Municipal Council representatives
   - Local business representatives
   - Community representative
   - FNEC
   - Principals will also send an invitation to the Superintendent's office for the Superintendent or designate and a School Trustee to be part of the selection committee.

1.1.3 When the scholarship committee is adjudicating the applications, they should include evidence of student learning or achievement in their chosen area. The evidence may include but is not limited to:

    1.1.3.1 Submission of a project/portfolio.

    1.1.3.2 Participation in an interview, performance, or demonstration.

1.1.4 Selection committees will consider the distribution of scholarships across the following areas of interest:

    1.1.4.1 (APLSK) Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies (e.g., Business, Technology, Home Economics, Media, Arts, Tourism)
(COMSERV) Community Service (Volunteer Activity), which includes awareness of local, global, and cultural issues.

    1.1.4.2 (FINE) Fine Arts (e.g., Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts)

    1.1.4.3 (INDLC) Indigenous Languages and Culture, demonstrated at school or in the community.

    1.1.4.4 (LNG) Languages from the Languages Curriculum or External Assessments, including AP and IB courses

    1.1.4.5 (PHYSAC) Physical Activity (and Health) (e.g., Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics)

    1.1.4.6 (TRADES) Technical and Trades Training (e.g., Coding, Culinary Arts, Mechanics, Robotics, Woodwork

District Managed Endowment Funds

The district has a responsibility for managing endowment funds made available from community organizations.

1. School based scholarship committees will be responsible for the selection and awarding of community scholarships based on the criteria set by the sponsoring organization.

2. The district finance department will be responsible for reimbursing students who are awarded community scholarships.

School-based Scholarships

There are a variety of school-based scholarships available for graduating students.

1. Secondary Schools will be responsible for maintaining and communicating a current list of school-based scholarships to their graduating students.

2. School based scholarship committees will be responsible for ensuring eligibility and selection criteria for school-based scholarships are followed.

Other Scholarship Sources

Secondary schools will also provide graduating students with information on other scholarship opportunities. For example, BC Scholarships.