

Frank Hurt Secondary



**Strategies
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Grade 10

- Start Volunteering – **See Mrs. De Conti in the Career Centre**
- Start thinking about how you can contribute to changing the world or enlightening us through thoughtful engagement **with Frank Hurt Clubs or through your community and then act!**
- Look at **Frank Hurt's Career Centre Website**
- Follow the **Frank Hurt's Social Media Accounts**
- Sign up for Different Scholarship Accounts
- Check into Affiliations, Disability, Employer and Banking who offer scholarships
- Create a **Spreadsheet of Scholarships Researched**
- Create a **Scholarship Resume**
- Start writing your Scholarship Essay Questions
- **Aim high in all your classes**

Grade 11

- Continue Volunteering – **See Mrs. De Conti**
- Start thinking about how you can contribute to changing the world or enlightening us through thoughtful engagement **with Frank Hurt Clubs or through your community and then act!**
- Continue to look at **Frank Hurt's Scholarship Website**
- Continue following the **Frank Hurt 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

Grade 12

- Check the **Frank Hurt Scholarship Section of the Grade 12 Team**
- Re-Check **Spreadsheet of Scholarships Researched** for Deadline Dates
- Continue to look at **Frank Hurt's Scholarship Website**
- Continue following the **Frank Hurt's Social Media Accounts**
- Continue checking into Affiliations, Disability, Employer and Banking who offer scholarships
- Update your **Scholarship Resume**
- **Requesting Letters of Reference - at least two weeks in advance**
- Review again and Edit your Scholarship Essay Questions
- **Sign up for the Student Transcript Service for each institution you apply**
- 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 FH Career Centre to let the Scholarship Committee know:

Name

Scholarship Name

Amount of Scholarship

Are you going to accept this Scholarship?

FRANK HURT'S CAREER CENTRE WEBSITE

Website: <https://frankhurtcareercentre.weebly.com/scholarships.html>

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

Why follow the Career Centre on Instagram:

1. Do you want to receive information on scholarships?
You will receive reminders of scholarships.

2. Do you want to qualify for certain scholarships such as; Loran Foundation Scholar, Cmolick, BC Excellence or Schulich?

4. Apply for Frank Hurt In-house Scholarships - Online Application Only - Date TBA in Spring

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

5. Creating your Grad Legacy

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

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

Follow us on INSTAGRAM!!!: Frankhurtcareercentre102

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

scholartree.ca

www.yconic.com

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

FRANK HURT'S OUTLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP RESUME SAMPLE

This resume could be 5 – 7 pages long

Your Name

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

Education

2029 - PRESENT | FRANK HURT 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?--

FRANK HURT'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:** _____

FRANK HURT'S TIPS FOR ESSAY WRITING

WATCH YOUR WORD/CHARACTER COUNT

DO NOT GO OVER (SPACES & PUNCTUATION COUNT!)

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.

FRANK HURT'S SCHOLARSHIP RECORD LOG
USE THIS FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR

SCHOLARSHIP NAME & REQUIREMENTS <i>Always Keep a Copy</i>	DEADLINE DATE DELIVERD / MAILED BY	DATE SENT & HOW
Name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Essay(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Reference Letter(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Transcript(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Headshot <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship resume <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	Deadline 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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FRANK HURT'S FINAL REVIEW

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- Questions please see the Career Centre

A great big thank-you to Ms. A. Kermode @ SD#36 for adapted use of this resource.

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REFERENCE LETTER REQUEST FORM



References are typically asked to speak to those activities for which he or she has direct knowledge of your involvement, so try to get mix of supporting references (teacher, boss, coach, community leader, etc.)

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Student Number: _____

Student email: _____

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS:

Name of Scholarship/Bursary: _____

Application Deadline: _____ Value \$ of Award: _____

Description of the Award (What are the Eligibility Criteria? What will the Selection Committee be looking for?)

Person to Whom the Letter Should be Addressed (if not known, use: Scholarship Selection Committee)

Name AND Address of the Organization Offering the Award:

Which of your qualities, skills or experiences do you feel should be highlighted?

What are your post-secondary plans? Do you have a career goal at this time?

Is there anything else you would like to mention that is important when composing this letter?

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Indicate any documents you are providing with this request

Resume / Transcript / Sample Work

Date Letter Needed: _____

Outline / Draft of Application Essay

Date of Request: _____