

“INFORMATION NOTE”

UPCOMING CHANGES FOR THE 2006/07 SCHOOL YEAR “DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM”

Beginning in the 2006/07 school year, the District Scholarship Program name will change to the **“Dogwood District/Authority Awards”**. **The allocation of these awards will increase from approximately 500 awards to 3000 awards to be pro-rated to school districts/authorities, based on district enrolment.** The award amount will remain the same at \$1000 distributed in two parts (\$500 cheque and \$500 voucher).

The Dogwood District/Authority Awards will be available to graduates who excel in any of the following areas:

- **Fine Arts (Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music)**
- **Applied Skills (Business Ed, Technology Ed, Home Economics)**
- **Physical Activity (not limited to Physical Education)**
- **Second Languages (including Aboriginal Languages)**

As before, students must apply for these awards and must meet the criteria determined by the local district scholarship committee as well as meet the basic eligibility requirements outlined by the Ministry of Education (see Ministry of Education Handbook of Procedures).

A student will be able to receive both a Dogwood District/Authority Award and a Grade 12 Graduation Program Examinations Scholarship.

PLEASE NOTE: Given the significant increase in the number of Dogwood District/Authority Awards that will be available in 2006/07, districts, and schools, may wish to be proactive in their promotion of these scholarship opportunities.

For more information on the changes to this program, please visit the Awards website at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards.