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Welcome to the June issue of the Claremont Career Centre Newsletter. Finally the last month of school and exam hurdles...you can now look forward to summer and the start of a new set of adventures. Here are a few suggestions on ways to make the year ahead successful.

CAREER PLANNING

Last month we introduced you to our new Career Exploration program 'Career Cruising' -- *Username: claremont Password: careers* -- and a new opportunity to explore post secondary options. For some of you this may have led to a change of direction and a new focus on your future. You may not remember the 'Focus Area' you chose when completing the Grade 11 Survey so take a few minutes to look at the descriptors on the Claremont Career Exploration page:

<http://www.claremont-school.ca/careers/CareerExp.htm>

Having a clear idea of what you are interested in will help you when searching for scholarships, internships and other opportunities that will help you achieve success in your career.

Once you have a plan, the next step is figuring out how you will pay for the training and education required. Unless you have a silent benefactor (don't we all wish), you will be considering student loans, employment savings, scholarships, internships or a combination of these options.

If you are thinking there is no such thing, as 'Free Money' you are most likely correct. There is however money to be earned / won that doesn't have to be repaid.

FINANCES

Scholarships - every year thousands of dollars in scholarship money is not applied for and goes unclaimed. Searching for scholarships will take time and some effort, but the payoff is worthwhile. Criteria that can be used to narrow your scholarship search includes:

- Employment (Yours, Your Parents, Aunts, Uncles, etc.)
- Career Field or Focus (Environment, Business, Medicine, etc.)
- Extra Curricular interests (Sports, Music, Cooking, etc.)
- Gender (an example would be girls going into engineering)

Depending on your high school marks, you may be eligible for an entrance scholarship. These can range in value from a few hundred to thousands of dollars. At most universities the entrance scholarship is automatically considered based on your university application and does

not require submission of a separate application (be sure to check to see if this is the case where you are applying) There are also scholarships for which you can apply separately and these are found on the financial assistance page of university/college websites. Links to scholarship information and databases can be found on the Career Centre website Scholarship page. www.claremont-school.ca/careers/scholarship.htm

BURSARIES -- are based primarily on financial need. Some bursaries may include other selection criteria such as extracurricular involvement, leadership, etc. Repayment is not usually expected for a bursary.

STUDENT LOANS & GRANTS -- the Canada Student Loans Program and the Canada Student Grants Program help by providing student financial assistance in the form of loans and grants to Canadians attending post-secondary education in most provinces and territories.
http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/learning/canada_student_loan/index.shtml

For more information and to begin lining up financial options that are the best fit for you visit the Claremont Career Centre website Post Secondary / Scholarship page. In September, check to see when the Scholarship Club is meeting and plan to attend on a regular basis.

COVER LETTER & CV / RESUME --You will need to prepare a cover letter and CV (personal resume) that you will personalize for each application. Prepare these documents early in the year. If possible create a rough draft of your CV in the summer and ask your scholarship advisor to help you 'polish it' early in your Grade 12 year. Attached is a CV vs. Resume document to help get you started on this process.

SUMMER JOBS

STUDENT SERVICES CANADA (SCCY) -- Victoria Service Canada Centre for Youth -- A Service Canada Centre for Youth (SCCY) is an office which targets young people, mostly secondary and post-secondary students. The primary mandate of an SCCY is to assist students in their search for summer employment by connecting them with local employers and helping them prepare their resumes. They are located at: 595 Pandora Avenue.

Enjoy your summer - keep safe and have fun!