

GRADE 12 TIME LINE – Read & highlight what’s important to your future plans

SEPTEMBER

•Are you taking courses needed not only for grad, but for admittance to your schools/programs of choice? The grade 12 year is the most important in terms of its impact on your post secondary plans, therefore get down to work early and do your best in all your studies.

•**RESEARCH & READ!** Go back to **My Blueprint**. SCHOOLFINDER (schoolfinder.com) is another useful resource, with school profiles, e tours, scholarships & careers, a program search feature, and more! *Universitystudy.ca* AND *canadian-universities.net* are also valuable websites. EDUCATION PLANNER (educationplannerbc.ca) has comprehensive BC post secondary info; the program search allows you to customize your college & university options.

•If you’re applying to UFV next year, **refer to the online calendar** (ufv.ca) for detailed program information and how & when to apply.

•If any of your post secondary choices include **American or overseas universities**, now’s the time to begin applying. The process for admittance to U.S. colleges is time consuming and demanding. Apply electronically (use the Common Application for multiple schools if possible). Register & write the SAT in November if they are being offered. **Varsity sports at SFU require SAT scores & registration with the NCAA Eligibility Centre**. Comprehensive information at collegeboard.org.

•Join the Study and Go Abroad Virtual Education Fair, to be held Sept. 24th, 14:00-20:00 EST (recruitcanada.com).

OCTOBER

•**OCT. 1 - UFV begins** accepting applications for Sept. 2021 (for programs with a specific intake). **EARLY APPLICATION IS ADVISED**. Some programs accept applications on a continuous basis, like Nursing, Trades and ECE. **Applications are expected to be complete when submitted**, except for Grade 12 grades & test scores. A few programs require additional documents. **Apply online at educationplannerbc.ca**. You will need your 9 digit **Personal Education Number**. The **application fee** must be paid by credit card for your application to be processed.

•Many community colleges & universities (Kwantlen, VCC, Douglas, Langara, OUC, BCIT) begin accepting applications early in the fall. Generally, if the school is “easier” to get into (graduation for general admission), it’s important to apply as early as possible. For competitive schools, you need to apply by the deadline.

•**Sept. 28 through Oct. 9 - Canadian University Public Event** in a *virtual format*. More than 40 schools from across Canada including Toronto, Queens, Alberta, Calgary, Western, Waterloo, Emily Carr, Dal, Manitoba, Regina, York, Saskatchewan and others. Register for an online session at cuebc.org.

•**Oct. 19 (2-6pm), 20 (3-7pm), 21 (3-7pm) - VIRTUAL BC Post -Secondary Institutions Visit** for Fraser Valley students & parents. UFV, UBC SFU, U. Vic, Kwantlen, BCIT, UNBC, TRU, TWU, VCC, Cap U, Okanagan, Royal Military College and more schools will participate. More info to follow.

•Start **researching your scholarship** opportunities. Check sources of scholarships/bursaries and develop a time line for deadlines (scholarshipscanada.com). Prepare a personal resume, or activity and accomplishment sheet that will best describe YOU! Be prepared to write about your academic goals, accomplishments, achievements and challenges. Statements on what you’re passionate about and what you’ve learned from your experiences are required in most scholarship applications. Volunteer your time & skills in something of interest to you if you’re not already doing so. Service, leadership & extra-curriculars are important factors in determining scholarship awards.

•**District Scholarship** meetings and registration with Mr. Peters. Over 150 scholarships available for students in SD #34 worth \$1250 each towards post-secondary tuition. This scholarship is **project based** (100 hrs.) and recognizes excellence in nonacademic areas, such as fine arts, applied skills, elite athletics, physical activity, 2nd languages, community service, trades & technology. **Applications & registration fee due to the Counselling Ctr. by Oct. 31**. Projects to be completed & judged in the spring.

•**UBC** will be offering multiple online presentations each week through the fall, as well as specific sessions for IB students.

•Release your **transcripts** electronically to the schools you’re applying to (studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca).

NOVEMBER

•Begin the application process for **out of province universities**. Ontario has a common application centre that allows students to apply to 3 (or more) schools (ouac.on.ca). *Check deadlines for entrance scholarships and application deadlines at out of province schools*. Useful site: ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca

•**Apply electronically via educationplannerbc.ca to multiple B.C. schools until Feb. 28** (*UBC - Jan. 15/SFU & UVic – Jan. 31*).

DECEMBER

•**Dec. 1 – UBC’s deadline for Entrance Scholarships**. Your applications must be complete, including **personal profile** & application fee, to be considered.

•**Dec. 15 – SFU’s deadline to APPLY for Major Entrance Scholarships**. **Jan. 31** is the deadline to submit all supporting documents (references, grades).

•You should be completing any American/foreign/out of province school applications. Over Xmas holidays, if you have not started your scholarship search, now is the time!

•**BC Entrance scholarships?** Please see Mrs. Doan for an info sheet for **top academic students** that outlines criteria and application procedures. If you’re applying for these major awards, you will need references &/or referees. Choose these early and appropriately. *A Reference Resume form must accompany all school requests for reference letters and can be picked up in the Counselling Centre.*

JANUARY

- Complete out of province applications as per deadlines. Some eastern universities have early January admission deadlines.
- Jan.15 - UBC's deadline** for high school applications. Personal Profile required of all applicants to UBC Vancouver/Okanagan (requires written statements).
- **NEW – Jan. 15 is U. Vic's new application deadline.**
- IB Diploma students - request & forward predicted scores from the IB coordinator.**
- Seek academic advice if necessary. For ALL schools, follow their directions in “**What To Do After Applying**”, e.g. documents, **self-reporting** of grades, forwarding interim/final **transcripts, supplementary applications**, testing scores, choosing **courses**, etc. Applying is **EASY & only Step 1** of many.
- Jan 31 - SFU's application deadline** & also SFU's *deadline to complete online/distance courses* needed for admission.
- UBC's distributed learning policy** – complete courses by **Feb. 1** to use grades in your academic assessment. To use grades to meet degree-specific requirements, complete courses by **June 30**.
- COMPLETE YOUR CLC REQUIREMENT ASAP if not done.**

FEBRUARY

- Abbotsford Foundation Scholarship & Bursary applications available** at abbotsfordcf.org early Feb. and due before Spring Break. You will have approx. 2 weeks to identify a maximum of 10 awards which you qualify to apply, complete the online application, write statements, attach a reference letter (community member preferred), & prepare a mini-budget for bursaries.
- Feb. 28 - Early admission applications to UNBC & most other Cdn. universities due.** You may self-report to SFU & UVic as directed. Make separate application for on-campus housing if needed.
- If you are of Indigenous heritage, get in touch with your band headquarters for post-secondary financial assistance.
- IMPORTANT TRANSCRIPT INFO** - Students order & send their transcript info electronically to post-secondary schools at studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca. Students must complete the request **ONLINE by March 1 for preliminary transcript** (1st semester) *information* to be released to **BC, Alberta & Ontario schools**. Written instructions will be given in a handout to students, as well as from the schools you've applied to.

MARCH

- Confirm status of your application if you have not heard from the school(s) to which you applied. Follow “steps to do after applying”. **Check your emails regularly!**
- Complete & forward any outstanding documents, as directed by the schools to which you applied.

APRIL

- It's NOT TOO LATE to apply to schools, but don't delay. Final application to many schools for Sept. will not be accepted after Apr. 30. Also, the longer you wait to apply, the longer you will wait for an admission decision & registration opportunity.
- If you haven't already done so, make an appointment or email for course planning advice. Read about required/elective courses in your program, alternative courses, and start planning what you intend to take.
- Apr. 30** is the deadline for releasing interim transcript information via BC Min. of Education (for all BC schools). If you've applied out of province, you must request and forward a paper interim transcript with your official spring grades (term 3 report card marks) as soon as they are available.

MAY

- May 1 - UFV opens applications for a **Winter start** (January).
- Early admission offers to universities begin, as well as conditional entrance scholarship offers, after confirmation of spring grades.
- New UFV students begin to **register** in early June. Other schools will begin their registration process soon. Read & study the timetable. Plan alternative courses; be flexible with times & locations. You must **build your own conflict-free timetable** and **pay a deposit in advance of your registration** date.
- STUDY & STUDY SOME MORE!** Remember, your early offer can be revoked if your grades decline significantly.

JUNE

- Thinking you might need a **STUDENT LOAN**? Student Aid BC information & online loan application at StudentAidbc.ca.

