

**Scholarship Basics**

* If you think you have a chance of getting an award, go for it. The worst that can happen is a reply of “Thank you for applying, but…”
* Check the school site often (weekly) so that you don’t miss anything NBCHS main page/Student Services/Career Development
* Most scholarships are based on some measure of merit- eg marks, community service and/or financial need BUT some are based on post-secondary plans (eg, Nursing or trade related programs)
* Marks are not always the primary consideration!
* Amounts vary but generally the more money involved, the more work is involved in the application
* Money awarded for tuition fees is usually paid to the institution upon proof of enrollment.

**Where and When to Apply**

* Scholarship deadlines begin in September
* Most applications are done online
* NBCHS webpage –main page/Student Services/ LSKY Career Blog
* Explore scholarship sites that require registration – found on the Student Services page

**Entrance Scholarships**

* Each university and college offers a variety of scholarships to new and returning students- these can be found through the website for each university or college.
* Bursaries are awards of money usually given based on financial need, community service or other considerations.

**Local Scholarships (applications to NBCHS)**

* Application period March – May
* Application forms are usually through the Student Services Office
* More information on the school website Student Services/Scholarships and Awards

**Preparing An Application**

* Typically require 2 or 3 letters of recommendation for larger awards – Fill out a Student Reference Letter Outline and give it to the person writing your letter so they are aware of all of your involvements and successes. Provide them with lots of notice
* Reference letters can be from an employer, teacher, community member, coach or club advisor
* Community and school participation is usually required for larger awards
* Be prepared to spend a significant amount of time to complete an application
* Document community volunteerism, collect reference letters and keep an accurate account of time spent on school activities
* Being able to demonstrate an exceptional record of school and community LEADERSHIP is often added support.
* Ensure your submission is free of errors!
* Submit applications on or before date expected!