



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

# PATHWAY TO TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

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## Application Package

### Contact information:

Ministry of Education, Student Certification Branch  
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Victoria BC V8W 9T6  
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The **Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship** (PTES) is a \$5,000 annual scholarship that recognizes exceptional Grade 12 students planning to enter the field of K-12 teaching. The PTES will be awarded to 20 graduating students intending to enter a British Columbia (BC) faculty of education program. This new scholarship will support outstanding students in pursuing a career path in K-12 teaching. Scholarship winners will be awarded a \$5,000 voucher to redeem when registered and attending an approved teacher education program at one of the following nine Faculties of Education:

- Simon Fraser University
- Trinity Western University
- Thompson Rivers University
- University of the Fraser Valley
- University of British Columbia
- University of British Columbia - Okanagan
- University of Northern British Columbia
- University of Victoria
- Vancouver Island University

The application deadline is **March 31**. *The Ministry will not accept applications unless they are received or postmarked by March 31.*

Before you start your application, make sure that you meet all eligibility requirements. Read the application carefully and complete all sections. Use the checklist on the next page to be sure that you have included all the required documents. **Applications that do not include all required elements will not be considered.**

### Eligibility requirements:

- 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 enrolled in or have graduated from a BC Grade 12 Graduation program and be eligible for a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma).

### Selection criteria - your application will be rated on the following criteria:

You must:

- Be in your graduating year with graduation to occur by August 31 or sooner of the year in which you are applying.
- Have at least a B final mark in your Language Arts 11 course **and** have at least a B average in the three Grade 11 final course marks that fulfill the graduation requirements of Science 11, Math 11, and Social Studies 11, with no more than one C+ final course mark. Please note: final marks lower than C+ will not be accepted.
- Maintain a B average in all Grade 11 and Grade 12 final course marks required for graduation.
- Complete a resume (see section 3).
- Provide two references - one from your community and one from your school (see section 4).
- Show evidence of your commitment to and aptitude for a teaching career by responding to a written-response question (see Section 5).

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### Selection Process:

A Selection Committee will assess each eligible application and select conditional winners. The Ministry of Education will notify the top 20 candidates and their districts in writing of the candidates' conditional qualification for the PTE Scholarship. Any conditional winner who does not fulfill all eligibility criteria by August 31 will not be eligible to receive the Scholarship.

Selection of winners will be finalized by August 31 and vouchers will be mailed to winners' addresses on record. The vouchers can be redeemed when the student is registered and attending an approved K-12 teacher education program at one of the following nine Faculties of Education:

- Simon Fraser University
- Trinity Western University
- Thompson Rivers University
- University of the Fraser Valley
- University of British Columbia
- University of British Columbia - Okanagan
- University of Northern British Columbia
- University of Victoria

### Application Checklist:

Check to make sure the following documents have been completed and included in your application:

- Section 1 – Applicant information
- Section 2 – School contact information
- Section 3 – Resume
- Section 4 – References (2) – one from school, one from community
- Section 5 – Written Response
- Section 6 – Declaration
- Interim transcript of grades provided by your school



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SECTION 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Last Name:		
First Name:		
Middle Name (s):	Personal Education Number:	
Date of Birth:		
Street Address:		
City:	Province:	Postal Code:
Phone:	E-mail Address:	
Please check the boxes below to confirm that you meet the following eligibility requirements:		
You are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
You are a resident of British Columbia (BC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
You are enrolled in or have graduated from a BC Grade 12 Graduation program and are eligible for a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
You are graduating by August 31 of the year in which you are applying for this scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/>	

SECTION 2 - SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION	
Name of Secondary School:	
Street Address:	
City/Town:	Postal Code:
Telephone Number:	Fax Number:
Name of Principal:	

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SECTION 3 – RESUME - PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING FORMAT TO DEVELOP YOUR RESUME			
<p><b>1. Volunteer experience:</b> On a separate document, and using the format below, describe your volunteer experience, starting with the most recent. You may include contributions to your family, school and community.</p>			
Organization	Responsibilities	Position	Dates (from yy/mm to yy/mm)
<p><b>2. Work Experience:</b> On a separate document, and using the format below, please list your work experience, including summer and part-time employment.</p>			
Organization	Responsibilities	Position	Dates (from yy/mm to yy/mm)
<p><b>3. School and Community Recognition:</b> Using the format below, describe any awards or other forms of recognition you have received, either from your school or your community</p>			
Award/type of recognition, from whom	Explanation (why did you receive this recognition?)	Date received (yy/mm)	
<p><b>4. Personal interests &amp; other accomplishments:</b> Describe your personal interests, accomplishments or hobbies.</p> <p>The selection committee recognizes that students may have personal interests and skills that can be demonstrated using alternate methods of presentation such as web pages, videos, blogs, portfolios, etc. If you include such examples, ensure that the URL is easily accessible to the reader/viewer.</p>			



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### SECTION 4 – REFERENCES

As part of your application for the Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship, please provide two references: one from your school, and one from your community. Your school reference can be a teacher, counsellor, teacher advisor or school principal or vice principal. Your community reference can be a community leader, athletic or extracurricular coach or instructor, volunteer supervisor or employer. In both cases, your reference should be someone who knows you well. This person **cannot** be an immediate family member or another student.

Print two copies of this page, which contains the instructions for your school and community references. Provide each reference with one copy to complete.

#### For school and community references:

References are required as part of the application package for the Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship (PTES). For more information about the Scholarship please visit <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards/>

1. You have been asked to write a reference letter on behalf of a student applying for the PTES. Your reference will be confidential and is intended for use only by the PTES Selection Committee. Please ensure the reference is typed and signed.

Please describe your organization, your role within it, and your relationship with the applicant.

2. Please include information about how you believe the applicant demonstrates a range of the following:
  - a. Organizational skills
  - b. Communication skills
  - c. Empathy
  - d. Interest in their community
  - e. Evidence of teamwork within the school, athletic, work or organization setting
  - f. Awareness of diversity: other world and cultural perspectives
  - g. Capacity for leadership

3. Please include information about the applicant's potential as a teacher as well as any other information about the applicant's strengths or potential that may not be identified in item **2** above.

4. Please sign the letter and enclose it in a sealed envelope. The applicant will include it in the application package. Please include your contact information as the Selection Committee may need to contact you with follow-up questions.



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### SECTION 5 – WRITTEN RESPONSE

In a written-response of 500 to 750 words, **explain why you want to be a teacher**. Please ensure that the following questions are addressed in your written-response.

- (a) How have your educational and community experiences influenced your decision to choose teaching as a career goal?
- (b) What attributes do you think an effective teacher should possess? Why?
- (c) How have you demonstrated your commitment to these attributes? Provide some examples from your life experience.

Please type your written-response in a separate document and include with the application package. Ensure that your name is clearly indicated on **each page** of the written-response.



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### SECTION 6 – DECLARATION

I understand that by signing below it means:

- I wish to be considered for the Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship. My signature means that all of the information provided in this application is complete, correct and accurate in every detail.
- The written-response is an original essay written solely by me.
- That withholding relevant data or providing false or misleading data in this application or otherwise in support of this application shall be grounds for the Government of British Columbia to revoke my eligibility for this scholarship.
- That all information provided in this application is subject to verification.
- That application materials will not be returned.
- That the Ministry of Education may access my student records to verify school, transcript and graduation information.
- Applications will be received and held in confidence subject to the disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Signature:

Date:

Please answer the following two questions. Note: your responses will not affect your eligibility for receiving a scholarship.

If you are the successful candidate would you be willing to be contacted for the purposes of reporting or research?	I agree to allow my name to be released publicly if I receive a scholarship.
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
No: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Signature:	

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