**Scholarship Info Meeting – October 2025**

1. **Preparing to finish high school.**
* Ensure you have what you need to graduate (GC will check and notify you)
* Create a PERSONAL email and turn on your notifications!
* Think about saving your school files to your own device (resumes, portfolio items, etc.)
* Turn on Grad Team notifications when that team is activated!
	+ Grad meetings, Scholarship info, etc.
	+ Safe Grad planning
1. **Deciding on a career path…**
* Myblueprint.ca has great resources for researching career paths and corresponding education paths.
1. **Applying for college/university.**
* Ensure that you have all the courses you need to apply to the program you want!
* Most application portals will open in October. You will have to create a user profile – and then work through the application. There are multiple steps to applying – just get started!
* There are advantages to applying early! For instance, UM is offering an Early Application prize of $5000 if you apply by December 1st!
	+ If you plan to attend university in Fall 2026, you should apply before March 1st (to make application process easier and also qualify for Entrance Scholarships!
* You will be sent an offer of acceptance – there will be a deadline of when you need to ACCEPT this offer!
1. **Types of awards.**
* Scholarships – awarded based on achievement and/or specific requirements.
	+ Institutional Scholarships – awarded to applicants to that college or university
	+ Local Scholarships – awarded to local applicants (ie: MCI students only)
	+ National and Provincial Scholarships – open to anyone to apply.
* Bursaries and Grants – awarded based on need.
* Prizes – awarded based on entering a draw.
* Student Loans (Manitoba Student Aid)
	+ INTEREST FREE loans! Portions of these loans are often ‘forgiven’.
	+ Also offer grants (a financial award that does not need to be repaid)
1. **Finding scholarships and awards.**
* Morden Collegiate website – under Guidance tab.
	+ ***Local scholarship applications*** will open in MAY! But the info from last year is still up – look at the types of scholarships and what their criteria are.
		- What do you need to do NOW to apply in May?
	+ ***Common National and Provincial scholarships*** will be advertised here (with notices of new scholarships in the bulletin)
	+ Scholarship databases – thousands of scholarships!!
		- ScholarshipsCanada
		- Yconic
1. **Applying for scholarships.**
* Search scholarships that you meet the criteria for.
* Each scholarship application is different, but some common requirements are:
1. Complete application form by the deadline – contact info as well as info about your experiences, qualifications and/or volunteerism.
2. Provide references (sometimes reference letters are required).
	* + If asking individuals to write a reference letter on your behalf, be sure to give them plenty of notice (2+ weeks if possible).
3. Write a short essay about why you are the best candidate for the award.
4. **Questions**