

BC Ministry of Education Scholarship Rules and Exam Re-Writes

The BC Ministry of Education has changed its scholarship rules. The Ministry will now look at the following criteria in deciding if a student will receive a \$1000 or \$2500* scholarship. Here are the new Ministry of Education Rules*

For students graduating on or after September 1, 2011, the following rules apply:

A student will receive a \$1000 Examinations Scholarship if he or she:

- meets the basic eligibility requirements
- fulfills the BC graduation requirements of either the 2004 Grad Program or the Adult Grad Program
- meets the following requirements:
 - a. Achieves at least a “B” (73% or above) final mark (provincial exam and school mark combined) in one of the Language Arts 12 (Communications 12, English 12, Francais langue premiere 12, or English 12 First Peoples).
 - b. Achieves at least one “A” (86% or higher) and three “B”s (73% or higher) on four of his or her best provincial exams (can include the English 12 provincial exam).
 - c. The exams within each category below are restricted against each other for scholarship purposes; only the highest percent within each group is used to calculate a student’s total.
 - d. Students must have a final course mark (course and exam combined) for the exam to be counted towards scholarship

The Ministry of Education has also stated that “the examination rewrite rule will be relaxed for one year (September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012) to allow students to rewrite a required exam to improve their scores. Students may rewrite a provincial exam within the 12 month period following their first attempt at the exam. For the 2011-2012 school year, the following rules will apply:

1. **If a student has had two attempts, they may rewrite a third time to improve their result.**
2. **If a year has lapsed since the student’s last attempt, he or she may rewrite without retaking the course.**
3. **Students may choose to rewrite old Math 10 exams to improve the exam mark to qualify for the new Provincial Exam Scholarship Program**

We will be offering this rewrite opportunity during the April 12-13 and May 17-18 sitting of Provincial Exams at Pen High. Students must register for the exam they wish to rewrite through their school counselor by March 16. All of the exams are “E-exams” and must be written on computer. A parent meeting has been scheduled for November 29 at 7pm to discuss these options in more detail.

*\$2500 scholarships will be awarded following the same criteria noted above to students whose marks are in the top 20% of *all* BC students who have met the qualifying criteria for the provincial scholarship.

*Please see the Handbook of Procedures for the Graduation Program for more details.

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/handbook/1112/handbook_of_procedures.pdf