



WESTERN CANADA HIGH SCHOOL GRADE 12 INFORMATION

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During this year, you will be making important decisions; so, ask questions and explore your options. The following will guide you through the steps you need to take during your Grade 12 year.

Have you met diploma requirements?

Alberta High School Diploma

- ELA 30-1 or ELA 30-2
- Social Studies 30 - 1 or 30 - 2
- Mathematics 20-3 or 20-1 or 20-2
- Science – to the 20 level (e.g., Bio 20, Science 24)
- Physical Education 10
- CALM 20
- 10 credits in approved options (CTS or, Fine Arts or, Second Languages or, PE 20 and/or PE30)
- 10 credits in any 30 level courses (in addition to ELA and Social Studies)
- 100 credits

Participation in the Graduation Ceremony

- It is **YOUR** responsibility to ensure you have completed all the requirements. **YOU** must check the posted list (posted just before spring break) to be sure your name is on the list and that it is **spelled correctly**.
- You must qualify for an Alberta High School Diploma before you can 'walk the stage'. Know your credit total.
- **Remember: Check that you are on the Graduation List. It will be posted March 24 outside the Student Services office.**

Post-Secondary Requirements

Ensure that you have met the post-secondary requirements for technical school, college, trade school, or university.

You will need to consider the following:

- What do I want to study?
- What institution should I attend?
- What are the entrance requirements for that institution? I.e., *Which high school courses do I need? What is the required admission average? Are there entrance examinations I must write or is there a portfolio requirement?*
- When should I apply?
- How do I apply?
- What is the application deadline for my chosen program?
- What are the costs and how do I meet them?

Post-secondary institutions may require a high school transcript prior to processing your application. You can print a copy of your transcript (DAR – detailed academic report); all post-secondary institutions will require an official transcript from Alberta Education which shows all your high school courses. These transcripts are sent

automatically to schools in Alberta at no cost. **Note:** MEI & Blyth marks are recorded as “Pass”; you must order transcripts directly from these institutions.

If you are applying to schools outside of Alberta, you must request an official transcript through your myPass account (\$10.00 fee per transcript). If you don't have one, **Set up your MYPASS account as soon as possible** at myPass.alberta.ca

For assistance with any of the above, make an appointment with your counsellor. Plan these appointments early, as counsellors' calendars fill up quickly.

General Timeline

OCTOBER

- Scholarship applications begin in September and should be applied for as early as possible as many require reference letters and take time to organize. **Deadline dates are firm.**
- Listen to announcements, read the daily bulletin, visit Western's website, and review the notices posted by Student Services to stay informed about post-secondary and scholarship information.
- Plan to tour institutions of choice whenever possible. Most have virtual tours available.
- Apply on-line to *Apply Alberta* for Alberta institutions at: www.applyalberta.ca Opens Oct 1.
- Canadian, American, and overseas university applications are available online.
- Ontario schools: Apply online to the *Ontario University Application Centre* at: www.ouac.on.ca
- SAIT's application period begins October 6. Conditional acceptance is offered as qualifying applications are received. Check selection criteria for your program at www.SAIT.ca

NOVEMBER

- Applications continue

DECEMBER

- December 1 – U of C prestige awards deadline
- December 15 – U of C's prestige awards **documents** deadline
- December 15 – UBC awards application deadline
- January 12 – U of A awards application deadline

JANUARY

- University applications - Submit Canadian university applications if you have not already done so. Refer to specific university websites for detailed information.
- Canadian college applications – basic requirements differ depending on the program; some programs require additional items, e.g., interviews, portfolios, volunteer, or work experience, etc.
- Auditions or portfolios - Check deadline dates for individual schools.
- U of T application deadlines begin Jan 13 – **check website** for specific program deadlines <https://www.future.utoronto.ca/apply/important-application-dates> (NB: most programs: Jan 13)
- January 15 – UBC, York application deadline
- January 31 - ROTP (paid education) application deadline. Check www.forces.ca
- January 31 – UVIC application deadline

FEBRUARY

- **Final credit check for Graduation List including Semester 1 final marks**
- February 1 – AUArts Early admission deadline; February 1 – AUArts Portfolio deadline
- February 1 – McGill (Feb 7 major awards), Queen's, Ryerson, U of Waterloo
- February 28 – SFU application deadline (Nov 20 for major awards)

MARCH

- March 1 – U of A application deadline for most undergraduate programs (check the website)
- March 1 – U of C application deadline to all programs
- Early Admission Decisions – the first reporting period of second semester is March 20. Ensure your mid-term marks for early admission decisions are sent before end March

- March 17 – Grad List posted outside Student Services Office
- Mid-March – (interim marks for post-secondary) screenshot and upload to your post-secondary applications

THE CINDERELLA GOWN PROJECT provides the opportunity to Grade 12 girls (who may not have adequate funds) to be treated to a Cinderella experience. Please see your counsellor before February 24 if you would like to be included in this very special day.

MAY

- Tues, May 24 – Graduation Exercises



- Friday, May 27 Banquet, and Dance

JUNE

- Student Loans – Apply for student loans through Student Aid Alberta. Apply online at www.alis.gov.ab.ca NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL EARLY JUNE.
- Alberta Education official transcripts for out-of-province schools: request through your myPass account. If you do not do this, universities will cancel your application. There is a cost of \$10 per transcript. There is no need to request official transcripts for Alberta schools; they are sent automatically.

POST-SECONDARY ADMISSION INFORMATION

3 STEPS TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION:

1. APPLICATION: Applications are available online.
2. ADMISSION: After you have applied, you should receive an email or letter from the institution indicating your admission status and advising whatever additional material is required to support your application.
3. REGISTRATION: Once admitted, you will be directed to register in classes.

APPLY ALBERTA: When you apply for admission, you will be directed to the ApplyAlberta website, an integrated online provincial application service. This service will collect your initial education information and, once completed, will return you to the Alberta university admission application online form.

When you apply to an Alberta institution, you will provide your Alberta Student Number (ASN); this is the number you use to create your myPass account.

ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES

Ontario universities use a common application form (OUAC 105) in which you may select up to 3 programs for a processing fee of \$156. Additional program choices are permitted at \$50 per extra choice.

Ontario Universities Application Centre: <https://www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-105/> Entrance averages vary; generally, students require a certain entrance average in 5 grade 12 courses.

Most universities charge additional application fees (e.g., \$110 at Queen's; \$180 at U of T).

AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Students may need to write the ACT or SAT depending upon the university to which the student is applying. Visit the College Board website at www.collegeboard.org for more information, practice tests, and online registration procedures.

Western's school code is 820225.

Application deadlines for most US schools are between December 31 and January 31. Early action and early decision deadlines are November 1.

Generally, you will need teacher references, a counsellor reference, and a personal essay.
For information about studying in the US see Education USA: <http://canadiansinusa.com/Studying-in-the-US/index.html>; International students go to: https://www.internationalstudent.com/study_usa/

UNITED KINGDOM

Information regarding study in the UK: Across the Pond – www.studyacrossthepond.com

For a comprehensive list of post-secondary institutions in the UK, search the UCAS website:
<http://www.ucas.com> - provides entry requirements and detailed information on each university.

Early deadlines are October 15, 18:00 hrs. (United Kingdom time)

International deadline is January 26, 18:00 hrs (United Kingdom time); Art & Design courses: February 25 deadline

Applications must include personal contact, course/institution choices, education history/qualifications (grade 11 subjects and yet to be taken grade 12 subjects), personal statement (interest in chosen subject, suitability for the program, extra-curricular achievements), references.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS FOR CANADIAN STUDENTS

Wondering how to finance your studies in Canada or overseas? Check out the following websites for more information on scholarships and financial assistance available.

Scholarships and loans available to Canadian Students:

- **Western Canada High School** <http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/b816/pages/onlineresources/scholarship.html>
 - lists internal and external scholarship and bursary opportunities.
- **Alberta Learning Information Services (ALIS)** [Pay for school](#)
Alberta government website with links to Alberta and other provinces' post-secondary institutions, loans and scholarships.
- **Canada Student Loans** www.canlearn.ca the Federal government website with links to savings programs and student loans/ scholarships.
- **Alberta Student Loans** <http://studentaid.alberta.ca/> Information and online applications.
- **EducationMatters** www.educationmatters.ca Student awards that recognize the accomplishments of students in school and in the community.
- **www.Scholarshipscanada.com** has an extensive scholarship, awards, bursaries and grants database. You can also find information on student loans, applications and budgeting while in school.
- **www.scholartree.ca** : Scholarships Made Simple. An excellent site that connects you with scholarships based on your interests and experiences.
- **www.yconic.com** Complete a profile and this web site will help you identify scholarship opportunities based on your marks and program of choice.
- **Fastweb.com** offers scholarships for the USA and other countries.
- **Universities Canada** <http://www.univcan.ca/programs-and-scholarships/>
Lists all universities (and degree-offering colleges) in Canada and lists scholarship opportunities
- **Alexander Rutherford Scholarships:** [Alexander Rutherford Scholarship Information](#)
Jimmy Condon Athletic Scholarships: <https://www.collegexpress.com/scholarships/jimmie-condon-athletic-scholarship/14347/>
- **Trades Related Scholarships:** <http://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/financial-assistance/scholarships/>
- **www.StudyinCanada.com** <http://www.studyincanada.com/Scholarships/Index.aspx>
 - Comprehensive listing of universities and colleges in Canada. Also contains scholarship and career information as well as virtual tours of selected schools.
- Talk to your parents and/or relatives – they may be members of a club or organization, or their employer may offer awards to family members.

Studies in Australia – <https://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/english/australian-education/scholarships>
A database of Australian Scholarships available to International Study Abroad Students

Studies in the US – <http://www.fulbright.ca> – Fulbright scholarships are available for post-secondary studies in the US.

Career Considerations:

Book an appointment with your counsellor if you would like to discuss and develop your career plan further, are going directly to work without formal education, or are planning to take a gap year.

For further career exploration, consider this site: www.alis.gov.ab.ca

NOTE: Having a **myPass account** is essential to applying to post-secondary. It provides access to all of your Alberta Education information, including your Detailed Academic Report (DAR – transcript) and other important documentation.

If you do not have one yet, ensure you sign up for one as soon as possible.

Your myPass account

myPass is an Alberta Education secure self-service website for high school students to:

- ✓ View and print diploma exam results statements
- ✓ Order transcripts
- ✓ And more...

Visit <https://public.education.alberta.ca/PASI/mypass/welcome>