Scholarship Information Session (2019-2020)

1. Start your search at: northviewheights.ca 🡪 Guidance 🡪 Post-Secondary Financial Support
2. Register yourself on yconic.ca and scholarshipscanada.com for free scholarship matching. These sites will email you with scholarship information that is relevant to you. It may not be perfect, but it can save you a lot of time by eliminating scholarships that definitely aren’t a match.
3. Create/update your résumé.
4. Think of two or three teachers or other adults who know you well and ask them if they would be willing to write a reference letter for you. They can start a general one, but it will need to be customized for individual scholarships.
5. Read the criteria for the scholarship carefully. If you think you fit the criteria,
   1. start by making a list (or use a table) of what they are looking for (for example: overcoming obstacles, leadership, making a difference in your community …).
   2. List the things you have done for each criteria
   3. Be sure to plan ahead so that IF a reference letter is asked for, you can give your letter writer the detailed and relevant information about what the scholarship is looking for. Also, give them advance notice. 2 weeks is recommended!
   4. Follow the directions to the last detail! Answer what is asked. Don’t go over the word limit given for the essay. Triple-check your entire application.
   5. Pay attention to the details! Missing a deadline WILL disqualify you. Spelling and grammar mistakes will likely put your application at the bottom of the pile. Have someone who has a good command of English read over your application. Neatness and well organized thoughts matter!
   6. Be honest!
   7. Don’t hide your light under a bushel!
   8. Keep a copy/backup of your application.
   9. Ask for help if you need it or are unsure. Ask your guidance counsellor, Ms. Dobbin or call the organization offering the scholarship.
6. Not all scholarships require essays or certain marks!
7. International Visa Students – there are some scholarships – see the website
8. Renewable scholarships – offered at universities/colleges and can be renewed every year if certain conditions are met (often a certain average is required).
9. Sponsored candidates from school. Check our website for information on these. There are a few scholarships that only allow a certain number of students to be nominated for their scholarship. The form to fill out to submit to Ms. Dobbin is on the website if you want to be considered. There will be a due date! Fill it out as if it’s a real application, because it is!
10. The more applications you do, the easier they become to fill out!
11. Good luck!!! ☺

This will be posted on the website.