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Guidance will continue to check in with students in regards to post-secondary planning and application processes and timelines. We also post all post-secondary open house dates on our website (Programs--> Post Secondary).

Students and families are responsible for ensuring they have all credits needed to graduate as well as any pre-requisites required for any post-secondary programs that their child is considering.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

As a reminder, Manitoba Provincial High School Diploma is earned when students have:

- earned 30 credits
- 6 credits must be at the grade 12 level
- compulsory credits are earned from 9-12 (English, Math, Phys. Ed)

POST-SECONDARY LINKS

University of Manitoba <https://umanitoba.ca/>

University of Winnipeg <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/>

Red River College <https://www.rrc.ca/>

Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology

<https://mitt.ca/>

Université de St. Boniface <https://ustboniface.ca/>

Brandon University <https://www.brandonu.ca/>

Assiniboine College <https://assiniboine.net/>

University College of the North <https://www.ucn.ca/>



POST-SECONDARY FINANCIAL SUPPORT RESOURCES

Manitoba Student Aid - Offers loans, grants, and bursaries to eligible students. The 2025/26 application is expected to launch in June 2025.

<https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/> - a comprehensive database of scholarships and bursaries across Canada.

<https://studentawards.com/> - Provides a searchable database of scholarships and bursaries, along with resources for evaluating campuses and choosing the right school.

Institution-Specific Scholarships - U of M, U of W, Brandon University, Assiniboine Community College, RRC, University College of the North, MITT provides various scholarships and bursaries based on financial need and academic achievement.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIPS

1. Know Your Deadlines (They Matter More Than You Think)

- Universities like U of M and U of W have different admission and scholarship deadlines.
- U of M's early scholarship deadline is usually early December, while general applications run into spring.
- U of W and RRC Polytech each have program-specific deadlines — always double-check.

2. Apply Early — Even if You're Unsure

- Applying early gives you access to early scholarships, residence applications, and ensures you get a spot in popular programs.

3. Use Your Web-Based Portals (MyBlueprint, ApplyManitoba, etc.)

- ApplyManitoba lets you submit transcripts electronically—no paperwork.

4. Double-Check Admission Requirements

- Many programs require specific Grade 12 courses (e.g., Pre-Calc 40S, Biology 40S, Chemistry 40S, or English 40S). Don't assume—each program has its own must-haves.

5. Watch Your Email (Daily!)

- Universities communicate everything by email: missing documents, scholarship notices, acceptance letters, and next steps. Missed emails can delay your application or cost you a spot.

6. Apply for Scholarships (Even Small Ones Add Up)

- Manitoba has strong local options:
 - U of M Automatic Entrance Scholarships
 - U of W Entrance Awards
 - School Division awards
 - Credit union and community scholarships
- Many don't require top marks—volunteering, leadership, and community involvement count.

7. Consider Parallel Plans

- Apply to more than one school or program if you're unsure.
- For competitive programs (nursing, education, engineering, social work), having a backup is smart, not a failure.

8. Keep Copies of Everything

- Save:
 - Application numbers
 - Payment confirmations
 - Emails
- It helps if something needs to be re-checked later.

9. Don't Panic About Final Marks

- Offers are often conditional—schools know Grade 12 marks change.
- Keep working steadily and communicate with counsellors if you're struggling.

10. Personalize the application

- Short essays or supplemental application questions matter.
- Authenticity helps you stand out! When reviewers feel like they met you through your story, they're far more likely to remember you and advocate for your application.



HELPFUL TIPS TO HELP YOU STAND OUT



1. Tell Your Story, Not the “Perfect” Story

Scholarship committees want to understand who you are, not who you think they want. Share your real experiences, values, challenges, and motivations. Authenticity is more memorable than perfection.

2. Start With a Moment That Shows Who You Are

Instead of starting with “My name is...,” begin with a meaningful moment or experience:

- A challenge you overcame
- A turning point
- Something that shaped your interest in education, leadership, community, or your future program

3. Connect Your Experiences to Your Goals

Scholarships aren’t only about what you’ve done, but why those experiences matter.

Explain:

- What these experiences taught you
- How they shaped your educational or career goals
- Why the scholarship would help you take the next steps

4. Highlight Impact, Not Just Activity Lists

Anyone can list roles. What stands out is impact:

- How did you help your school, community, family, or peers?
- What changed because of your involvement?
- What did you learn about yourself?

5. Show Your Voice - Your autobiography should sound like you.

Write the way you speak—clear, sincere, and confident. Committees often read hundreds of applications; a genuine voice stands out immediately.

6. Acknowledge Challenges Without Making Them Your Whole Story

It’s okay to share difficulties, but balance them with:

- What you learned
- How you grew
- How the experience shaped your values or resilience

7. Connect Back to the Scholarship’s Purpose

If the scholarship focuses on leadership, service, academics, or identity—reflect that in your examples.

8. Keep the Structure Clear and Easy to Follow

A simple structure works well:

1. Engaging opening moment
2. A bit about your background
3. Key experiences and what they taught you
4. Your goals and future plans
5. Why this scholarship matters for your journey

Clarity makes your writing stronger.