

## **SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64**

PROCEDURE 5400 Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

"Inspire learners, Integrate sustainability, Involve community"

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- **1.** The Board of Education commits to assisting students in pursuit of their academic and career goals by:
  - a. clearly differentiating between the different kinds of scholarships, bursaries and awards available to students;
  - b. publicising information about
    - i. available local and non-local scholarships, bursaries and awards;
    - ii. the Ministry of Education's Provincial Scholarships Program;
    - iii. entrance scholarships, bursaries and awards offered by post-secondary institutions;
    - iv. national-level awards recognising excellence in academics, leadership and athletics;
  - c. articulating and clarifying eligibility criteria (recognising, for example, that some scholarships, bursaries and awards are available to all SD64 students, and some are available only to students of particular schools);
  - d. facilitating the student application process;
  - e. identifying possible sources of financial assistance.
- 2. The board differentiates local scholarships, bursaries and awards as follows:
  - a. those decided and awarded by organizations in the community are called 'External'; and
  - b. those determined by the GISS Scholarship Committee, called 'Internal', and including the Ministry of Education's Provincial Scholarships Program
- **3.** Unlike external scholarships, Awards and Bursaries, internal ones are often based on criteria other than academic marks, making them accessible to more students in the graduation class.

- 4. Applicants can access information about scholarships, bursaries and awards by way of :
  - a. the school district website at: sd64.bc.ca/scholarship;
  - b. the Gulf Islands Secondary School Counselling department;
  - c. periodic postings in district schools.
- **5.** Students enrolled in the Gulf Islands School District may apply for any and all scholarships, bursaries and awards listed on the school district website ONLY in the year that they either take the stage at the graduation ceremony held at Gulf Islands Secondary School, or participate in the Windsor House School leaving ceremony.
- **6.** Students graduating from Windsor House School are invited to apply for the District Scholarship and to explore scholarship, bursary and award opportunities available in their Vancouver /North Vancouver school community.
- **7.** In accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA/FIPPA), the Gulf Islands School District staff
  - a. is not at liberty to share contact information of scholarship recipients with donors, or when preparing statistical or other reports;
  - b. will treat the personal information gathered and shared as part of the process as privileged information to be handled in a manner consistent with the board's policy 131.
- **8.** The school district will report the names of each Ministry of Education Provincial Scholarships recipient and the respective areas of achievement of each, by June 30th of each school year.
- **9.** Local community individuals, businesses and service clubs who support the school district's student recognition program will be thanked on an annual basis, for their support.

## **Reference:**

• Policy and Procedure 131