

Scholarships:

Every year Student Services gets many inquiries as to how to find and apply for scholarships. Scholarships are normally applied for in your Grade 12 year, prior to entering post-secondary education, and are the responsibility of the student. Scholarships applications are available to graduating students starting in the fall and continuing on right to the end of the school term. Students are encouraged to do their research early and stay on top of application deadlines.

Although academics play a part in winning scholarships, students with extra-curricular involvement, community service and leadership experience are often more likely to win a scholarship over someone who doesn't have these experiences. The more involved you are, the better. Students should also make sure they check with the post-secondary institution they are planning on attending. Often they provide Entrance Scholarships for students who maintain a high average or are involved in leadership activities in their school and community.

The Rutherford Scholarship is awarded to graduating Grade 12 students from Alberta who have maintained a minimum 75% average. The student only applies ONCE in Grade 12 for all three years of high school. This award is applied for online and the application can be found at <https://studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships-and-awards/alexander-rutherford-scholarship/> The student should be accepted into a post-secondary institution and have their final grade 12 marks available before applying.

If you are interested in getting scholarships to help fund your post-secondary education, and are currently in Grade 10 or 11, help yourself by getting involved in your school and community and taking the time to do your research. The counsellors are here to support you in this process. If you have any questions about your scholarship search, please do not be afraid to ask.

Post-Secondary Applications:

Student services will be holding mandatory information sessions for all grade 12 students starting in September. These sessions will address the procedures as well as applicable dates and information students need to be aware of when applying for post-secondary. We will also be reviewing graduation requirements with all grade 12 students and discussing how to apply for scholarships. Our counsellors are always available to answer questions and will support the applicant through the entire post-

secondary application procedure, but would like to remind students that they are ultimately responsible for applications and all applicable deadlines.

Post-Secondary Planning at MAC

The vast majority of MAC's graduating students will go on to attend a university or technical school in the Edmonton area while others may venture further to university and college programs across Canada or abroad. Student Services endeavors to ensure that all students have access to information about post-secondary programming so students are able to make the best decisions possible about their post-secondary experience. Due to the COVID pandemic, many post-secondary institutions across Canada are offering virtual sessions again this year. We will be posting information on our Student Services Google Classrooms in the coming weeks and encourage all students to attend sessions.

MAC Student Services continually adds to the list of post-secondary events throughout the year. Please feel free to check back with us regularly. You can email our school counsellors Lisa Reeves (lisa.reeves@ecsd.net) or Kary Laplante (kary.laplante@ecsd.net) if you have any questions surrounding post-secondary information.