**Scholarships**

There are literally **thousands** of scholarships that you can apply for. Sorting through them

all can be a daunting task! Here are some tips to get to get you started:

* Do you know the difference between a scholarship and bursary? For information

visit: <http://alis.alberta.ca/et/fo/scholarships/scholarships.html>

* Get organized! Spreadsheets or other documents can help you stay on top of the

scholarships. There is a spreadsheet on our website that will help you with this.

* Start searching! There are many scholarship websites, here are the ones I

recommend:

* + http://www.studentawards.com/
  + http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/
  + http://www.studentscholarships.org/
  + http://alis.alberta.ca/et/fo/scholarships/ABScholarships.html
  + http://alis.alberta.ca/et/fo/scholarships/connections.html
* What other search techniques can you use? Have you:
* Applied for scholarships from your post-secondary institute?
* Asked your parents (grandparents, etc) if their employer offers scholarships

that you would be eligible for?

* Asked your employer if they offer scholarships for employees?
* Asked your family members if their club offer scholarships (ex. Rotary Club,

Lion’s Club, , Tupperware, etc)?

* Asked your club/ team if they offer scholarships (ex. Girl Guides, sports

teams, etc)

* Searched for unusual scholarships?
  + - You could be awarded $5,000 for making your grad outfit out of duct

tape- http://duckbrand.com/Promotions/stuck-at-prom.aspx

* + - Are you a twin or triplet?
* Are you left- handed?
* Can you call a duck?
* Time to Apply!

Be sure you follow the directions given and do not miss the deadline.

* You must have all the items they request to be considered- some items
* commonly asked for include- essay, letter of reference, transcript, proof of financial need, and/ or resume.
* It is always best to enlist the help of others, is there an adult in your life that

is excellent at proof reading? Do you have a Career Counselor in your school?

* Is there an adult who is a huge supporter for you? Get them to check over your scholarship information before sending it in!
* Remember to keep copies of everything you submit! Often you will be able to

revise information and use it again for a different scholarship.

* Always consider quality over quantity.
* After winning a scholarship, be sure to follow up! Have you:
* Ensured they have all the information needed (address, etc)
* Attended a luncheon or presentation ceremony (sometimes this will be a

requirement of the scholarship)?

* Sent a Thank You card?