

George Elliot Secondary School
POST-SECONDARY PREPARATION SESSION #2

Scholarship & Bursary Information November 2023



Grade 12 Post Secondary Prep #2

- **Student Transcript Service**
- **Financial Planning**
- **Sources of Funding- Public/Private**
- **COBSS**
- **Important dates to note**

**It's time to
access the
Student Transcript
Service!**

How do my marks go to post-secondary institutions?

Your school marks are protected under privacy laws.

You must GIVE PERMISSION to the Ministry of Education to share your marks with post-secondary institutions.

Do this ASAP!

www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca



STEP 1: go to

www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca

STEP 2: Register for a BCeID. Follow the prompts and register for STS. Finally, log in to the Student Transcripts Service using the BCeID.

STEP 3: From your STS dashboard, SEND TRANSCRIPT TO POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS.



Student Transcript Service

www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca

- Transcripts are sent electronically to post-secondary institutions according to the SEND OPTION that the PSI has chosen.
- Do not adjust the default send option and/or date range the post-secondary school has already set.

Example: "Send my transcript now and allow this post-secondary Institution to request updates until the date specified below" (*can be a 1 year timeline)

****DO NOT SELECT:**

"Send my transcript electronically now" or "Send my printed transcript now" as these selections are for students who have already graduated

**It's time to get
clear about your
financial plan!**

The Costs of Education

- TUITION
- STUDENT FEES
- HEALTH FEES
- DENTAL FEES
- BOOKS & SUPPLIES
- HOUSING
- FOOD
- TRANSPORTATION

**Have you started
the conversation yet?**

The Costs of Education

1st year comparison

Institution	Program	Tuition	Student Fees
Okanagan College	Associate of Arts (university transfer)	\$3903	\$826
UBC Okanagan	Bachelor of Arts	\$5843	\$874
UVIC	Bachelor of Arts	\$6166	\$732

***Studying sciences?*

Consider that tuition is often a bit higher for science programs as there are lectures, labs, & tutorials which means more contact time with professors.

Remember to also consider your personal living expenses!
(ie: transportation, books, technology, etc)



The Costs of Education *tuition across Canada*

Institution	Tuition
Mount Royal University	\$6,279 - \$6,881
University of Saskatchewan	\$6,978 - \$7,146
University of Manitoba	\$4,528 - \$5,071
Queen's University	\$6,083
University of New Brunswick	\$7,313 - \$7,825
Dalhousie University	\$7,312 - \$8,595
University of Prince Edward Island	\$6,570

Stats Canada, 2023-24: <https://www.univcan.ca/universities/facts-and-stats/tuition-fees-by-university/>

Considering Quebec schools? Tuition for out-of-province students now \$17,000+ starting next year! ([click here to read more](#))

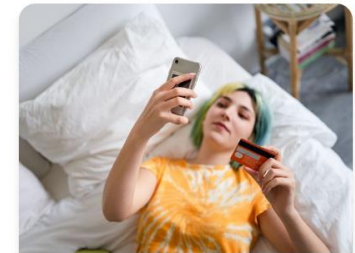
The Costs of Education

Go to: educationplannerbc.ca



Scroll down to **FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

- Types of Expenses
- Education Budget Worksheet
- Cost of Living Calculator
- Types of Financial Support
- Financial Support Options
- Scholarships (links)
- Financial Aid & Awards Offices (links)



EXPLORE

Financial resources

Post-secondary education is a great investment, be sure to plan what your costs are going to be and what funding and support is available to help you.

Financial resources →

Early Fee Payments

Plan for fee payments BEFORE next September!

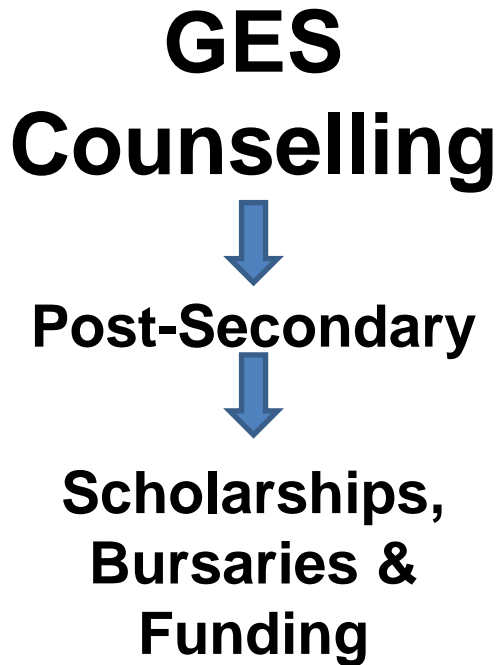
✓ **APPLICATION FEES: \$30 to over \$100**
due when application is submitted

✓ **REGISTRATION DEPOSITS: approx. \$250-\$500 for confirming
your seat**
due when student accepts admission offer

✓ **HOUSING APPLICATION FEES & DEPOSITS: \$50 to upwards of \$500**
various due dates, but before next June


**It's time to
research possible
sources of
funding!**

General Funding Research



CESS COUNSELLING

CONTACT US POST SECONDARY HELP AND SUPPORT TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION MORE...



Information on recently announced scholarships, bursaries and other funding opportunities.

The follow list should not be considered complete and it will be updated as more opportunities open throughout the year. These are scholarships that have been sent to me for distribution to GES students. Please read each carefully to determine if you qualify. Also make sure you check the Financial Aid section of the Post Secondary school website you are attending. All institutions have awards available for 1st year students.

New opportunities will be listed at the bottom of page as they are received.

CESS SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY LISTINGS 2022-23

This is a list of scholarship and bursary opportunities organized for you by MONTHLY DUE DATE. This is by no means a complete listing of all available awards and scholarships, students are advised to do independent research for further opportunities. The information included is correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of compilation. It is based, in part, on opportunities and deadlines advertised for the previous school year.

*****Because donor organizations and post-secondary institutions have the right to change their deadlines without notice, please plan ahead and research the opportunities you wish to apply for so that you don't miss a deadline.**

INFORMATION

This is a newly created resource from Interior Health.

General Funding Research



studentscholarships.org/



scholarshipscanada.com



studentawards.com/

General Funding Research: TIPS

STEP 1

Do your research

STEP 2

Read the criteria

STEP 3

Make a calendar of deadlines

STEP 4

Gather references letters

STEP 5

Create a scholarship portfolio- reuse/recycle

STEP 6

Gather updated transcripts

STEP 7

Proofread applications

PERSONAL BRAG SHEET

HELP YOUR REFERENCE WRITE YOU THE LETTER YOU NEED!

- ✓ Indicate the reason for the letter (name of award, scholarship, employer, etc.)
- ✓ Provide as much detail as you can
- ✓ Make a copy to give to the person you are asking to write the letter (*keep the original for other letters you may request)
- ✓ Available in the GES Counselling area

My Personal "Brag Sheet"

Letter of Reference / Scholarship Nomination

DATE LETTER IS REQUIRED: _____

Reason for letter (name of bursary or grant, employer or job title, post-secondary entrance): _____

STUDENT'S FULL NAME: _____ Grade Level: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Grade Point Average: _____ Work Ethic or Honour Roll: _____

Applicable course information (especially for the teacher writing the letter):

SEMESTER 1			SEMESTER 2		
Course	Mark	Work Habit	Course	Mark	Work Habit

Other academic achievements: (ex: Work Experience, AP Program(s), Physics Olympics, etc.)

PERSONAL/ACADEMIC/CAREER GOALS

Next Year: _____

In 5 years: _____

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

At MBS: _____

Outside of school: (ex: Community, Select, Provincial or National Team) _____

~ HELP YOUR REFERENCE WRITE YOU THE LETTER YOU NEED! ~

Not all bursary/scholarship applications require a letter. Check before asking!

Specific Sources of Funding

1. BC Ministry of Education Scholarships

- ✓ BC Achievement Scholarships - \$1,250
- ✓ BC Excellence Scholarships - \$5,000
- ✓ Pathway to Education Scholarships - \$5,000
- ✓ District / Authority Scholarships - \$1,250

2. COBSS

One Application, 400+ awards

3. Institution Specific Funding

May be automatically awarded based on application to the PSI

(ie: UVIC offers scholarships based on your admission average)

OR

May require a separate application with a separate due date

(ie: Okanagan College offers high school entrance awards requiring a separate application through your myOkanagan portal due by March 8th, 2024)

Ministry of Education:

BC Achievement Scholarship

\$1250 scholarship awarded to the TOP 8000 BC students

- This scholarship recognizes achievement in Grade 10, 11, and 12 courses meeting graduation program requirements, including electives.
- Cumulative average percentage will be calculated by Ministry.
- Eligibility requirements:
 - Must be a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident
 - Must be a BC resident
 - Have a “B” (73%) or better in Language Arts 12 course

STUDENTS DO NOT APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP!

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/bc-achievement-scholarships>

Ministry of Education:

BC Excellence Scholarship

\$5000 scholarship awarded to 55 students in BC

- This scholarship recognizes well-rounded graduates demonstrating community services and a broader range of experiences count with leadership both inside and outside of school, as well as an aptitude and commitment to their chosen career path.
- **Students must:**
 - Be in their graduation year
 - Have a “B” average in Grade 11 and 12 courses required for Graduation
 - Minimum (73% or above” in English 12 / EFP 12
 - Minimum “B” average, no more than one “C+” & nothing lower than “C+” in Science 11/12, Math 11, SS 11/12
 - Submit a resume & a written statement describing accomplishments
 - Provide 2 references- one from school, one from community
- **Application available late Fall:** <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/bc-excellence-scholarships>
- **Due date: February 2024**
- **Schools will collect applications: 1 nominated student per school, a district committee reviews applications & chooses the one for each school.**

Ministry of Education:

Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship

\$5000 scholarship awarded to 20 students in BC

- This \$5000 annual scholarship recognizes 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment and aptitude for a career path in K-12 teaching
- **Students must:**
 - Be in their graduation year
 - Have a B average in Grade 11 and 12 courses required for Graduation
 - Minimum “73% or above” in English 12 / EFP 12
 - Minimum “B” average, no more than one “C+” & nothing lower than “C+” in Science 11/12, Math 11, SS 11/12
 - Submit a resume & written statement describing their accomplishments
 - Provide 2 references- one from school, one from community
- **Application available late Fall:** <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/pathway-to-teacher-education-scholarship>
- **Due date: February 2024**

Ministry of Education:

District / Authority Scholarships

\$1250 scholarship (approx. 15 / year to GESS)

- This scholarship rewards those who demonstrate excellence in chosen field of interest or strength.
- Students require teacher nomination, & complete online application in **Spring 2024**
- Tuition vouchers are mailed to recipients in Oct. of 2024.
- Vouchers may be used up to 5 years after receipt

STUDENTS MUST DEMONSTRATE SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- **Applied Design, Skill and Technologies**
- **Community Service (Volunteer Activity)**
- **Fine Arts**
- **Indigenous Languages and Culture**
- **Languages**
- **Physical Activity (and Health)**
- **Technical and Trades Training**

**See Mr. Frechette in
CAREER CENTER for more
information.**

Institution Specific Funding

Go to the school's website & look for links such as:

- Financial Aid / Assistance
- Scholarships
- Entrance Awards
- Financial Aid & Awards (Okanagan College)



Okanagan College:

https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Student_Services/students/financialaid.html

UBC:

<https://you.ubc.ca/financial-planning/scholarships-awards-canadian-students/>

Okanagan College Awards

Dec 1. Online Applications open

1. President's Entrance Award - \$5000 (8 Awards)

- ❖ Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident
- ❖ Must be entering full time studies with a full course load
- ❖ Entering eligible program at any campus of OC with offer of admission prior to allocation
- ❖ Demonstrate leadership and made a contribution to school and community through sports, culture, voluntary service, other extra-curricular activities, &/or scholastic achievement
- ❖ 1 reference from school is required, additional references may be beneficial (see "Reference Sheet" to assist your reference writers)

2. Community Spirit Award - \$1000 (40 Awards)

- ❖ Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident
- ❖ have a minimum GPA of 65% based on all grade 11 and 12 courses
- ❖ demonstrate service to school and/or community

3. Board of Governors Award - \$1000 (3+ Awards)

- ❖ Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident
- ❖ demonstrate academic achievement and financial need

APPLY ONLINE – DEADLINE: MARCH 8TH, 2024

<https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/financial-aid-and-awards#awards>



Public Sources of Funding

1. Community Opportunities

Through community organizations, banking institutions, service clubs, etc.

2. Student Loans

studentaidbc.ca

<https://studentaidbc.ca/sabc-home-page>

** Government of Canada has permanently eliminated the accumulation of interest on all Canada Student Loans

3. Student Lines of Credit

See your banking institution to discuss options.

4. Talk to your Parents and Relatives

Affiliations with work and organizations that may offer bursaries & scholarships

ie: Costco Canada offers employees or children of employees scholarships for tuition & fees, up to a max of \$2,500 per year



Central Okanagan Foundation

Volunteer Spirit Award: <https://www.centralokanaganfoundation.org/grants/scholarship/>

- a current resident of the Central Okanagan region who is, or has recently been, an active volunteer either in a Canadian community or internationally
- One scholarship will be awarded to a resident from each of the four Central Okanagan Municipalities: Peachland, West Kelowna, Kelowna, and **Lake Country**.
- \$1,500 for each municipality.

DUE: March 17, 2024

KSER Scholarship: <https://www.centralokanaganfoundation.org/grants/kser-scholarship/>

- Grade 12 student-athletes from School District 23 pursuing excellence in athletics and academics.
- \$2,500 scholarships available plus a bonus scholarship of \$2,500 on behalf of Raymond James.

DUE: April 14, 2024

Evan Guthrie Scholarship: <https://www.centralokanaganfoundation.org/grants/evan-guthrie-scholarship/>

- Grade 12 student-athletes to recognize an athlete's journey through sport and education
- two \$500 scholarships available.

DUE: April 14, 2024



MILLION Dollar Bursary

Interior Savings Credit Union

- Up to 1,000 post-secondary bursaries of \$1,000 each to students 17-24 years old at any point in 2024
 - Attend full time studies in 2024 or 2025
- HOW TO APPLY:**
1. Become a member before Feb. 28, 2024
 2. Use interior savings as your everyday banking account
(could mean payroll deposits, monthly bill payments, using debit card for monthly purchases, etc.)
 3. Complete online bursary application

Application deadline: Feb. 28th, 2024

<https://www.interiorsavings.com/about-us/community/bursary-programs>



...And then why not also apply for the
“CREDIT UNIONS OF BC BURSARY PROGRAM”
(application posted Jan. 1st, 2024)

<https://cufoundation.org/student-application/>

STUDENT LOANS



StudentAidBC

www.studentaidbc.ca

- **Both BC and Canada provide student loans, integrated in BC as a single loan to streamline the service delivery.** Students sign a joint federal-provincial loan agreement and have a single point of contact for managing their loans. At the point of loan repayment, students make just one monthly payment towards their integrated loan balance.
- **These loans are based on financial need and are interest-free while you are enrolled in full-time study.**
- **One application to StudentAidBC covers both the BC and Canada student loan programs.**
- **StudentAidBC helps with the cost of post-secondary education through student loans, grants, scholarships and other non-repayable financial supports.** They also have programs that help with loan repayment. Use this site to determine your eligibility and information on how to apply.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN JUNE 2024

Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society



<http://www.cobss.sd23.bc.ca>

CENTRAL OKANAGAN BURSARY AND SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY

- Unique to the Central Okanagan
- One application allows students to apply to hundreds of awards
- There are 2 types of awards
 1. **No criteria awards** which are open to all students
 1. **Specific criteria awards** which have been established by donors

ELIGIBILITY

1. Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or refugee living within the boundaries of Central Okanagan Public Schools.
2. Must be applying/have applied and plan to **attend FULL TIME** at an **accredited** post-secondary institution in **September of graduation year.**
3. Obtain a minimum of 60% average in all grade 11 and 12 courses.
4. Registered in a minimum of six (6) courses during grade 12 year and will complete a minimum of six (6) courses by June 30th not including the grade 12 Capstone Careers course.
5. Have potential to graduate for the first time this June.
6. Attending one of the member schools of COBSS as their home school during graduation year.

SELECTION PROCESS

- Applications are submitted online.
- Applications are strictly confidential.
- Applications are read only by school counsellors, donors and members of the COBSS selection committee consisting of representatives from each of the member schools.
- School counsellors are not part of the selection process.



SELECTION IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING THREE AREAS:

1. FINANCIAL NEED

based on line 150 of tax return and any special circumstances

2. ACADEMIC ABILITY

the average of student's Grade 11 and Grade 12 marks

3. ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

such as involvement in school and community

TYPES OF AWARDS

BURSARY:

primarily based on financial need

SCHOLARSHIP:

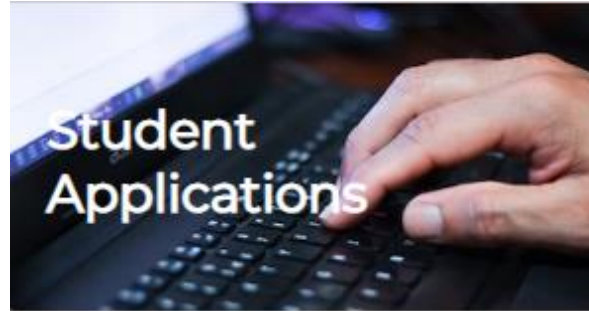
based on excellence; excellence can be in a variety of areas - academic, fine arts, applied skills, sports, community involvement, etc.

AWARD:

based on donor discretion

ON-LINE APPLICATION

- The on-line application is available at: www.cobss.sd23.bc.ca – and follow link:



- If you are having difficulties, please see your school counsellor.
- The on-line application opens on **Nov. 28th**.

ON-LINE APPLICATION



COBSS Central Okanagan Bursary And Scholarship Society

Online Applications - Sign In

Email:

Password:

Remember me?

Log in

New Students Register Here

Forgot Password

Click on **New Students Register Here**

ON-LINE APPLICATION

Online Application - Create Account

Legal First Name:

Legal Last Name:

Email:

PERMANENT, NON-SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS

Confirm Email:

Password:

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SPECIAL CHARACTER

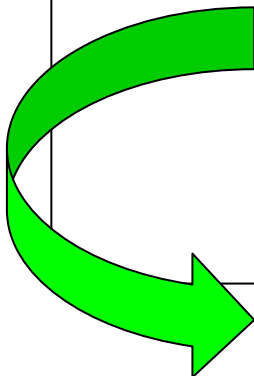
Confirm password:

Access Code:

PROVIDED BY YOUR SCHOOL

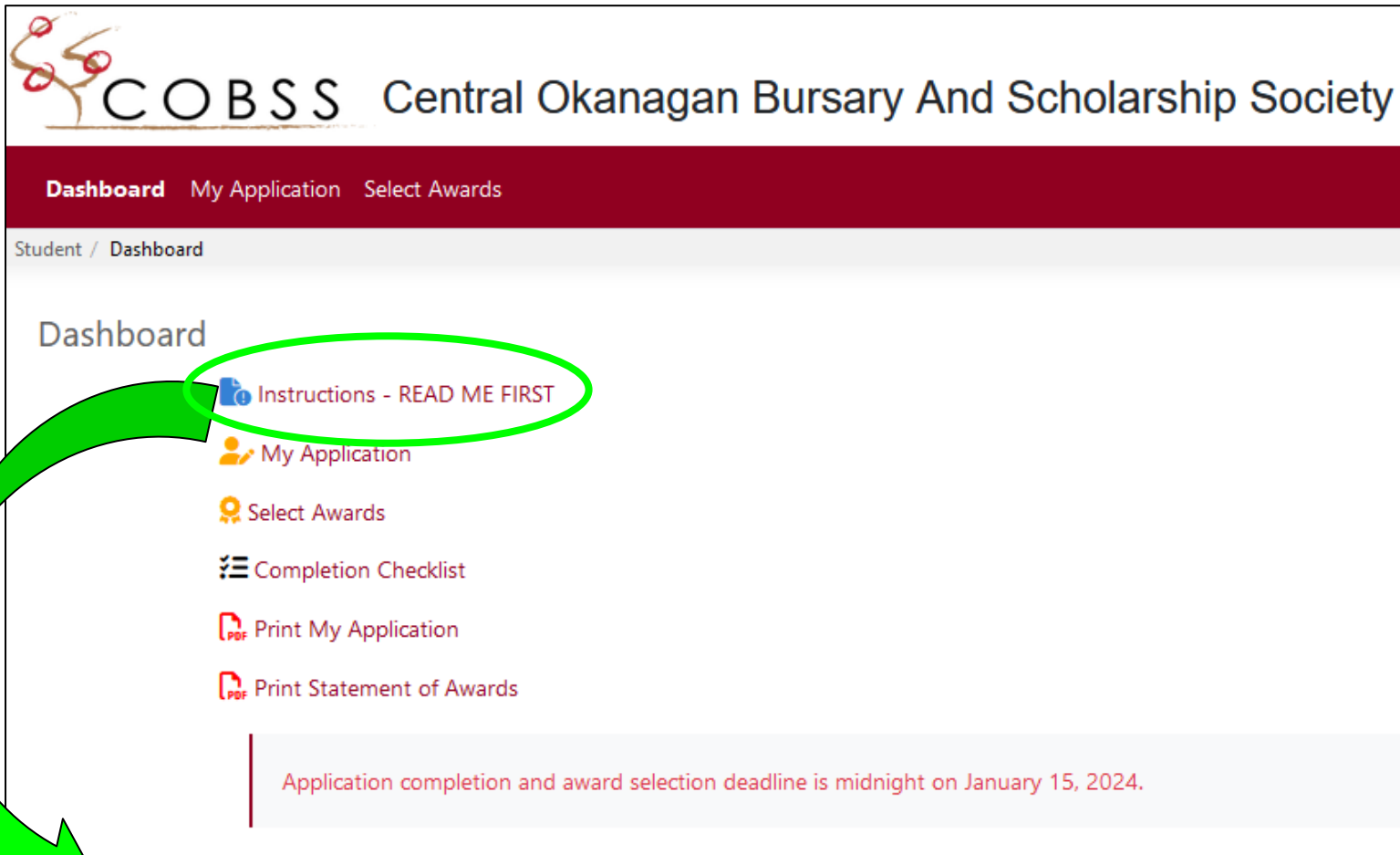
School:

Register



CESS Access Code = **ges2024**!!!
(lower case letters only)

INSTRUCTIONS



The screenshot shows the COBSS website dashboard. At the top, the logo for COBSS (Central Okanagan Bursary And Scholarship Society) is displayed. Below the logo, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Dashboard', 'My Application', and 'Select Awards'. The main content area is titled 'Dashboard' and contains a list of menu items: 'Instructions - READ ME FIRST' (highlighted with a green circle and a green arrow), 'My Application', 'Select Awards', 'Completion Checklist', 'Print My Application', and 'Print Statement of Awards'. At the bottom of the dashboard, there is a red text box stating: 'Application completion and award selection deadline is midnight on January 15, 2024.'

Click on **Instructions** and follow carefully.

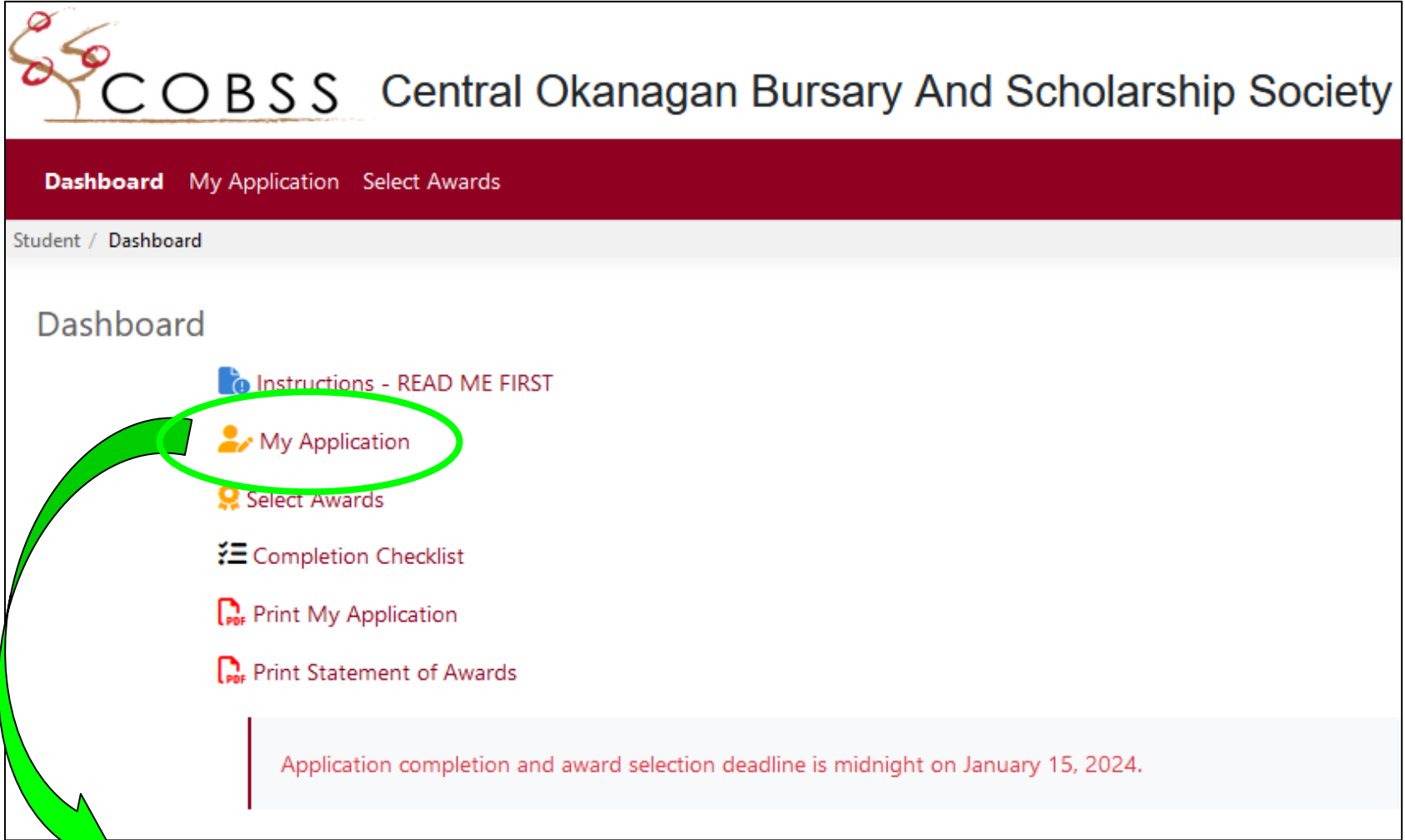
If you have any questions, please see your school counsellor.

ON-LINE APPLICATION

There are **two main components** to the COBSS application package:

1. **My Application** section (largest part of application)
1. **Select Awards** section

ON-LINE APPLICATION



COBSS Central Okanagan Bursary And Scholarship Society

Dashboard My Application Select Awards

Student / Dashboard

Dashboard

- Instructions - READ ME FIRST
- My Application**
- Select Awards
- Completion Checklist
- Print My Application
- Print Statement of Awards

Application completion and award selection deadline is midnight on January 15, 2024.


Click on **My Application** to begin the application process.



MY APPLICATION


There are **ten sections** and the **Application Completion step** to be completed.


When a section is completed, the check mark will turn **green**.


Dashboard


 Instructions - READ ME FIRST

 My Application (Step 1) 


 Section 1 - Profile


 Section 2 - Declaration of Truth

 Section 3 - Parent / Legal Guardian Info.


 Section 4 - Family Composition


 Section 5 - Financial Information

 Section 6 - Educational History

 Section 7 - Educational Plan

 Section 8 - Personal Statements

 Section 9 - Student Activity

 Section 10 - Referees

My Application

 Read Before Starting

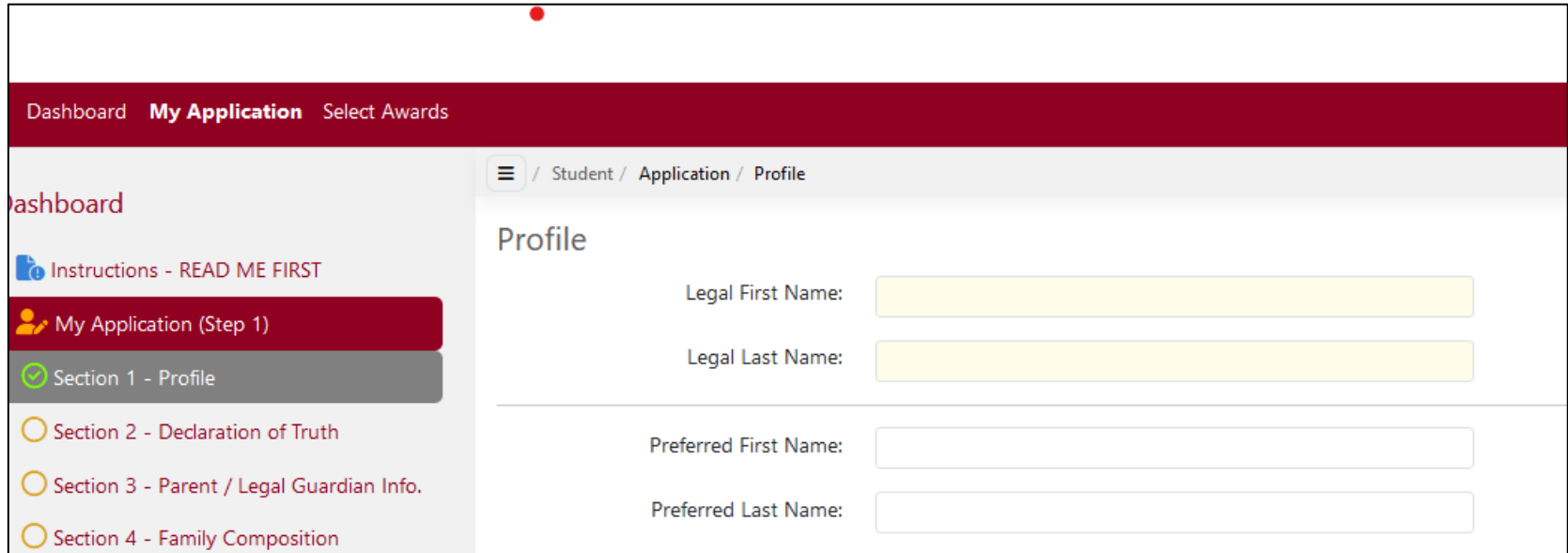
This application contains 11 sections with many required entries. These required entries will be highlighted yellow.

Before you start, **prepare Section 8 responses in advance** using a word processor and then copy/paste accordingly.

Application completion and award selection deadline is midnight on January 15, 2024.

[Click Here to Get Started Now](#)

MY APPLICATION



The screenshot shows a web application interface with a dark red header. The header contains navigation links: 'Dashboard', 'My Application' (highlighted), and 'Select Awards'. Below the header is a breadcrumb trail: '/ Student / Application / Profile'. The main content area is titled 'Profile' and contains four input fields: 'Legal First Name:', 'Legal Last Name:', 'Preferred First Name:', and 'Preferred Last Name:'. The first two fields are highlighted in yellow. On the left side, there is a sidebar menu with the following items: 'Instructions - READ ME FIRST', 'My Application (Step 1)' (highlighted in dark red), 'Section 1 - Profile' (highlighted in grey), 'Section 2 - Declaration of Truth', 'Section 3 - Parent / Legal Guardian Info.', and 'Section 4 - Family Composition'.

Fill in the application form carefully and as accurately as possible **after reading all of the instructions.**



Students may go back and edit as often as they wish until the site closes at **11:59 pm on Jan. 15th.**

MY APPLICATION

- Use the drop-down menus where given
- Complete paragraph answers in the space provided.
- Be aware that the secure site will time out. (after 480 mins)
**** Remember to click “Save & Continue” before moving on**

TIP: Compose paragraphs in a Word Document, and then cut and paste into COBSS application.

- Space is limited so write concisely as there are a maximum number of characters available.
- Please check spelling, grammar and punctuation.

MY APPLICATION

One **critical** component of the application is the paragraph answers under **Student Personal Statements**.

There are 3 questions you will need to answer in this section.

MY APPLICATION

- This is where your personality shows through and helps the committee with its decision.
- BE **CREATIVE, HONEST** and **CONCISE** and remember to proofread your answers.
- With your words, you are trying to create a vision in the donor's mind of who you are, what your goals and dreams are and why you deserve to be selected for the award.

MY APPLICATION

QUESTION 1:

What are your educational/career plans?
Describe the experiences that have contributed to these plans.

TIPS:

- Try to be original and creative.
- Do not start with “My name is _____ and I am in grade 12 at _____.”

MY APPLICATION

QUESTION 2:

For the selection committee, describe the three qualities that best demonstrate your character. Use examples from your life to illustrate these qualities.

TIPS:

- Try to get across who you are and what you are about in words.
- You want to stand out in the sea of applications.

MY APPLICATION

QUESTION 3:

Describe your family (include custodial and non-custodial parent information). Explain any financial and non-financial struggles that you may have encountered.

TIPS:

- Remember that financial need is one of the areas that selection is based on for COBSS awards.
- This is a snapshot of your current family and financial situation.

MY APPLICATION

Another important part of the application is **Your Activity Details.**

Students will include their activities from grades 10, 11 & 12 in the following **three** areas:

- 1. Community / School Based Involvement & Achievements**
- 2. Volunteer Experience**
- 3. Paid Work Experience**

MY APPLICATION

Under each activity heading, list **(up to)** **3 of the MOST SIGNIFICANT** activities in which you have been involved. *(no more than 3)*

For each activity, list in this order:

1. Organization
2. Your activities/responsibilities/duties
3. Dates (mm/yyyy-mm/yyyy)
4. Estimated total activity hours (per week)
5. Total overall hours

TIP:

- Remember to include anticipated hours until the end of June.



MY APPLICATION

Ex. of Community & School Based Involvement & Achievement:
(use the green + button to add details to each section)

Student / Application / Activity Details

Activity Details

In the spaces provided please include experience, activities & achievements from **Grades 10-12**, starting with the most recent experience in each section (maximum 3 in each section).

Community & School Based Involvement & Achievements					
(List any extracurricular involvement outside of classroom time which can include athletics, fine arts, music, certifications Please do not list school courses)					
Organization	What is the activity/achievement? (255 characters max)	Dates (mm/yyyy-mm/yyyy)	Estimated Total Activity Hours (per week)	Total Overall Hours for This Activity	+
Kelowna 1 Minor Basketball	Basketball Referee	12/2022-03/2023	5	100	 

Hours per week

Total Hours

Volunteer Experience					
(list any unpaid and non credit Community & School experience.)					
Organization	What are your responsibilities/activities? (255 characters max)	Dates (mm/yyyy-mm/yyyy)	Estimated Total Activity Hours (per week)	Total Overall Hours for This Activity	+

Paid Work Experience					
Organization	What is your job title and duties?	Dates	Estimated Total Activity Hours (per week)	Total Overall Hours for This Activity	+

MY APPLICATION

After completing **Your Activity Details:**

- Choose one activity or achievement you have listed that you are most proud of
- Explain what you have learned from it

TIPS:

- You have 1000 characters to answer this question.
- Remember that award selection is based on active citizenship so this is a good place to expand on your involvement and include reflective learning.

STATEMENT OF REFERENCE

- Students must provide 2 referees as references to your application. Consider community people, employers, and teachers as potential referees.
- **Choose referees carefully and contact them in advance for permission.**

The screenshot shows a web application interface for 'Referees'. On the left is a sidebar menu with sections 1 through 10. Section 10, 'Referees', is highlighted with a green circle. The main content area is titled 'Referees' and includes an 'Add Referee' button. Below the button is a warning message: 'It is imperative that you enter each referee's email address correctly', which is circled in green. A large green arrow points from this warning message to a yellow text box at the bottom of the page that reads: '**One teacher and one community reference is recommended.' A 'Continue' button is visible in the bottom right corner of the main content area.

Dashboard

Instructions - READ ME FIRST

My Application (Step 1)

- Section 1 - Profile
- Section 2 - Declaration of Truth
- Section 3 - Parent / Legal Guardian Info.
- Section 4 - Family Composition
- Section 5 - Financial Information
- Section 6 - Educational History
- Section 7 - Educational Plan
- Section 8 - Personal Statements
- Section 9 - Student Activity
- Section 10 - Referees**

Referees

+ Add Referee

Please provide **two** referees. Once you complete your application, they will each be sent an email with instructions on how to complete their Statement of Reference.

⚠ It is imperative that you enter each referee's email address correctly

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Continue

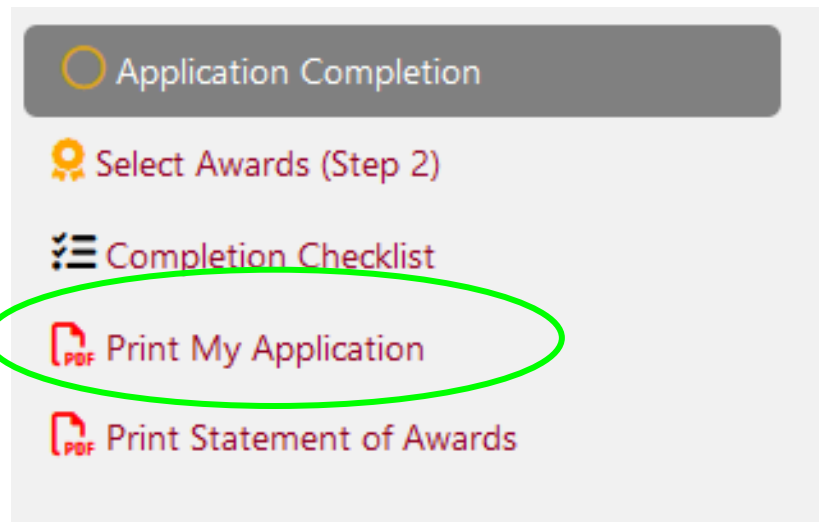
****One teacher and one community reference is recommended.**

MY APPLICATION

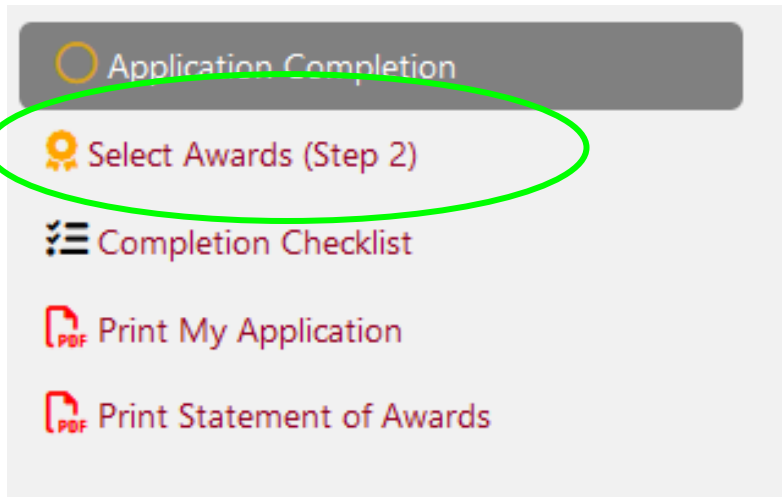
- **Student digital signature** is required to confirm applicant meets all eligibility requirements and all information is accurate.
- **Parent or guardian digital signature** is required to confirm that financial information is accurate.

MY APPLICATION

Click **Print My Application** from icon on main page to either save or print a pdf copy for your records. (optional)



SELECT AWARDS



Click on **Select Awards** to view all awards available to your school.

*Please note that awards are subject to change.

SELECT AWARDS

To view criteria for each award, hover over title.

Step 2 - Award Selection

⚠️ Application completion and award selection deadline is midnight on January 15, 2024.

⚠️⚠️ You must complete your application to apply for awards.

Use the dropdown below to learn about awards you are automatically eligible for.

Select: (AWARDS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE)

Total Records: 274

Applied	Application	Award Description	Eligible Schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	ACT/UCT Kelowna West Council #1003 Bursary	KSS and 14 other schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Academic Award	KSS and 1 other school
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Athletic Award	KSS and 1 other school
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Fine Arts Award	KSS and 1 other school
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Industrial Education/Technology Award	KSS and 1 other school
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	Always Strive For Better Bursary	KSS and 14 other schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	Am Corrado Memorial Scholarship	KSS and 2 other schools

Reference given to a student who is a dependent of a member in good standing of ACT/UCT Kelowna Council 1003. An explanation of your academic and future goals is required. In order to be eligible for this award, you MUST attend a provincially authorized post-secondary institution in the province of British Columbia, as recognized by the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills & Training, or equivalent in BC.

SELECT AWARDS

Click on **APPLY** if eligible for award.

Dashboard

- Instructions - READ ME FIRST
- My Application (Step 1)
- Select Awards (Step 2)**
- Completion Checklist
- Print My Application
- Print Statement of Awards

Student / Step 2 - Award Selection

Step 2 - Award Selection

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Select: (AWARDS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE)

Total Records: 274 Page 1 of 14

Applied	Application	Award Description ▼	Eligible Schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	ACT/UCT Kelowna West Council #1003 Bursary	KSS and 14 other schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	Al Jones Memorial/Oyama Firefighters Award	KSS and 14 other schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Academic Award	KSS and 1 other school
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Athletic Award	KSS and 1 other school
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Fine Arts Award	KSS and 1 other school
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Industrial Education/Technology Award	KSS and 1 other school
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply	Always Strive For Better Bursary	KSS and 14 other schools

SELECT AWARDS

Click on **APPLY FOR THIS AWARD**

Apply for

" *ACT/UCT Kelowna West Council #1003 Bursary* "

Criteria:

Preference given to a student who is a dependent of a member in good standing of ACT/UCT Kelowna Council 1003. An explanation of your academic and future goals is required. In order to be eligible for this award, you **MUST** attend a provincially authorized post-secondary institution in the province of British Columbia, as recognized by the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills & Training, or equivalent in BC.

Eligible Schools List:

Aberdeen Hall Preparatory School
Anse-au-sable
Central Programs School
ESchool23
Flex Academy
George Elliot Secondary
Heritage Christian Online School
Immaculata Regional High School
Kelowna Christian School
Kelowna Secondary School
Mount Boucherie Secondary
Okanagan Christian School
Okanagan Mission Secondary
Rutland Senior Secondary

APPLY FOR THIS AWARD

SELECT AWARDS

If prompted, fill in **Applicant Responses** to explain eligibility and additional information requested by the donor.

A **Save Award Application Now** button is at the bottom of each screen to **save** information.



APPLY FOR THIS AWARD ENSURE ALL APPLICANT RESPONSES ARE COMPLETED

Name of member of ACT/UJT.:
100 available characters

Relationship to member.:
100 available characters

Save Award Application Now Cancel

A green curved arrow points from the text above to the 'Save Award Application Now' button.

AWARDS APPLIED FOR

When all eligible awards are selected, use the drop down menu to view awards applied for:

Dashboard My Application **Select Awards** Hello Lisa

Dashboard

- Instructions - READ ME FIRST
- My Application (Step 1)
- Select Awards (Step 2)**
- Completion Checklist
- Print My Application
- Print Statement of Awards

Student / Step 2 - Award Selection

Step 2 - Award Selection

⚠ Application completion and award selection deadline is midnight on January 15, 2024.

Use the dropdown below to learn about awards you are automatically eligible for.

Select: **Awards I Have Applied For** (AWARDS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE)

Total Records: 3 Page 1 of 1

Applied	Application	Award Description	Eligible Schools
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Edit	ACT/UCT Kelowna West Council #1003 Bursary	KSS and 14 other schools
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Edit	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Athletic Award	KSS and 1 other school
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Edit	Alumni & Friends Of KSS - Industrial Education/Technology Award	KSS and 1 other school

COMPLETION CHECKLIST


When you have completed Steps 1 & 2, click on **Completion Checklist** to review.






COBSS Central Okanagan Bursary And Scholarship Society


Dashboard My Application Select Awards


Dashboard


 Instructions - READ ME FIRST

 My Application (Step 1) 

 Select Awards (Step 2)

 **Completion Checklist**

 Print My Application

 Print Statement of Awards

Student / Dashboard / Completion Checklist

Completion Checklist for COBSS

Please ensure you:

1. Complete all of the **My Application** sections;
When the **Application Completion** section has a green checkmark in the left menu, it is complete.
2. Complete the **Select Award** process;
3. Ensure your entered **Parent / Legal Guardian(s)** digitally sign;
4. Confirm that the two entered **Referees** have completed their online portion and digitally signed;

Application completion and award selection deadline is midnight on January 15, 2024.

OTHER

**Applications must be completed on time.
THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Prior to the due date, please confirm that:

- ✓ your parent/guardian has completed their digital signature

AND

- ✓ your references have completed their online documents.

Transcript – will be added by your school counsellor

DUE DATE

Your COBSS online application package will be submitted automatically on:

Mon. Jan. 15th at 11:59 pm

Plan your time accordingly.

You CANNOT make changes or print after this time.

PLEASE REMEMBER

If you are a COBSS award recipient, please:

Write an immediate thank you note to your donor.

...and a follow up thank you note in the early fall is always a kind gesture.

TIP:

- Note your awards (file, binder, phone notes, etc.) so that you can track them accurately and use them before they expire.



FAQ's

Question:

When should I begin my COBSS application?

Answer:

It is recommended to begin the application as soon as possible. It is a lengthy process which takes a number of separate sittings to complete. It cannot be completed in one sitting.

FAQ's

Question:

When will I know if I have received a COBSS award?

Answer:

Awards are typically presented to individual student recipients at either the school graduation ceremonies or a separate awards night. Check with your school.

FAQ's

Question:

Will my COBSS award expire?

Answer:

Yes. COBSS awards presented this year are valid until December 1st of your graduation year.

FAQ's

Question:

Can I take a year off for an exchange, a gap year, missionary work, etc. and still use my COBSS award?

Answer:

No, COBSS awards given out this year are valid until December 1st of your graduation year.

FAQ's

Question:

How do I know if the school I plan to attend is accredited as required for my COBSS eligibility.

Answer:

On the COBSS website is this link to search accredited institutions.



FAQ's

Question:

What do I do with a COBSS award?

Answer:

A COBSS award recipient receives a voucher called a Certificate of Award (COA). To redeem the award at the post secondary school, a student can do one of the following:

1. Take the COA to the registrar of the post secondary to be validated and sent by the post secondary school to COBSS for payment.

FAQ's

Answer (con't):

2. If the registrar of the post secondary school will not send the validated COA to COBBS, then the student must return the validated COA via:

- mail
- scan and email **OR**
- drop off at the COBSS office

FAQ's

Answer (con't):

3. If the registrar will not validate the COA, the student needs to return two forms to COBSS:

- **the COA and**
- **a Verification of Enrolment form from the post secondary school**

AWARD RECIPIENTS

If your circumstances change after you have received a COBSS award and you are no longer able to use the award before the December 1st deadline, **please contact COBSS at cobss@shaw.ca**.

The award money can then be given to an alternate recipient.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

If you have any questions regarding an award that you have received, please address all inquiries to COBSS directly at **cobss@shaw.ca** and not the award donor.

If you need help or further information, check back in the COBSS instructions.

Your school counsellor can help if you get stuck.

Remember, the site closes Mon. Jan. 15th at 11:59 pm!

!!! IMPORTANT !!!

Students are responsible to ensure the following:

- ! ENTIRE application is completed & signed
- ! parent digital signature completed
- ! reference #1 form completed
- ! reference #2 form completed

**Without these, your application is
INCOMPLETE
and will not be considered.**

Please Remember ...

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WHAT TO DO NEXT?

- ✓ Research to find applicable opportunities:
 - GES website (Scholarship Opportunities page)
 - GES scholarship bulletin board in Counselling Center
 - funding websites (independent research)
 - potential post-secondary institutions' funding sites
- ✓ Note applicable opportunities and follow up with applications
- ✓ Be organized with a calendar to track due dates and deadlines
- ✓ Independently complete applications (perhaps with family &/or friends as proof-readers 😊)

UPCOMING DATES:

- **Nov. 28th** COBSS applications open
- **Dec. 1st** UBC application deadline for awards and early admissions
- **Dec. 2nd** Community Christmas Event- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
- **Dec. 6th** Caravan Farm Theatre
- **Jan. 8th** GES classes resume after winter break
- **Jan. 15th** COBSS APPLICATION CLOSES @ 11:59pm
- **Jan. 15th** UBC application general deadline
- **Jan 17th** Winter Formal
- **Jan 26th** Last day of Semester #1
- **Jan. 29th** Semester Turn Around (no classes)
- **Jan. 30th** Semester 2 starts
- **March 10th** OC Entrance Award Applications due
- **April 11th** PSP #3, Topic: *You have been accepted...now what?*

GOOD LUCK ON YOUR APPLICATIONS!

REMEMBER TO THOROUGHLY & CAREFULLY READ THROUGH THE COBSS INSTRUCTIONS!

Afterwards, if you need help or further information, please see Mr. Shaw:

It's Time to Get Started