

Awards and Scholarships

Full details outlining the criteria, eligibility and selection process are available on the school website.

1. Grade 9, 10, and 11 Scholastic Achievement Awards

Presented to students who have attained an average of at least 80% in their Grade 9, 10, or 11 year. Award certificates are handed out in late September or early October.

2. Blue and Gold Award

Presented to students who have demonstrated exemplary participation in school sports teams and clubs. Each school-based activity is awarded points based on the number of hours involved (eg: a full season sports team is worth seven points). Students earning 20 blue and gold points in a single year receive this award. Award certificates are handed out in late September or early October.

3. Commencement Awards and Scholarships

- a) The Guido de Brès Christian High School Participation Awards
Presented to graduating students who have accumulated a total of 70 blue and gold points by participating in extra-curricular functions and activities during their four years of attendance.
- b) The Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award
Sponsored by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario presented to a graduating student in recognition of exemplary volunteer involvement within the community.
- c) Governor General's Bronze Medal
Sponsored by the Governor General of Canada and presented to the graduating student who has achieved the highest academic average in their final two years of high school.
- d) Guido de Brès Scholarship – University Stream
Presented to three graduating students in recognition of exceptional scholarly achievement in six Grade 12 University or Grade 12 University/College preparation courses.
- e) Guido de Brès Scholarship – College Stream
Presented to three graduating students (whose high school courses are designed to lead to a college program) in recognition of exceptional scholarly achievement in grade 11 and 12 courses.
- f) Subject Specific Scholarships
Presented to the graduating students (one per award) who demonstrate exceptional aptitude in the indicated discipline. One award will be given in each of the following disciplines: Applied Skills; The Arts; Humanities and Social Sciences; Languages; Mathematics; and Science. Winners of other scholarships are not eligible for a Subject Specific Achievement Award.
- g) Academic Athletics Scholarship
Presented to the graduating student who had the highest grade 12 academic average while participating in at least two sports in their final year before graduation.
- h) The Dr. F.G. Oosterhoff Student-of-the-Year Award
Presented to the graduating student selected as having met a range of criteria related to an exceptional contribution to school life in general: acceptance of responsibility, involvement in a variety of activities, consideration for fellow students, a spirit of cooperation, a positive attitude toward school work, and exemplary modeling of what the school represents.

Commencement Awards and Scholarships Selection Process

Guido de Brès Christian High School annually acknowledges the accomplishments of many graduates in their use of their God-given talents. Below is a description of the criteria and selection procedure for each commencement award.

1. The Guido de Brès Christian High School Participation Awards

Description:

Presented to graduating students who have accumulated a total of 70 blue and gold points by participating in extra-curricular functions and activities during their four years of attendance.

Award:

Plaque

Selection Procedure:

1. Every year, blue and gold points are accumulated based on participation in school sports teams and clubs. Teachers submit their club or team lists to the vice-principal who maintains records of blue and gold points.
2. Accumulated totals are published in the school every year for students to ensure that all activities are included. Verification of totals cannot be done for previous school years.
3. Recipients are the graduates who accumulated 70 or more points in their four years of high school.

2. The Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award

Description:

Sponsored by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and presented to a graduating student in recognition of exemplary volunteer involvement.

Award:

Pin and letter of congratulations provided on behalf of the lieutenant governor of Ontario

Selection Procedure:

1. A list of students with the most community volunteer hours is compiled.
2. The principal and vice-principals determine the most suitable candidate based on the number of volunteer hours and the variety of organizations for which the candidate volunteered.

3. Governor General Bronze Medal

Description:

Sponsored by the Governor General of Canada and presented to the graduating student who has achieved the highest academic average in their final two years of high school.

Award:

Medal and letter of congratulations provided on behalf of the Governor General of Canada

Selection Procedure:

1. The student with the highest grade 11 and 12 course average is the recipient of this award. Courses of all streams are used to calculate the average.

4. Guido de Brès Scholarship – University Stream

Six Guido de Brès Scholarships will be awarded. Three will be awarded based on the criteria listed here; for the other three, see item #5.

Description:

Presented to three graduating students in recognition of exceptional scholarly achievement in six Grade 12 University or Grade 12 University/College preparation courses.

Award:

\$500 and award certificate

Selection Procedure:

1. All students who have taken at least six Grade 12 University or University/College stream courses are eligible.
2. Averages for students' six highest Grade 12 University or Grade 12 University/College marks are calculated.
3. Recipients are the eligible students with the three highest averages as calculated in step 2.
4. If a tie exists, the students with a third-place tie will each receive an award certificate and will share the value of the award.

5. Guido de Brès Scholarship – College Stream

Six Guido de Brès Scholarships will be awarded. Three will be awarded based on the criteria listed here; for the other three, see item #4.

Description:

Presented to three graduating students (whose high school courses are designed to lead to a college program) in recognition of exceptional scholarly achievement in grade 11 and 12 courses.

Award:

\$500 and award certificate

Selection Procedure:

1. All students who have taken fewer than six Grade 12 University or University/College stream courses are eligible.
2. Averages for students' grades 11 and 12 marks will be calculated.
3. Recipients are the eligible students with the three highest averages as calculated in step 2.
4. If a tie exists, the students with a third-place tie will each receive an award certificate and will share the value of the award.

6. Subject Specific Scholarships

Description:

Presented to the graduating students (one per award) who demonstrate exceptional aptitude in the indicated discipline. One award will be given in each of the following disciplines: Applied Skills; The Arts; Humanities and Social Sciences; Languages; Mathematics; and Science. Winners of other scholarships are not eligible for a Subject Specific Achievement Award.

Award:

\$300 and award certificate

Selection Procedure:

1. Recipients of a Guido de Brès Scholarship are not eligible for this award.
2. Students can receive at most one Subject Specific Award.
3. Eligibility is determined for each award as follows:

Applied Skills:

Recipients must have earned credits in at least two of the following courses: Clothing; Co-op; Construction Technology; Physical Education; and Food and Nutrition.

The Arts:

Recipients must have earned credits in at least three senior level courses in the Arts (Drama, Music or Visual Arts)

Humanities and Social Sciences:

Recipients must have earned credits in at least three senior level University/College or University stream Classical Studies, Geography, History or Philosophy courses and in two senior Religious Studies courses.

Languages:

Recipients must have earned credits in at least three senior level University stream English or French courses.

Mathematics:

Recipients must have earned credits in at least three senior level University stream Mathematics courses.

Science:

Recipients must have earned credits in at least four senior level University stream Science courses.

4. Determination of winners is as follows:

- a) The averages of eligible courses for each discipline are calculated for each student.
- b) The principal, vice-principal and department members for each discipline will meet to discuss the merits of eligible candidates and to nominate a candidate for that discipline's award. Normally, the candidate with the highest average of eligible courses will be the nominee though other contributions to the discipline (eg: tutoring, participation in clubs, etc) will also be considered. A second nominee will also be selected.
- c) The principal and vice-principals will determine the award winners. If a student is nominated for more than one award, normally he/she will win the award for the discipline in which he/she most clearly excelled beyond the other nominees.

7. Academic Athletics Scholarship

Description:

Presented to the graduating student who had the highest grade 12 academic average while participating in at least two sports in their final year before graduation.

Award:

\$300 and award certificate

Selection Procedure:

1. Students who were members of at least two school sports teams in their Grade 12 year are eligible for this award.
2. The recipient is the eligible student with the highest academic average of all their Grade 12 courses.

8. The Dr. F.G. Oosterhoff Student-of-the-Year Award

Description:

Presented to the graduating student selected as having met a range of criteria related to an exceptional contribution to school life in general: acceptance of responsibility, involvement in a variety of activities, consideration for fellow students, a spirit of cooperation, a positive attitude toward school work, exemplary modeling of what the school represents.

Award:

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Selection Procedure:

1. Teachers nominate students to a candidacy list at the second last staff meeting of the year.
2. At the last staff meeting, teachers vote for their top three choices from the candidacy list.
3. Points for each candidate (1st place vote: 3 points; 2nd place vote: 2 points; 3rd place vote: 1 point) are calculated. The recipient is the candidate with the highest point total.