

Introducing the Ministry of Education's Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship

The **Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship** (PTES) is a \$5,000 annual scholarship that recognizes exceptional Grade 12 students planning to enter the field of teaching. The PTES will be awarded to 20 graduating students intending to enter a BC faculty of education program. This new scholarship will support outstanding students in pursuing a career path in teaching. Scholarship winners will be awarded a \$5,000 voucher to redeem upon entrance to one of BC's faculty of education programs. The scholarship's first eligible cohort of students will be graduating in the 2012/2013 school year.

Applications for this scholarship will be accepted this year up to March 31, 2013. Application materials for students can be accessed at: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards/>

Please share this information with students, parents, teachers, administrators and district staff.

A committee of representatives from the BC Teachers' Federation, BC School Superintendents Association, BC Principals' and Vice Principals' Association, the First Nations Executive Steering Committee and the Association of BC Deans of Education have established the eligibility requirements and adjudication process. The scholarship will be funded as part of the provincial awards program with the first eligible cohort of students graduating in the 2012-13 school year.

The review committee will assess each eligible application and select conditional winners. By the first week of May, the Ministry of Education will notify the top 20 candidates and their districts in writing of the candidates' conditional qualification for the PTE award. Selection of winners will be finalized by August 31 and vouchers will be mailed to winners' addresses on record. Scholarship winners may redeem the voucher upon confirmation that they have enrolled in an education faculty at a BC post-secondary institution. In the event that a conditional winner does not fulfill all eligibility criteria by August 31, the student will not receive the award. Scholarship winners must redeem their voucher within 7 years of high school graduation.

For further information, email Awards@gov.bc.ca