

You want to go to College or University?

Some things to consider before you make any decisions?

- Do you know what you want to do when you “grow up”?
- What are you good at or what can you see yourself doing?
- Do you know what community you want to live in?
- Do you know what college or university you want to attend?
- How are you going to pay for it?
- Do you have a social insurance number?

Step 1: research to answer the above questions – look at programs, cities, or colleges/universities or book an appointment with Ms. Tetreau ASAP to talk over all of your options. The best place to research these things is My Blueprint:

How do students create an account?

- Visit www.myBlueprint.ca/sd82 → Click **Sign Up**
- Select their **School** → Click **Create Account**
- Select **Account Type:** “Student” → Click **Continue**
- Fill out the sign up form → Click **Create My Account**

Step 2: Make an account for Student Transcript Services. This is where you login and click all the schools you are applying to and send off your transcripts. (Save password in your phone)

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>

Step 3: Set up an account with Education Planner BC. This is where you will do most of your applications when you are ready <https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/> (save password in phone!)

Step 4: Attend a virtual tour of the college or University you are interested in. See Ms. Tetreau or check the college/Uni website for possible dates and times. **HSS is hosting UNBC virtual tour on January 19th, 2021 – see Ms Tetreau to sign up and participate ☺**

Step 5: be aware of deadlines and begin to make some decisions about plans.

- Large Money Scholarships are due between Sept and January
- Local Scholarship package is ready in March (prior to Spring break)
- Band Funding deadline is May 30
- Early Admissions deadlines are usually January
- Regular admissions deadlines vary but aim for April/May at very latest!

Step 6: Start collecting all that you need for your scholarship applications:

- At least one reference letter
- A personal essay expressing why you are awesome and deserving of money (May need to brush up on your writing skills)
- Some places require a resume – make sure you have a good one with cover letter ☺

Step 7: Book another appointment with Ms. Tetreau to help you narrow your options, sift through your thinking, help you through your application process, or proofread your essay.

A few things to know:

- It is easier to do applications online but you will need a way to pay for the application fee (access to a Visa card?)
- Yes, there is an application fee for most colleges and universities

Step 8: To apply for financial aid – student loans go here <https://studentaidbc.ca/>

Step 9: Celebrate your acceptance into the program of your choice and all the money you won on scholarships☺