



# **FINANCIAL AWARDS**

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# 2,500 STUDENTS WERE ASKED HOW WILL YOU PAY FOR SCHOOL?\*

- RESP
- Get A Job
- Personal Savings
- Loans, Grants
- Parents Will Help
  - **56 % said Scholarships and Bursaries!!**
- **48% of those polled said they couldn't go to school without financial aid**



# MYTH: SCHOLARSHIPS ARE JUST FOR “BRAINIACS”

## Real Students Do Win Real Money!!

- There are thousands of awards that reward students for non-academic attributes:
  - Being creative
  - Being tall
  - Being nice
  - Volunteering
  - Playing a sport
  - Where you live, bank, work
  - Your heritage or what languages you speak
  - Entering a contest, responding to a survey



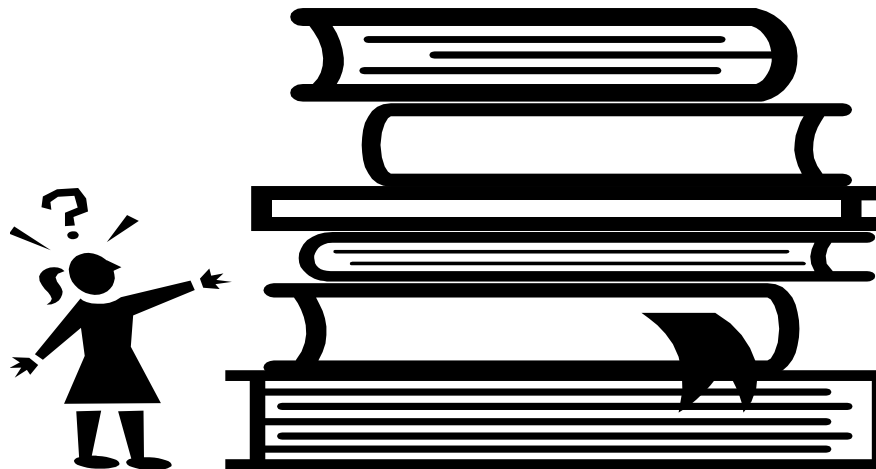


# SADLY...STUDENTS DON'T APPLY!

- Only 27% of last year's grad class applied

## Why?

- Did they believe the myth
- Did they feel prepared?
- Did they wonder if it was worth the effort?



# IS IT WORTH THE EFFORT? WHY SHOULD A STUDENT APPLY?

- Money – specifically, money you don't have to pay back.
- Resume Builder – what better way is there to impress a future employer? Awards look great on medical/law school applications as well.
- Compound Interest – winning an award is a stepping stone for winning others.
- Personal Satisfaction a.k.a. The Glory – it's nice to get a little recognition for all the hard work!



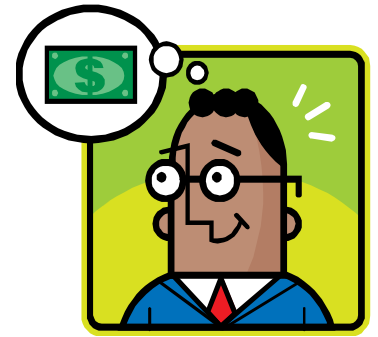


**HERE'S WHAT'S TRUE:**

**You Can't Win if You Don't Apply!**

**Being Prepared Makes All the Difference!**

# WHERE DOES THE \$\$ COME FROM?



- **Over 400 total scholarships and bursaries for students in SD # 33 .**
- **Donors are service organizations, special interest groups, foundations, the business community, post secondary institutions and individuals**
- **2018 GWG students won almost \$228,000.00!**



# WHO ARE SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDERS LOOKING TO REWARD?

## FOR APPLICANTS WHO CAN SHOW:

- **Originality and Passion** – what makes you stand out?
- **Volunteering & Community Service** – do you give back to the community?
- **Leadership and Initiative** – are you a founding member or have you taken an active role in a club or organization?
- **Talent** – are you a Van Gogh? Future Spielberg? Do you have a vision? Scholarships reward fresh thinking and new ideas.
- **Special Targeted Areas** – specific heritage or cultural background, gender, special needs, geography, etc

.....and academic merit and/or financial need





# THE BASICS OF SCHOLARSHIP AT GWG

- GWG's website <http://gwg.sd33.bc.ca>
- Check under the tab-Financial Awards
- Complete listing of district scholarships
- Scholarship season runs from Nov - April



# WHAT TO WORK ON RIGHT NOW??

- Prepare the Scholarship Resume. Get input from others (parents, friends, teachers)
- Identify references and speak to them, sharing your resume
- November and December is the perfect time to get those reference letters!
- Add more extracurricular activities
- Apply to post secondary!
- Check the scholarship listings
- Begin the Standard Application



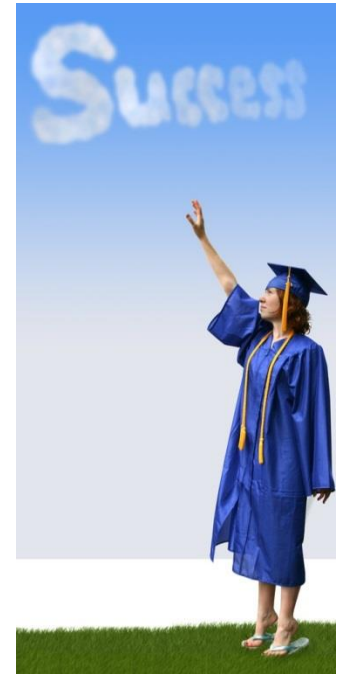
# SCHOLARSHIP MEETINGS – ROOM C183 @ ADVISORY

- **Internal Scholarship Meeting Dates**
  - Nov 14, 15, 16
- **External Scholarship Meeting Dates**
  - Dec 12, 13, 14
- **Students can always books appointments with Mrs. Callaghan at any point through the scholarship process**



# SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER

- This is a competitive process...
- Create a package that makes you stand out!
- Take the time to do things right..  
read instructions and fill out  
application carefully
- Submit applications on their due dates. Feb 12th for internal. Feb 26<sup>th</sup> for external
- See Mrs. Mrs. Callaghan for help!





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## Provincial Scholarship Program

- BC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP
- One well-rounded BC graduate will be recognized with a \$5000 scholarship for service and leadership, someone who has also shown aptitude and commitment to his/her chosen career path. This student must be nominated to apply





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- BC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS
- The **top 8000 graduates** in the province
- **\$1250** based on their **cumulative average percentage** calculated on their courses taken in Grades 10, 11 and 12. Students do not apply for this scholarship. To be eligible the student must:
- Canadian citizen or permanent resident and be a resident of BC
- Fulfill graduation requirements of the 2004 Grad Program
- Have at least a **“B” (73%) in English 12 or Communications 12**
- Write and pass the English 12 or Communications 12 provincial exam
- Have no more than one TS or SG indicator among course marks used for the calculation winner





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# District Authority Program

- ☑ Between 16-20 for GWG- this can vary depending on enrollment
- ☑ value \$1250
- ☑ Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- ☑ superior achievement in a non-academic field
- ☑ Applied skills achievement
- ☑ graduate
- ☑ satisfy other district criteria (attendance, work habits, punctuality, etc)
- ☑ Students apply- application on GWG website - department selection





# GOOD LUCK!

**Hard work pays off!**

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