



Policies and Procedures

Section Four – Curriculum and Instruction

406 – AWARDS

406.2 – Scholarships & Bursaries

Policy 406.2

The principal will establish a committee for the purpose of awarding KCS graduating students with scholarships, awards and bursaries. The committee will follow the procedures outlined in this policy.

PROCEDURES

The Scholarship Committee works to establish a fund, providing scholarships and bursaries to encourage students to pursue post-secondary education. Parents, faculty, private individuals, local businesses, the Parents in Action Committee and the Student Council have contributed to this fund. Each year, Kelowna Christian School students will be helped in preparing applications to access scholarships, awards and bursaries from KCS and through the Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarships Society (COBSS).

1. Specific criteria will be provided for all scholarships, awards and bursaries. In general, they will be on the basis of Christian character, achievement, and financial need.
2. Money will be paid to students once proof of full time enrollment from the educational institution has been received.
3. Scholarships, awards and bursaries may be claimed within an 18 month period once awarded to an individual. Unclaimed monies will be used for future scholarships, awards or bursaries.
4. Scholarship, award and bursary amounts and specifics will vary from year to year depending on available funds and the nature of each grad class. Details will be published in February of each year.
5. Students must fill out the appropriate application form, and submit it to the Counseling department by the deadline indicated.
6. The Scholarship Committee, chaired by the principal, will have 4 distinct parts:
 - i) Format Sub-committee : will meet prior to Christmas each year to determine the format and availability of awards for the current school year.
 - ii) Finance Sub-committee: will work throughout each school year to maintain the scholarship fund and pursue new donors.
 - iii) Application Sub-committee: will meet with students in February to assist them in the completion of the scholarship applications. This committee will also pre-rank all of the applications for COBSS. It will also arrange presenters for convocation and prepare write-ups for each of the award recipients.

- iv) Selection Sub-committee: will meet prior to the COBSS deadline to select KCS COBSS winners and will meet in April to do the selection of KCS awards and bursaries.
7. Decisions of the committee are final. It is understood that members of the committee will not be involved in the selection of awards that involve their children.

Awards Accessed Through Application to COBSS (2007/2008)

Benvoulin Christian Education Bursary

This award will be available to a Kelowna Christian School graduating student planning to attend an accredited Christian college, Christian university or Bible school. Primary considerations for this award will be Christian character and financial need. Academic achievement will also be considered.

Kelowna Christian School - College Award

This award will be available to a Kelowna Christian School graduating student proceeding to a diploma course at the college level. Primary considerations for this award will be Christian character and work ethic.

Kelowna Christian School - Athletic Award

This award will be available to a Kelowna Christian School graduating student who has excelled in school sports and is continuing with post-secondary studies. Primary considerations for this award will be athletic performance, sportsmanship and leadership.

Kelowna Christian School - Fine Arts Awards

These awards will be available to Kelowna Christian School graduating students who have excelled in the Fine Arts (Music, Drama or Visual Arts) at Kelowna Christian School and are continuing with post-secondary studies. Primary considerations for this award will be Christian character and demonstrated achievement in Fine Arts.

Joe Zwaagstra Memorial Award

This award is available to a Kelowna Christian School graduating student planning to pursue a course of studies that will lead to a career in the field of Engineering. Primary considerations for this award will be academic achievement and Christian character.

Kelowna Christian School - Health Sciences Award

This award will be available to a Kelowna Christian School graduating student proceeding to a career in the field of Health Sciences. Primary considerations will be academic achievement and Christian character.

Awards Accessed Through Application to Kelowna Christian School (2007/2008)

Kelowna Christian School - Missions Award

This award is available in support of a Kelowna Christian School graduating student who is actively pursuing “missions” as a response to God’s calling. Primary considerations will be Christian character and evidence of servant leadership in missions and/or outreach activities.

Awards Given by Kelowna Christian School (2007/2008)

Kelowna Christian School - Merit Award

This award will be available to a Kelowna Christian School graduating student who has consistently demonstrated the use of his/her God-given talents. Primary considerations for this award will be Christian character. Secondary considerations will be achievement in academics, athletics or fine arts.

Kelowna Christian School - Academic Excellence Award

This award will be available to a Kelowna Christian School graduating student of good character who has demonstrated academic excellence throughout his/her last two years at K.C.S. The criteria for calculating the academic average for this award are listed below:

Grade 11 - Academic average will be calculated on five subjects as follows:

Three constants: English 11, Christian Perspectives 11, Social.Studies.11

Choose one (highest mark): French 11, Math 11 (Principles or Applications)

Choose one (highest mark): Biology 11, Chemistry 11, Physics 11

Grade 12 - Academic average will be calculated on five subjects as follows:

Two constants: English 12, Christian Perspectives 12

Choose three (highest marks): French 12, Math 12 (Principles or Applications),

Biology 12, Chemistry 12, Physics 12, Geography 12, History 12,

Literature 12

Kelowna Christian School - Staff Bursaries

These bursaries will be available to a Kelowna Christian School graduating student proceeding to a post-secondary institution. Considerations will be primarily Christian character and financial need.

Additional scholarships, awards and bursaries are available from specific institutions and from the government (Provincial and District Scholarships, and Passport Scholarships).