



**Lord  
Tweedsmuir  
Secondary**

**Strategies  
for  
Winning  
Scholarships**

November 2017

## STRATEGIES FOR WINNING SCHOLARSHIPS

### Grade 10

- Start Volunteering – ***Making a Better World***
- Look at ***Lord Tweedsmuir’s Scholarship Website***
- Follow the ***Lord Tweedsmuir’s Social Media Accounts***
- Signup for Different Scholarship Accounts
- Check into Affiliations, Disability, Employer and Banking who offer scholarships
- Create a ***Spreadsheet of Scholarships Researched***
- Do a ***Scholarship Resume***
- Start writing your Scholarship Essay Questions

### Grade 11

- Continue Volunteering – ***Making a Better World***
- Join the ***\$ and Sense*** Scholarship Club
- Continue to look at ***Lord Tweedsmuir’s Scholarship Website***
- Continue following the ***Lord Tweedsmuir’s Social Media Accounts***
- Check into Affiliations, Disability, Employer and Banking who offer scholarships
- Continue to add Scholarships to your ***Spreadsheet of Scholarships Researched***
- Update your ***Scholarship Resume***
- Review / Edit your Scholarship Essay Questions
- June 15 - Submit Online your ***LT Scholarship Background Information*** (scholarship website)

### Grade 12

- September 15 – last chance to submit your Online ***LT Scholarship Background Information***
- Join the ***\$ and Sense*** Scholarship Club
- Re-Check ***Spreadsheet of Scholarships Researched*** for Deadline Dates
- Continue to look at ***Lord Tweedsmuir’s Scholarship Website***
- Continue following the ***Lord Tweedsmuir’s Social Media Accounts***
- Continue checking into Affiliations, Disability, Employer and Banking who offer scholarships
- Update your ***Scholarship Resume***
- ***Requesting Letters of Reference***
- Review again and Edit your Scholarship Essay Questions
- Know... How to ***Order Official Transcripts – See Career Centre***
- Have someone Proofread your entire Scholarship Application
- Apply for Scholarships before the Deadline
- Keep a Copy and Record of the Scholarship you are applying for

## CREATING YOUR GRAD LEGACY

When you **WIN** any Scholarships, go to the LT Scholarship website to let the Scholarship Committee know:

Name

Scholarship Name

Amount of Scholarship

Are you going to accept this Scholarship?

# LORD TWEEDSMUIR'S SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITE

## **Please Note:**

***While Every Effort is made to Ensure Accuracy of the website and the Information each Month, it remains the Student's Responsibility to Confirm the Information.***

## **Website:**

<http://kermodea.wixsite.com/ltscholarships>

### **1. Monthly Deadlines**

- a. Check each Month
- b. Read the Criteria - Know and Meet the Deadline
- c. Keep a **Spreadsheet of Scholarships**

### **2. Create a Scholarship Portfolio / Binder**

*Scholarship portfolios are crucial to the application process for all students because they allow students to keep accurate, crinkle free papers and up-to-date information.*

#### **Place to store:**

- a. Reference Letters
- b. Scholarship Resume
- c. Transcripts
- d. Essay Questions
- a. Copies of Scholarships you have applied for

### **3. Personal Information**

#### **How to write:**

- a. Scholarship Resume
- b. Writing essay questions and personal statements

### **4. Scholarship Background Information - Online Application Only - Application Due Dates:**

Grade 11 – earliest time to apply is June 15

Grade 12 – latest time to apply is September 15

### **Why submit the Online - Scholarship Background Information Application:**

1. Do you want to be emailed information on scholarships?  
*You will receive an email and reminders of scholarships.*
2. Do you want to qualify for certain scholarships such as; Loran Foundation Scholar, Cmolick, BC Excellence or Schulich?  
*The school's scholarship selection committee will notify all qualified candidates with the application process and school's deadline date.*  
**Please Note:** *Only the school's selected nominee will be contacted.*

**Note:** *Scholarship Background Information online application is NOT a Scholarship Application.*

### **5. Apply for In house Scholarships - Online Application Only -**

All applications must be submitted using the online process by the deadline date. No late applications will be accepted.

### **6. Creating your Grad Legacy**

When you **WIN** any Scholarships, go to the LT Scholarship website to let the Scholarship Committee know what you have won.

## LORD TWEEDSMUIR'S SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Are you are looking for information regarding, scholarships, post secondary, volunteering, career exploration programs, and job opportunities?

We have a few Social Media accounts to following:

### Instagram:

Name: LT Career News  
Username: lt\_career\_news

### Twitter:

Only Scholarship Name: LT Schoalrships  
Username: @LTScholarships

Careers Name: LTCareersNews  
Username: @CareersLT

## AFFILIATIONS, DISABILITY, EMPLOYERS, BANKING, & POST SECONDARY WHO OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS

To find more scholarships you might personally be eligible for, make a list of the following below and then research to see if they offer scholarships.

### 1. Affiliations

List any clubs, unions, religious organizations, associations (including military associations) you or members of your \*immediate family are involved in.

### 2. Disability

List any serious or chronic medical issues, disability or impairment that impacts you or your \*immediate family.

### 3. Banking

List all banks and credit union where you or your parents have an account.

### 4. Employers

List the companies you and your \*immediate family work for.

### 5. Post Secondary Institutions

List the Post Secondary institutions you want to attend. Find Entrance Scholarships and other you can apply for.

### 6. Consider signing up for

[www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)

[www.yconic.com](http://www.yconic.com)

*\*Immediate family – means parents, siblings or grandparents*



# LORD TWEEDSMUIR'S OUTLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP RESUME SAMPLE

This resume could be 5 – 7 pages long

## Your Name

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[Address, City, ST ZIP Code] • 555-555-5555 • [youremail@hotmail.com](mailto:youremail@hotmail.com)

## Education

2029 - PRESENT | LORD TWEEDSMUIR SECONDARY, SURREY BC

## Post-Secondary Goal

## School Volunteer Experience

ORGANIZATION	RESPONSIBILITIES – LEADERSHIP SKILLS	POSITION	DATES & HOURS

## Community Volunteering Experience

ORGANIZATION	RESPONSIBILITIES – LEADERSHIP SKILLS	POSITION	DATES & HOURS

## Work Experience /Employment

ORGANIZATION	RESPONSIBILITIES - LEADERSHIP SKILLS	POSITION	DATES

## Recognition, Awards and Certifications

AWARDS RECOGNIZE FROM WHOM	EXPLANATION	DATE RECEIVED

## Interests

## References (list 3)

Name?

What is their Position?

Phone Number?

# LORD TWEEDSMUIR'S REQUESTING LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Letter is Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ (allow 1 week minimum)

I am Requesting: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed copies of the Reference Letter.

Your Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name you go by: \_\_\_\_\_ Student #: \_\_\_\_\_

This Letter of Reference is for: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Scholarship, Job or Other: please list)

This Letter of Reference is to be written to:

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, Country, Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Or

Dear Scholarship Selection Committee:  
Title of Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_  
(you can add "General Scholarship" so the letter can be used for multiple scholarships)

## Include the Following with this Request:

1. **Scholarship Resume** or **Work Resume**
2. Copy of your Marks – use the **Student Transcript Service**
3. Copy of the **Employability 2000+ Chart** – Highlight sentences that best describe you
4. **Highlight** words below that best describe you:

Academic	Adaptable	Adversity	Caring	Cheerful
Dedicated	Enthusiastic	Excellent	Financial needs	Hardworking
Motivated	Punctual	Reliable	Responsible	Risk taker
Sincere	Sociable	Takes initiative	Team player	

5. **Add anything not covered in this Request:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## **LORD TWEEDSMUIR'S TIPS FOR ESSAY WRITING – WATCH YOUR WORD COUNT – DO NOT GO OVER –**

### **10 Tips for Writing Effective Scholarship Essays**

1. Read the instructions and make sure you understand them before you start writing.
2. Think about what you are going to write and organize your thoughts before you start writing.
3. Begin the writing process by writing an outline.
4. Make sure your outline touches on every aspect required per the instructions.
5. Write your essay by elaborating on each of the points in your outline.
6. Use clear, concise and simple language throughout the essay.
7. State your accomplishments without coming across as if you are bragging.
8. Make sure your grammar and spelling are impeccable.
9. Read the question again and then read your essay to be certain the essay addresses every point.
10. Have someone with strong writing and editing skills proofread the essay before you submit it.

### **Make sure your essay fits the theme.**

Let's say that you are applying for an award based on community service. In the application, you list all of the community service groups you belong to and service project awards that you have won. But in the essay you vent about your disgust for the homeless and how they should find jobs instead of blocking your passage on sidewalks. Your essay may be brilliantly conceived and written, but if its message is not in line with the rest of your application, it will create a conflicting message and keep you out of the winners' bracket.

So how do you know what the theme of your essay should be? The answer is actually quite simple and goes back to why you decided to apply for the scholarship in the first place: *The theme of your essay is almost always determined by the purpose of the award or why the organization is giving away the money.* Once you know this, you can choose which aspect of your life to highlight in the essay.

### **Answer the underlying question.**

Have you ever been asked one question but felt there was an underlying question that was really being asked? Maybe your mom asked you something like, "Tell me about your new friend Karen." But what she really was asking is, "Tell me about your new friend Karen. Are her 12 earrings and tattoo-laden arms a sign that you should not be spending so much time with her?" In most cases, the essay question is just a springboard for you to answer the real question the scholarship judges want addressed. An organization giving an award for students who plan to study business might ask, "Why do you want to study business?" But the underlying question they are asking is, "Why do you want to study business, and why are you the best future business person we should gift with our hard-earned money?"

For every scholarship you attempt to win, you will be competing with students who share similar backgrounds and goals. If you are applying to an award that supports students who want to become doctors, you can bet that 99% of the students applying also want to become doctors. Therefore, the goal of every scholarship judge is to determine the best applicant out of a pool of applicants who at first glance look very similar. Use the essay question as a way to prove to the scholarship committee you are the worthiest applicant for the award.

### **Share a slice of life.**

As you are explaining why you deserve to win, it is important you also reveal something about yourself. Obviously, in the short space of 500 to 1,000 words, you can't cover everything about you. This is why one of the most effective techniques is to share a "slice of your life." In other words, do not try to explain everything. Just focus on one aspect of your life. If you are writing about your involvement in an activity, it may be tempting to summarize your involvement over the years and list numerous accomplishments. However, this would sound more like a resume or a shopping list of your experience. However, if you focus on just one aspect of an experience, you could spend some time going below the surface and share something about who you are, which would be far more memorable. In other words, you would be sharing a slice of your life.



**LORD TWEEDSMUIR'S SCHOLARSHIP RECORD LOG**  
**USE THIS FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR**

<b>SCHOLARSHIP NAME &amp; REQUIREMENTS</b> <i>Always Keep a Copy</i>	<b>DEADLINE DATE DELIVERD / MAILED BY</b>	<b>DATE SENT &amp; HOW</b>
Name: _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Application</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Essay(s)</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Reference Letter(s)</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Transcript(s)</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Headshot</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Scholarship resume</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Other: _____</li> </ul>	<b>Deadline</b> Date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing by <input type="checkbox"/> Online Submission <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing by <input type="checkbox"/> Online Submission
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