

The Scholarship Report

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for Ontario high school students

TOP TIPS FOR WRITING A SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

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Scholarship providers receive hundreds of applications each year. How can you make YOUR essay stand out from the crowd?

Know your audience. Before you begin to write your essay, be sure to familiarize yourself with the school or scholarship sponsor's website. Read their mission / vision / *About* page. Make note of any key words and repeated phrases such as *citizenship, leadership, community, service, volunteerism*, etc. These words reveal what the organization values. Address these themes in your responses or essay.

Take note of the specific criteria for the scholarship candidate.

There will often be a list of traits that describe the ideal candidate. You may see adjectives such as *leadership, integrity, humanitarian*, etc. In your essay, *demonstrate (with examples)* how you possess these qualities. And be sure to read the eligibility requirements.

Read the biographies/essays of previous scholarship recipients if they are available. This will give you a good indication of what the organization looks for in a candidate.

Be personal and share your story. Emphasize your most meaningful and impactful experiences rather than listing a summary of *all* your activities. Explain the purpose -- the *why* -- that inspires you to do what you do, e.g., to help others, to care for the environment, etc. *Demonstrate* your passion by giving examples and sharing concrete results. For example, if you need to describe your involvement in leadership and/or in the community, be sure to include why you got involved, your responsibilities, the skills that were strengthened, the tangible results, and what you learned.

Describe any challenges and/or obstacles that you have overcome. Focus on what you learned from overcoming these challenges. How have they contributed to your personal growth and development of your skills?

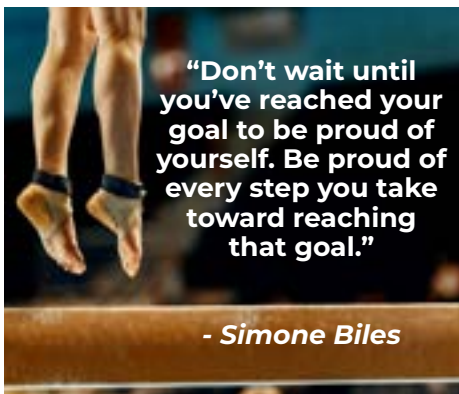
Expand on your long-term goals. Articulate a clear and concise list of future aspirations/goals. A student who has made plans for their future is more likely to win a scholarship than one who has no clear goals. Your past accomplishments can be a good predictor of future success.

Be meticulous in following the rules and regulations. Read the essay instructions carefully and take note of essentials such as word limit, font size, spacing, etc. For example, if a 500- 600-word essay is required, remain within those limits. Word count is very important! The scholarship committee will expect you to be able to adhere to simple instructions. If not, your application could be excluded from consideration.

Have someone proofread/edit your essay. A well-written essay, free of errors, is an important factor that is considered when applications are first reviewed. Make sure there is enough time before the application submission deadline to have another person proofread your essay. Incorrect spelling, structural problems in the essay, grammatical errors—all will hinder your chances of success.

Key takeaway:

The essay should give a glimpse as to who you are as an individual—your character, your passions, your goals, and plans. If you let your uniqueness shine through, your essay is sure to make an impression.



How to choose which school is best for you? See Waterloo's "Ultimate guide: [Choosing a university.](#)"

YOUR GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT CAN HELP WITH SCHOLARSHIP PLANNING TOO!

Guidance counselors can be excellent resources for information related to financial aid including scholarships, and in helping students navigate the scholarship process. Guidance counsellors also support students with the completion of scholarship packages as well as providing transcripts and letters of reference.

Many Guidance Departments keep students informed of available opportunities by posting information on bulletin boards and on the Guidance page on the school website or on sites such as *myBlueprint*, or via email or newsletter. Some schools use their Twitter accounts as a tool to distribute scholarship information.

One important element of the scholarship search is your own engagement with the guidance counsellor. Make an appointment with your Guidance Department and let them know you are actively looking for scholarships.

POSTSECONDARY EVENTS

🌐 ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES' REGIONAL FAIRS

Regions:

Ottawa and Eastern Regions: October 30-November 2

Southwestern Ontario: November 6-9

Central Eastern Ontario: November 13-16

* Confirm locations and dates before you go. Click [here](#) for details.

🌐 ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES' INFORMATION SESSIONS

Virtual presentations and Q&A sessions.

When: Wednesday, November 22, 5-7 p.m.

🌐 OTHER ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES' TOURS AND EVENTS

Ontario universities offer their own virtual / online events, tours, webinars, chats and more.

🌐 ONTARIO COLLEGE INFORMATION PROGRAM (CIP)

When: October 30-November 2 (see the CIP Schedule)

More College Information [here](#).



APSIP

The [Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information Program](#) (APSIP) will be touring across Ontario until December 2023. Check out the tour dates [here](#).

Other:

- Studying in the U.S.? [CollegeBoard](#) is a good place to start!
- Note: If you are interested in out-of-province schools, you must check the website of each individual school.



Resources:

ONTransfer.ca: A resource to help Ontario students understand their options. This free online tool explains how academic pathways work and identifies potential postsecondary options. ONTransfer.ca can also identify alternate entry points into programs or schools, which can be especially beneficial for students who may not initially meet admission criteria.

Studyonline.ca by Contact North | Contact Nord is “Ontario’s community-based bilingual distance education and training network, helping underserved residents in 1,300+ small, rural, remote, Indigenous and Francophone communities access education and training without leaving their communities.”

- Resources for French students [here](#).
- Resources for Indigenous students [here](#).

The Ontario Learn and Stay Grant

Students will be eligible to receive full, upfront funding for tuition, books, and other direct educational costs in exchange for years of service in specific professions and specific priority communities.

Learn

Choose to study in fields and professions that are needed the most. Grant applications for the 2024-25 academic year open in the spring, targeting 2,500 postsecondary students who in enrol in the following [programs and regions](#):

- [Nursing programs](#) in northern, eastern and south-western Ontario.
- [Medical laboratory technologist/medical laboratory sciences programs](#) in northern and southwestern Ontario.
- [Paramedic programs](#) in northern Ontario.

Serve and Stay

- Work in those fields and professions, and live and invest in the priority communities, where they are needed the most.
- Six months per year of fulltime studies or grant to loan conversion.

Students must complete their service commitment requirement in the region where they studied

NEWS

- As of fall 2024, [Canadian students from outside Quebec who come to study at a university in the province will pay twice as much in tuition](#). The minimum cost for out-of-province students to study in Quebec is currently set at \$8,992. With the change, it will go up to about \$17,000.
- The University of Toronto has launched a [tuition-free initiative for nine First Nations](#) whose territories include or are adjacent to its campuses in downtown Toronto, Mississauga, and Scarborough.
- [Western and Brescia University College have begun a process that will see Brescia fully integrate into Western’s campus](#) community as of May 2024. Effective immediately, [Brescia University College](#) will no longer be accepting students for Fall 2024. Programs in Family Studies and Foods and Nutrition will continue to be offered to students at Western.



The Canadian Coast Guard is a special operating agency within Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

- They work to ensure the safety of mariners in Canadian waters.
- They work to protect Canada’s marine environment.
- They support Canada’s economic growth through the safe and efficient movement of maritime trade.
- They help to ensure our country’s sovereignty and security through our presence in Canadian waters.

[Canadian Coast Guard College](#): Application to the Officer Training Program is open. Details [here](#). Apply by February 15.

See also [Canadian Coast Guard Careers](#).

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Paid Education with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF)

To qualify for paid education, you must first join the CAF. If you qualify for paid education, the CAF will pay 100% of your school fees. You will also receive a salary and benefits package that includes health, dental and vision. In exchange, you must complete a set number of years of service depending on the length of your program. ROTP Application deadline: [January 31](#).

NEW COLLEGE PROGRAM OFFERINGS

- [Crime Analytics](#)
- [Esports Marketing & Event Management](#)
- [Payroll and Bookkeeping](#)
- [Medical Laboratory Technology](#)
- [Artificial Intelligence with Machine Learning](#)
- [Utilities Systems Operator](#)
- [Bachelor of Health Administration \(Honours\)](#)
- [Cybersecurity Analytics](#)
- [Online and Distance Education](#)
- [Many joint 2+2-year programs in collaboration with universities](#)

OPEN HOUSE UPDATES

UNIVERSITY

[Algoma / Brampton](#): November 25, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

[Algoma / Sault Ste. Marie](#): November 18, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

[Toronto Metropolitan](#): November 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

COLLEGE

[Sault Aviation Day](#): November 17

*Be sure to check the Open House Schedules at your high school. Check with your Guidance Counselor if you need assistance.



“A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.”

– Albert Einstein



Why would a university be interested in my Grade 11 grades? Click [HERE](#) to find out.

5 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE

There are many universities and colleges that are opening their doors in November to highlight their campus to prospective students (and families). Here are 5 reasons you should consider attending an Open House, if possible:

1 To become familiar with the campus.

What looks good on paper may end up not being a good fit for you! Attending an Open House allows you to have an in-depth look at the campus: tour classrooms, residences, recreational facilities, etc. The environment you hope to spend the next few years of your life in matters – a lot!

2 To have an opportunity to ask questions.

Yes, you can call or email the university or college to have your questions answered, but most of us aren't going to do that. At an Open House, you can ask those questions – or questions that may come while touring the campus. Getting answers to your questions may help you in deciding which school to attend.

3 To learn more about a specific program of interest and courses offered.

Be sure to attend the academic/departmental information sessions of the program you're interested in. You can talk directly to faculty, staff, and current students from your program area.

4 To attend general information sessions.

At an Open House, presentations are held on many pertinent topics: student services (health and wellness, academic support, etc.), university life, career and co-op education, work-study programs, admission requirements, academics, residences, etc. You can find out how the school can support you.

5 To find out SPECIFICALLY about entrance scholarships, other scholarships, bursaries, and awards.

Attend the Financial Aid presentation or seminar. These are some of the questions you may want to ask:

- *Is financial aid available at your school?*
- *Where can I find out about scholarships and bursaries?*
- *Do I need to apply for them, or are they awarded automatically?*
- *How do I find out about part-time jobs on campus?*

If you are unable to attend an Open House, consider booking a tour of the campus at another time. There are universities and colleges that offer virtual (online) tours as well.

If you are attending an Open House, pre-register and plan your day to get the most out of it. As well, there may be giveaways offered and a chance to enter contests. Some universities even have a draw for free first-year tuition.

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER CHECKLIST for SENIOR STUDENTS

- ☑ Continue to research careers. Take free career quizzes online.
- ☑ Don't forget to check out the Open House Schedules.
- ☑ Narrow down the schools and programs that you are interested in. Research universities and their programs and scholarships at [OUInfo](#). Research colleges and programs at [ontariocolleges.ca](#). Compare costs of tuition, residence fees, and automatic awards at each school. Look into entrance scholarships. If you are looking for an apprenticeship, check out the [Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program \(OYAP\)](#).
- ☑ Submit applications to the postsecondary institutions of your choice. Submit your university application by January 15. Submit your college application by February 1.
- ☑ Focus on your exams. Grade 12 marks continue to matter.
- ☑ Set aside an hour or two each week to search and apply for scholarships and bursaries.
- ☑ Explore the Student Awards page on the university/college websites of schools you have applied to. Some schools have [early application deadlines](#) for Admission Awards. Contact the Financial Aid office at college/university if you need assistance.
- ☑ Let your guidance counselor know that you are interested in scholarships. New scholarship information is sent to them regularly.
- ☑ Update your resume and begin looking for summer employment mid-January.
- ☑ Save as much money as possible from work, gifts, etc.

APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY

The Base Application Fee for your initial three program choices is \$156. For each additional program choice beyond your first three choices, there is an Additional Choice Fee of \$50/choice.

The deadline to submit your completed application to the [Ontario Universities' Application Centre \(OUAC\)](#) is January 15. Note: The OUAC will continue to process applications received after this date and distribute them to the Ontario universities; however, specific university deadlines will apply.

Question: I already submitted my application but I made some mistakes. I am not able to get back into my application. What should I do?

Answer: Once your fee is received at the OUAC and your application has been processed (which may take 1-3 business days), you can make changes or corrections to your application online. You will need your username and password to access your application. See other [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) for more information.

COLLEGE

Apply to college through [ontariocolleges.ca](#). To begin your college application, you must *create an account*.

Complete and pay on or before February 1 to receive equal consideration for admission to programs. Apply to [highly competitive programs](#) on or before this date. After this date, colleges consider applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until programs are full. Applicants are encouraged to complete their applications well before the Equal Consideration Date, as website volumes on the online application are at their highest at this time. The [application processing fee](#) is \$125 (non-refundable). An application allows you up to five program choices, with no more than three choices at any one college.

See the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) for more information.



**CHECK YOUR
OUAC / OCAS PROFILE
FOR ACCURACY.**

Top 7 Things to do in a Gap Year

Gap Years are gaining popularity! Not sure what you want to study? Feeling burnt out? Want to try to start a business? Need to upgrade a mark? Not sure if post-secondary education is for you? TAKE A GAP YEAR!

Some people fear that they will waste their time if they choose not to go to school, so Michelle Dittmer, president of the [Canadian Gap Year Association](#) weighs in with the 7 things you can do on your gap year that will set you up for a successful and fulfilling future.

① Earn Money - School and life are expensive. Get a job to offset your student debt, afford textbooks, save up for a new computer or a trip to somewhere exciting! Working will fill your bank account AND your resume AND help you with the key skills employers are looking for!

② Get Experience - Volunteer, intern, get a job - not only will you build your resume, but you will also learn about different industries, build your network of people who can help you in the future and get to work on really interesting projects.

③ Find Direction - How are you supposed to know what you want to do for a career already? Take some time to make a better decision for your future - shadow people or do informational interviews with people in different jobs. Make a list of what you like and don't like and narrow down your options.

④ Start a Business - Sell your art, monetize your YouTube channel, become an influencer, launch a digital product, become a drop shipper - the options are endless. Trying to do this alongside being a student can be challenging and a gap year gives you space to invest your time and energy into getting it off the ground and seeing if it would be a profitable avenue for you.

⑤ Explore - The world is bigger than your hometown. Get out and see it, learn about other communities, and make memories that will last a lifetime. You can travel provincially, within Canada or Internationally on any budget!

⑥ Learn something new - Learn a language, learn to code, learn an instrument, learn to scuba dive, or learn how to bake the best cinnamon bun in town! Learning outside of the classroom is really fun. Sometimes what you learn is related to your future and sometimes it's for the joy of learning!

⑦ Have Fun & Recharge your battery - So many grads are feeling burnt out and uninspired. Spend some time doing things that energize and inspire you - return to hobbies you have not had time to keep up, learn a new hobby, take care of your mental health or make new friends. Spending time on yourself is not selfish - when you are happy, healthy, and excited you will show up better in every aspect of your life!



If you need any guidance on how to take a gap year, what it does to your college/university prospects or specific programs that can help you make the most out of your time, check out www.cangap.ca for tons of free resources!

*Check out [The CanGap Impact Fellowship](#): a 3-month project management program helping young Canadians (ages 17 - 25) get experience in turning ideas into real (and meaningful!) projects.”



SUMMER JOB SEARCH?

Many municipalities (townships, villages, towns, cities) post their summer jobs for 2023 in December! Job application deadlines may be early in the year. Check [your local](#) government website.

For tips on how to write a high school resume, see [High School Student Resume Template](#).

10 PLACES TO FIND SCHOLARSHIPS TO FUND YOUR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

When searching for scholarships, you must know where to look. While many scholarships are listed in *The Scholarship Report*, it is not an exhaustive list. Universities and colleges offer awards, bursaries, and scholarships. But there are other places to consider too. Most scholarship deadlines will be coming up in the next few months. Here are some ideas to get you started on where to find money for university or college:



1. Employers & unions: Many large corporations offer scholarships to employees and their dependents as part of their employee benefits package. They believe in investing in education and one of the ways they do so is by sponsoring scholarships. [Costco](#), for example, offers up to \$2,500 scholarships for tuition and fees to employees and their children. Ask your parents/guardians to check out their employee handbook. If they belong to a union, there may be scholarships available there as well. If you are working part-time, ask your manager about scholarships.

2. Sports, Clubs, and Youth Programs: Do you participate in any extra-curricular activities outside of school? [Curling Canada](#), [Golf Ontario](#), [Sea Cadets](#) -- all of these organizations offer scholarships. Look at your areas of activity and inquire about awards for students.

3. Civic organizations and service clubs: The local and provincial chapters of many national organizations and clubs often sponsor scholarships as a way of serving their community, e.g., [Kin Canada](#), [Kiwans Foundation of Canada](#), etc. Ask your parents if they are involved in any local chapters of national organizations. Contact the local branches / chapters in your area for more information on any scholarships or bursaries they may offer.

4. Professional associations: What program do you plan to enroll in? Beginning with your program of interest is a good place to start the search. Chemistry? The [Chemical Institute of Canada](#) offers a high school scholarship. Retail? The [Retail Council of Canada](#) offers scholarships. Horticulture? Check out the [Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation](#). Scope out scholarships in your area of study.

5. Banks, Credit Unions, and Insurance Companies: You may be aware of the national scholarships sponsored by banks that have large award amounts – the [TD Scholarships for Community Leadership](#) is just one example. Many credit

unions give substantial awards for postsecondary education based on your service to the community as well, e.g., [Libro Students Awards](#). Also, insurance companies may offer scholarships to the children (or even grandchildren) of their policyholders, e.g., [Johnson Insurance](#).

6. Heritage: Many organizations offer scholarships to those who share the same background. There are scholarships for [Portuguese](#) students and [Muslim](#) students, for example. Look at your family background and search accordingly.

7. Specific to you: There are awards specifically for female students ([Zonta International](#)), students with disabilities ([Justin Eves Foundation](#)), and students who have experienced obstacles and yet persevered ([The Terry Fox Humanitarian Award](#)). Financial hardship is a main consideration for other awards, e.g., bursaries. There are scholarships for students who are involved in leadership, volunteerism, and sports. And there are always scholarships for those who demonstrate academic excellence.

8. Provincial government: The Ontario government provides financial assistance for “[under-represented learners](#)” in the form of grants or bursaries to help pay for postsecondary education. There are grants for Indigenous students, current and former individuals in Extended Society care, first-generation students, students with disabilities, students who are Deaf or hard of hearing, and students who receive financial support through the Ontario Disability Support Program or Ontario Works.

9. Online: Search online using key words such as “scholarship,” “bursary,” “Ontario,” and the program you are pursuing, e.g., nursing. Be sure to narrow the search to provincial and local scholarships. The odds of receiving a “smaller” scholarship are much greater than receiving a national award.

10. All-in-one websites: There are websites that maintain an extensive list of scholarships for one group, e.g.: [DisabilityAwards.ca](#), [Indspire](#) for Indigenous students, and [Black Business Professional Association \(BBPA\) Scholarships](#).

BONUS TIP: Talk to your guidance counsellor. Let them know you are interested in scholarships. They may be your BEST resource!

GRADES 10 & 11

🌐 Shad Canada

[ShadOnCampus](#) (live in residence) and [ShadAnywhere](#) (digital campus). Open to Grades 10 and 11 students who are community-minded, creative, engaged, curious and want to make an impact in Canada and the world. [International baccalaureate students](#) can qualify for the creativity aspect of CAS through Shad participation. Shad is a month-long summer program focused on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) and entrepreneurship. Students stay in residence at one of twenty-two Canadian [universities](#). SHAD [partners](#) with organizations across Canada who help connect them with students who are traditionally underrepresented in STEAM. If you are enrolled with one of these Shad-verified partners, you can apply for a scholarship via the application. Shad Canada offers financial support for full or partial program fees to those with demonstrated financial need. Click [here](#) for financial support opportunities and ideas. Note: Several universities offer [exclusive scholarships and awards](#) to Shad alumni.

Deadline: December 1.

Inquiries: info@shad.ca.

🌐 Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada (AFOA): Nutrien Indigenous Youth Financial Management Awards

Open to youth of Indigenous ancestry in Grades 11 and 12 pursuing postsecondary in areas of finance, management, commerce, accounting, or related fields. The applicant must be academically successful.

Award: Three recipients will receive a five-year scholarship package valued at over \$5,000; complimentary travel to the AFOA National Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba, March 2024.

Deadline: November 30.

Inquiries: youthawards@afoc.ca.

Applications for the [Horatio Alger Association of Canada National Entrepreneurial and Canadian Scholarships](#) open November 1!

Scholarships of up to \$10,000 are awarded to full-time students in Grade 11 with financial need (family income under \$65,000) who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, a commitment to pursue a post-secondary education, a desire to contribute to society, and a good academic record.



GRADE 11

🌐 The Bronfman Fellowship

You do not need to be a top student to be a Bronfman Fellow; innovative thinking and creativity are valued more than a high GPA. Every year, twenty-six intellectually curious North American teenagers are selected as Bronfman Fellows. The Fellowship begins with a free, immersive summer program, and continues with monthly virtual experiences and a winter and spring seminar in the U.S.

Eligibility: The Bronfman Fellowship is open to high school students who are in the 11th Grade in the fall of 2023, who self-identify as Jewish, and who are from the United States or Canada. The application consists of various short responses, short essays, a one-minute video, your school transcript, and recommendations with at least one from a teacher. See [Frequently Asked Questions](#). The Application Roadmap and registration for virtual information sessions for prospective applicants and their parents are [here](#). Apply [here](#).

Deadline: December 4.

Deadline for receipt of letters of recommendation and transcript: December 6.

Inquiries: Call 518-660-3090 or email help@bronfman.org.

***Q&A Session: November 13, 8 p.m.** Register [here](#).

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO AWARDS

🌐 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards

Nomination required. Organizations that have been in existence for a minimum of five years may submit a nomination. This award recognizes volunteers for providing committed and dedicated service to an organization. Youth (24 years old and under) are recognized for two or more years of continuous service. The nominee must be a resident and volunteer in Ontario.

Deadline: November 15.

🌐 Government of Ontario: David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility: Youth Leadership Award

*Scroll down website page for info.

Nomination required.

Open to a young person (16-24) who shows leadership and commitment to developing the potential of people with disabilities. They must be a resident of Ontario.

Award: \$5,000.

Deadline: December 3.

UPCOMING ONTARIO UNIVERSITY AWARD DEADLINES

🌐 The Lester B. Pearson International Student Scholarships

Nomination required.

Awarded annually, these scholarships recognize outstanding students from around the world, including international students studying at Canadian high schools. This is U of T's most prestigious and competitive scholarship for international students. To become a Pearson Scholar, you must be nominated by your school and apply to undergraduate studies at the University of Toronto. Ask your school guidance counsellor about being nominated. Pearson Scholars are students who have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement and creativity, who are accepted as leaders within their school, and who have the potential to contribute to the global community in the future. They can be distinguished from other students who may have equally high academic results by virtue of their breadth of interest, intellectual energy, and impact on the life of their school and community. Each year approximately thirty-seven students will be named Lester B. Pearson Scholars. To be eligible to apply, you must be an international student, i.e., a non-Canadian requiring a study permit; currently in your final year of secondary school or have graduated no earlier than June 2023; and beginning your studies at the University of Toronto in September 2024.

Award: The Pearson International Scholarships cover tuition, books, incidental fees, and full residence support for four years. The scholarship is tenable only at the University of Toronto.

Pearson Scholarship Deadlines:

- School nomination deadline: November 30.
- Student OUAC application deadline: December 15 (Please note this is the final date to apply to the OUAC; however, it is recommended you apply for admission through the OUAC before November 7 as spaces in programs fill up quickly and popular programs may close early.)
- Student scholarship application deadline: January 15, 2024.

Inquiries: pearson.scholarship@utoronto.ca

🌐 Queen's University Major Admission Awards (MAA)

Students who demonstrate superior academic ability, creative and original thinking, involvement in school or community activities, and proven leadership can apply for a Queen's Major Admission Award. Financial need is also a consideration for some of the Major Admission Awards. The Awards are available to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada. You may attend high school in Canada or internationally. Students taking a

gap year can still apply for the Major Admission Awards. Note: To be considered for a **Chancellor's Scholarship**, the applicant must receive a **nomination** from the high school principal where they most recently attended fulltime study. The number of nominations per high school is based on graduating class size: Less than 250: One nominee; 250-499: Up to two nominees; 500 or greater: Up to three nominees.

Awards: Varying (\$36,000-\$60,000 over four years).

Deadline: December 8.

Note: Apply for admission to Queen's via the Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC) no later than November 20 to ensure that you gain access to Queen's Solus Student Centre to submit your MAA application by December 8. It takes four-six business days to receive your SOLUS login from the date you applied to Queen's University.

Inquiries: admission@queensu.ca.

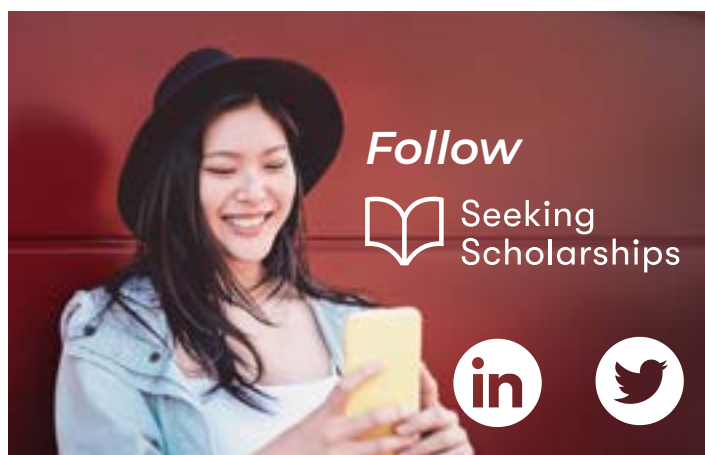
🌐 University of Guelph's Top Scholarships

Worth \$42,500 each, the following scholarships recognize academic excellence and leadership:

- [The President's Scholarships](#) recognize students entering with a minimum of 90% admission average who have made significant leadership contributions to their schools and communities.
- [The Lincoln Alexander Chancellor's Scholarships](#) recognize students entering with a minimum of 90% admission average who have made significant leadership contributions to their schools and communities. In addition, students must be Indigenous; or a person with a disability; or a racialized person.

Award: Scholarships are \$8,250 annually for four years, plus one \$9,500 stipend for a full-time summer research assistantship position after first year.

Deadline: January 25.



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH

🌐 TD Scholarship for Indigenous Peoples

Open to First Nation, Metis and Inuit who are members/citizens of a First Nation, Metis, or Inuit community.

Applicants must be permanent residents of Canada.

Eligibility: Applicants must have applied for a full-time minimum two-year program with an approved institution for the next year of study; or are enrolled in, or accepted to, a full-time minimum two-year program with an approved institution for the next year of study.

Award: Twenty-five \$60,000 scholarships.

Deadline: November 6.

🌐 Export Development Canada (EDC): Indigenous Community Leader Scholarship.

Open to an Indigenous student (First Nations status or non-status, Métis, or Inuit).

Eligibility: Applicants must be pursuing post-secondary studies at a Canadian college, university, or CÉGEP for the 2024-2025 academic year in a field related to EDC's work: Business and finance; Operations and administration; Information technology; or a field related to the support of Indigenous Peoples. **Required:** Minimum 70% cumulative average and commitment to the advancement of Indigenous communities in Canada or abroad.

Award: \$5,000.

Application opens November 19 (February deadline).

🌐 Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada (AFOA): Nutrien Indigenous Youth Financial Management Awards

Open to youth of Indigenous ancestry in Grades 11 and 12 pursuing postsecondary in areas of finance, management, commerce, accounting, or related fields.

Eligibility: The applicant must be academically successful. **Required:** Proof of Indigenous ancestry; essay (maximum 1500 words); two letters of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counsellor, etc.

Award: Three recipients will receive a five-year scholarship package valued at over \$5,000; complimentary travel to the next AFOA National Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba, March 2024.

Deadline: November 30.

Inquiries: youthawards@afoa.ca.

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recognize students entering with a minimum of 90% admission average who have made significant leadership contributions to their schools and communities. In addition, students must be Indigenous; or a person with a disability; or a racialized person.

Award: \$42,500.

Deadline: January 25.

🌐 Indspire's Building Brighter Futures: Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

Open to First Nation, Inuit, and Métis students.

- Post-Secondary Education Programs: Full and part time studies in college, university, skilled trades, apprenticeships, and technology programs.

- Post-Secondary Education – Skilled Trades: Part-time or full-time certificate or diploma programs (one month to four-year programs).

Awards and bursaries are assessed on financial need, merit, and giving back (community involvement).

Scholarships are assessed on merit. (There are very few scholarships.). There is one application for all

Indspire's bursaries, scholarships, and awards (with a few exceptions). You only need to complete the

application once to be considered for all applicable

bursaries, scholarships, and awards. **Required documents:**

Indigenous card (front and back); grades; proof of enrollment (registered in classes), and a letter from an

Indigenous organization regarding educational funding. See [FAQ](#).

Award: \$1,000-\$30,000.

Deadlines: February 1, August 1, November 1

Inquiries: education@indspire.ca.

The following document will be available on December 1:

Major University & College Awards

🌐 Nelson Awards for Indigenous Students

Open to Indigenous Grade 12 students.

Eligibility: The applicant must be attending college, university, technical college, or apprenticeship program and enrolled in education or an education-related certificate, diploma, or degree program. Must demonstrate a commitment to their community, and academic achievement.

Deadlines: February 1; August 1; November 1.

🌐 RBC Future Launch Scholarship for Indigenous Youth

Open to students between 15-29 years old who are Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Inuit, or Métis. The applicant

must be a permanent resident or citizen of Canada.

Eligibility: The applicant must demonstrate strong academic performance and community involvement, and financial need. They must have applied or are currently attending an accredited post-secondary institution in Canada. They must maintain a full course load that leads to a recognized degree, certificate, or diploma.

Award: Twenty \$10,000 scholarships for each per year.

Deadline: February 7.

🌐 **First Robotics Canada Indigenous Scholarship**

Open to First Nation (status and non-status), Inuit, and Métis high school students from an Indigenous community. They must have participated on a FIRST Robotics Competition, FIRST Tech Challenge or FIRST LEGO League team. They must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada or have protected person status.

Eligibility: The applicant must be enrolled fulltime in a high school. They must be eligible to enroll, and agree to enroll, as a fulltime student pursuing a major or degree program in an accredited college or university, or an apprenticeship starting no later than the fall semester of 2024. A Social Insurance Number and an essay (500 words or less) are required.

Award: To be announced.

Deadline: March.

Inquiries: joanna.whitney@firstroboticscanada.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BLACK YOUTH

🌐 **Export Development Canada (EDC): Black Community Leader Scholarship**

Open to Black students.

Eligibility: The applicant must be pursuing post-secondary studies at a Canadian college, university, or CÉGEP for the 2024-2025 academic year in a field related to EDC's work: Business and finance; Operations and administration; Information technology; or a field related to the support of the Black community. Required: Minimum 70% cumulative average and must demonstrate involvement in organizations or causes that are important to the Black community in Canada or abroad.

Award: \$5,000.

Application opens November 19 (February deadline).

🌐 **University of Guelph's Top Scholarships** [The Lincoln Alexander Chancellor's Scholarships](#)

recognize students entering with a minimum of 90% admission average who have made significant leadership contributions to their schools and communities. In addition, students must be Indigenous; or a person with a disability; or a [racialized person](#).

Award: \$42,500.

Deadline: January 25.

SCHOLARSHIPS

NOTES:

- Scholarships are in order of application deadline.
- Scholarships that require a nomination are tagged as such.
- Scholarships with an (O) beside them are for Ontario students only.
- Continue to check the websites for the most current information.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES AND REMINDERS

🌐 **Children's Aid Foundation of Canada**

Eligibility for scholarships and bursaries: Open to a current Crown (permanent) Ward or you have been a Crown (permanent) Ward for at least one year or you are eligible for Continued Care and Support for Youth.

Scholarships: \$2,500-\$5,000. You must be planning to attend a postsecondary institution either full time, or on

a reduced schedule due to an accommodation, for a full academic year. Deadline: March.

Bursaries: A maximum of \$2,000 for full-time students and up to \$200 per course for part-time students.

Registered at or planning to attend school at an accredited post-secondary school. [The bursary program is now open for applications](#).

Inquiries: grants@cafdn.org.

🌐 **(O) OSSTF (Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation)/FEESO: Student Achievement Awards in Honour of Marion Drysdale**

Theme: *This Hits Different – The Power of Language*.

Award: Eight provincial winners will be awarded \$1,000 and will be invited to the Annual General Meeting in Toronto in March.

Deadline: November 15.

🌐 **TD Scholarships for Community Leadership**

Award: Twenty renewable scholarships up to \$70,000 for college or university (up to \$10,000 for tuition per year;

and \$7,500 a year for living expenses) for four years.

Deadline: November 15.

*Note: Each of the five regions (Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies/Northwest Territories/Nunavut, and British Columbia/Yukon) will have at least two scholarship recipients.

🌐 **Terry Fox Humanitarian Award**

Award: Twenty \$28,000 awards.

Deadline: Applications and all accompanying documents must be submitted online by December 1. In cases where the applicant is unable to complete an online application due to extenuating circumstances, all materials must be mailed together and sent directly to the office and postmarked by the deadline.

🌐 **The Launchpad Scholarship by Tundra Technical**

Open to Grades 10-12 who identify as women.

Required: A 1500- 2000-word essay or project plan to create an innovative solution to a national problem for the Government of Canada.

Award: Ten \$1,000 scholarships.

Deadline: December 3.

*Join the [mentorship event](#) on November 9 where you will “get insider info on how to win the scholarship. Those who attend in person get this heads-up info!”

🌐 **BURGER KINGSM Scholars Program**

Awards: \$1,000 to \$50,000. Most scholarships are up to \$1,000.

Deadline: December 15. Application submissions will be capped at 50,000.

🌐 **French for the Future National Essay Contest**

Awards: Ninety-eight \$1,000-\$20,000 awards offered in partnership with [fifteen postsecondary institutions](#).

Deadline: December 15.

*See also [ACUFC's Bursaries for Postsecondary Studies in French as a Second Language](#).

🌐 **International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE): Walsh/Di Tolla/Spivak Scholarship**

Open to the child (a high school senior) of a member in good standing of the IATSE.

Award: Ten \$10,000 scholarships.

Deadline: The application form must be postmarked by December 31. The ancillary documents may be sent in by February 15 of the following year.

🌐 **SOS Safety Scholarship**

Award: One \$5,000 scholarship.

Deadline: December 31.



JANUARY DEADLINES

🌐 **Canadian Angus Foundation Legacy Scholarship**

Open to Canadian Junior Angus Association members (18+). Applicants must be in their final year of high school or already enrolled in college or postsecondary education at the time of the application deadline.

Eligibility: The top five applicants are selected based on academic achievement, leadership and community involvement, and industry knowledge.

Award: Five awards: \$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$500 for runners-up.

Deadline: January.

🌐 **Federation of Portuguese Canadian Business and Professionals (FPCBP) Scholarships**

Open to a student who was born in Portugal or at least one parent is of Portuguese origin. The applicant must be a Canadian citizen (or Permanent Resident).

Eligibility: The applicant must be enrolled in Grade 12, College, or University. They must be a “well-rounded student” with strong academics while exhibiting a passion for community involvement.

Award: \$1,000-\$3,000.

Deadline: January.

Inquiries: scholarship@fpcbp.com.

🌐 **The Home Depot (THD) Homer Fund Orange Scholars Scholarships**

Open to a high school senior, etc.

Eligibility: The applicant must be planning to enroll as a fulltime student in an accredited two-or four-year college/university or trade school in the fall of 2024. They must be a dependent of a full- or part-time hourly associate of The Home Depot and its subsidiaries, The Home Depot Canada, etc., at the time of application. Their parent/guardian must have been employed by The Home Depot for at least one year as of November 1, 2023, and they must be employed with The Home Depot at the time awards are announced. Scholarships are offered based on financial need and academic performance, as well as community involvement and leadership.

Award: Up to 1,000 scholarships \$2,500 USD.

Application opens November 1 (January deadline).

🌐 (O) PPAO (Police Pensioners Association of Ontario) Memorial Scholarship

Open to a child, grandchild, or great grandchild of a PPAO member in good standing. Eligible members include deceased members who were in good standing.

Eligibility: The scholarship is awarded based on the applicant's academic achievements; community service; leadership; other degrees, diplomas, credits, certificates, personal awards, and achievements. A 300- 400-word essay is required. Apply [here](#).

Awards: Up to six \$2,000 scholarships and two \$3,000 meritorious service scholarships.

Deadline: January.

Inquiries: scholarships@ppao.ca.

🌐 Union Plus Scholarship Program

Open to current and retired members of participating unions, their spouses, and their dependent children.

Eligibility: The applicant must be attending or planning to attend a college, university, trade, or technical school. A GPA of 3.0 or higher is recommended. Applicants for scholarships are evaluated according to academic ability, social awareness, financial need, and appreciation of labour.

Award: 199 awards ranging from US\$500-\$4,000.

Deadline: January 31, noon.

FEBRUARY DEADLINES

🌐 Schulich Leader Scholarships

Nomination required.
Every high school in Canada can select one graduating student.



Nominees must be enrolling in an eligible STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Math) program at a [Schulich partner university](#). They must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

Eligibility: The applicant must demonstrate academic excellence AND leadership, charisma, and creativity. Strong consideration will be given to students with financial need. They must be entrepreneurial-minded and intending to pursue a career in one or more of the following focus areas: technology, engineering, entrepreneurship, and business enterprise, or applied scientific research. Students who focus on activism, intend to become a practising physician and/or medical researcher, or who intend to become a professor and conduct theoretical research will not be considered.

Required: The application includes two reference letters, two essays, four short answers, a copy of an up-to-date transcript, credit counsel summary, or detailed academic report, and a headshot profile image. See [FAQs](#). If you are interested in this scholarship, speak to a guidance counsellor. Apply [here](#).

Award: One hundred scholarships awarded across twenty partner universities: \$120,000 scholarships are designated for students pursuing an engineering degree, and \$100,000 scholarships are designated for students pursuing a science, technology, or math degree.

Deadlines: Nomination deadline: January 30. The deadline for the scholarship application, including reference letters, is February 20.

🌐 Children of Deaf Adults (CODA) International: Millie Brother Scholarship

Open to hearing children of deaf adults.

Eligibility: The scholarship must be used for an undergraduate program. A two-page double-spaced essay is required.

Award: \$3,000 scholarships.

Deadline: February.

Inquiries: scholarships@codainternational.org.

🌐 Export Development Canada (EDC)

Various scholarships.

Eligibility: Applicants must be pursuing post-secondary studies at college, university, or CÉGEP for the 2024-2025 academic year in a field related to EDC's work: Business and finance; Operations and administration; Information technology. Various requirements including a minimum 70% cumulative average.

Award: \$5,000.

Application opens November 19 (February deadline).

🌐 First Canada: Don Bossi Innovation and Leadership Canadian Scholarship

Open to students who participate on a FIRST Robotics Competition or a FIRST Tech Challenge team.

Eligibility: The applicant must be pursuing a fulltime major or degree program starting in fall 2024 at college or university in the fields of entrepreneurship or innovation leadership. The ideal candidate would be someone who has demonstrated strong leadership traits, innovative thinking and wants to motivate positive change in the community and in business. A brief essay (500 words or less) is required.

Award: \$5,000.

Deadline: February.

Inquiries: joanna.whitney@firstroboticscanada.org.

🌐 **Foresters Financial Competitive Scholarships**

Open to dependent children/grandchildren of an eligible Foresters member.

Eligibility: The applicant must be enrolling in a minimum two-year fulltime undergraduate program. They must demonstrate “exceptional leadership through community service and a commitment to academics.” They must have completed a minimum of two hundred hours of community service within the last twenty-four months. Preference will be given to applicants who have been involved in volunteer activities that support family well-being, including playgrounds/public space cleanup, children’s health/wellness and other projects connected to family togetherness, and who have held leadership roles in their community service. Political or direct religious volunteer/community service activities are not accepted. An essay of 250 words or less is required.

Award: Up to three hundred scholarships of up to \$2,500; renewable.

Deadline: February.

Inquiries: Foresters@applyISTTS.com.

🌐 **(O) Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA): Dairy Farmers of Ontario (DFO) and Wally Scott Bursaries**

Open to active players aged up to 20 years who have been a registered player in the OMHA for a minimum of five years.

Eligibility: The player must be attending a post-secondary institution for their first year during the 2024- 2025 school year. They must maintain a standard of academic excellence. They must be active in their local community programs (any community sport or social program).

Award: Five DFO Bursaries will be awarded at \$8,000 each and up to two Wally Scott Bursary recipient(s) can receive between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Deadline: February.

Inquiries: mitchell.machtinger@omha.net.

🌐 **A&E Canadian Classroom Lives That Make a Difference Essay Contest**

Open to students in Grades 5-12.

Eligibility: Write an original essay in English supporting your choice of an important person who had a significant impact (positive or negative) on Canadian society in 2023. Essays do not necessarily need to be written on a person of Canadian origin. The essay must be 300 words or less. Essays will be judged based on the following criteria: Persuasiveness (1/3); Creativity (1/3); Relevancy (1/3).

Award: Prizes will be awarded in two grade levels (Grades 5-8 and Grades 9-12) and two winners will be selected in each level. Grand prize: \$1,500; first prize: \$1,000. (The Classroom/Department of Teacher wins \$500.).

Deadline: February.

🌐 **IAFF (International Association of Fire Fighters) Survivor Scholarships**

Open to sons, daughters, or legally adopted children of fire fighters killed in the line of duty.

Eligibility: The applicant must be planning to attend a university, accredited college, or other institution of higher learning. Awards are based on financial need, aptitude promise, and demonstrated academic achievement.

Award: \$2,500 each year. The scholarships may be renewed up to four consecutive years.

Deadline: February 1.

Inquiries: scholarships@iaff.org.

🌐 **Kin Canada Bursary**

Open to a fulltime student in the process of graduating from high school or currently studying or registered at a postsecondary institution, e.g., University, College, Trade School, or Technical Institute. They must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

Eligibility: The applicant is evaluated on high ideals, community and school involvement, knowledge of Kin Canada, and financial need. Apply to the Kinsmen, Kinette, or Kin Club closest to you. ([Find a Club](#).)

Award: \$1,000 bursaries.

Deadline: February 1.

Inquiries: Email bursary@kincanada.ca or call 800-742-5546 for more information.

🌐 **SME Education Foundation**

Open to students who are pursuing manufacturing and engineering related courses at two- or four-year technical schools, colleges and universities within the U.S. or Canada. They must be a permanent resident or citizen of the United States or Canada.

Eligibility: The applicant must have a minimum of 2.5 GPA or higher. Note: Canadian students do not complete the FAFSA form (completed by US students only) and therefore do not qualify for the need based, renewable scholarships.

Award: A \$20,000 award for students pursuing a bachelor’s degree and a \$5,000 award for students pursuing an associate degree.

Deadline: February 1.

Inquiries: foundation@sme.org.

🌐 **(O) Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada (CHF Canada) Awards, Grants & Scholarships: Diversity Scholarships**

Open to those who live in a CHFT member co-op.

Eligibility: The applicant plans to attend a recognized college or university in the fall. Those working towards a certified apprenticeship in a trade may be eligible for a scholarship. Check with your co-op federation.

The applicant must have used their knowledge and understanding of diversity to make a positive contribution

to their school and/or community. They must demonstrate a financial need. A 500-word essay is required.

Award: \$5,000.

Deadline: **CHFT:** February 13, 4 p.m.; **PHCHF:** March 20. **COCHF:** June; **GHCHE:** April. **CHASEO:** June.

Inquiries: Denise McGahan at 1 (800) 644-3949 or email dmcgahan@chfcanada.coop. Or email your regional Co-op Federation.

🌐 **SMART (formerly SMWIA–Sheet Metal Workers’ International Association) Scholarships**

Open to SMART Members and their dependents. High school seniors and college students must be enrolled in a fulltime undergraduate program at an accredited college or university. A one-to-two-page essay is required. Canadian applicants do not need to submit an ACT or SAT score.

SMWI Scholarship Fund

Amount: Thirty-four awards of \$6,000 per year for up to four years of undergraduate study. Two awards may be for Mechanical Engineering for a total scholarship of \$54,000 for up to five years of study.

SMWI Scholarship Foundation

Amount: Twenty \$4,000 awards; Two \$5,000 awards.

Deadline: Submission of requests for applications must be done by February 15. Completed applications and their related materials must be postmarked no later than March 1.

Inquiries: scholarship@smart-union.org.

🌐 **SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarships**

Open to students located anywhere in the world. The applicant must be a [Student Member](#) of SPIE. Note: High school and pre-university students can receive a one-year complimentary membership.

Eligibility: The applicant must be enrolled in an optics, photonics, or other related program, e.g., physics, electrical engineering, photonics technician, for the entire school year beginning in fall 2024. The key criterion in evaluating and ranking applications is the “prospect for long-term contribution that the granting of an award will make to the field of optics, photonics or related field.” All scholarship applications are judged on their own merit. High school and pre-university students will be judged relative to other applicants with similar educational backgrounds. An essay (400 words or less) is required. See [FAQs](#).

Award: Seventy-eight awards ranging from \$3,000-\$11,000.

Deadline: February 15, 5 p.m. PST.

Inquiries: scholarships@spie.org.

🌐 **Ottawa-Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OCAPDD): Silver Spring Farm Scholarship Award**

Open to students pursuing a degree or diploma in the

field of social sciences or human services at any of the following: Algonquin College, Carleton University, La Cité collégiale, University of Ottawa, Saint Paul University, or St. Lawrence College.

Eligibility: Volunteer service and academic performance are considered.

Award: Two \$2,500 scholarships.

Deadline: February 28.

Inquiries: ocapdd@ocapdd.on.ca.

MARCH DEADLINES

🌐 **Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians (AEBIC) Scholarship Program**

Open to blind, deaf-blind, or partially sighted students studying (or planning to study) at a postsecondary institution. Selection is based on Academic performance; Community involvement; Overcoming adversity.

Award: Four-six \$1,000 scholarships.

Deadline: March.

Inquiries: scholarship@blindcanadians.ca.

🌐 **COPA (Canadian Owners and Pilots Association): Neil J. Armstrong Ab-Initio Scholarship**

Open to Canadians between the ages of 15 and 21 who are considering flight training or a career in aviation.

Eligibility: Applicants are assessed on their academic record, accomplishments, aviation-related goals, participation and demonstrated contributions to their community, such as involvement with COPA, and financial need.

Award: \$14,000.

Deadline: March.

Inquiries: reception@copanational.org;

copa@copanational.org.

*See other scholarships on the website.

🌐 **CWA CANADA John Belcarz | Dan Zeidler Memorial Scholarships**

Open to current members of the union, their spouse/partner, children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled in, or about to enter, a fulltime postsecondary program. An essay of up to 1,000 words or a Video, audio, or multi-media presentation up to five minutes in length is required.

Award: Two \$1,000 awards.

Deadline: March.

Inquiries: info@cwa-scacanada.ca; info@cwacanada.ca.

*Also see the Joe Beirne Scholarships.

🌐 **James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship**

Open to outstanding high school seniors who are the sons, daughters, and financial dependents of Teamster members (including the BMWED, BLET, GCC and TCRC) and who are planning to attend a four-year college

or university.

Academic Scholarships: Areas that are reviewed by the Scholarship Committee include but are not limited to the following: Academic Accomplishments, Community Service, Letters of Recommendation (if a Canadian or Puerto Rican applicant), and Financial Need.

Award: \$10,000 scholarships.

Applications open in November (March deadline).

Inquiries: ContactUs@applyISTS.com or

JRHfund@gmail.com.

🌐 **Canadian Association of Principals (CAP): Student Leadership Award**

Nomination by Principal required. (See Application Forms under the *Awards* tab.). Open to graduating students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and who are in the top 20% of their class.

Award: Seven \$250 scholarships.

Postmark deadline: March 1.

🌐 **Chemical Institute of Canada Student Scholarships: Lionel High School Chemistry Scholarships**

Open to students who plan to enroll in a BSc program in chemistry, biochemistry or chemical engineering at a Canadian university, a pre-university two-year program, or diploma program at a college or Cégep, within the year of graduation from high school. The applicant must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. Selection is based on achievement in school, interest in chemical-related studies, and financial need.

Award: \$4,000 per year for up to four years.

Deadline: March 1.

Inquiries: awards@cheminst.ca.

🌐 **International Brotherhood of Boilermakers**

Open to high school seniors. They must be dependents of Boilermaker members in good standing.

Eligibility: The applicant must be entering their first year of academic study at a degree-granting accredited college or university within one year of their high school graduation. A 350- to 500-word typed essay on a chosen topic is required. Scholarship awards are based on academic achievement, extra-curricular and outside school activities, career goals, and performance on a typed essay.

Award: Up to \$5,000 awards.

Deadline: March 1.

🌐 **Diabetes Hope Foundation (DHF) Scholarship Program**

Open to young adults in their final year of high school. This is a combined merit and needs based scholarship that celebrates the resiliency of youth with type 1 diabetes.

They must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident.

Eligibility: The applicant must have received care for type 1 diabetes by a Canadian pediatric health care

team or physician for a minimum of 1 year preceding the application. They must be entering an accredited post-secondary institution in the fall of 2024. The scholarship is awarded to students who exhibit excellence in balancing the many responsibilities associated with diabetes management while also overcoming personal challenges, maintaining strong academic standing, enriching their lives through community involvement and extra-curricular activities, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. An essay (maximum 500 words) is required.

Award: \$3,000 scholarships.

Deadline: March 4, 11:59 pm PST.

Inquiries: heather@diabeteshopefoundation.com.

🌐 **St. John Ambulance (SJA) National Bursary Program**

Open to SJA volunteers who have vision, goals, and a commitment to serving their community.

Eligibility: The applicant must demonstrate academic achievement and financial need, leadership qualities and a commitment to high standards in their chosen field of study, dedicated to upholding the ideals of SJA, and a desire to continue to serve their community through SJA. Contact your local council or branch office to get an application form.

Deadline: March 15.

Inquiries: info@sja.ca.

🌐 **Leonard Foundation Financial Assistance Program**

Nomination (see [here](#)) required.

Open to students enrolled/enrolling in their first-degree program in college/university and who have true financial need. (Those still living with their families and whose gross total annual income exceeds \$60,000 are not likely to be accepted.). Applicants must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants. Preference may be given to children of ordained clergy, licensed teachers, Canadian military personnel, graduates of a Canadian Military College, members of the Engineering Institute of Canada, and members of the Mining and Metallurgical Institute of Canada. Personal qualities showing a potential for leadership are required. Successful applicants are expected to obtain employment during free time, and participate regularly in athletic, fitness or military activities.

Award: One hundred \$1,000/\$1,500 awards.

Deadline: [Contact a nominator](#) for an appointment/interview by March 31.

Inquiries: pamsauro@gmail.com.

🌐 **(O) TRREB's (Toronto Regional Real Estate Board's) Past President's Scholarship**

Open to graduating Ontario high school seniors pursuing postsecondary education.

Eligibility: The applicant must have a record of academic achievement. A range of leadership qualities and community involvement are required. A 1500-word essay is required.

Award: Two \$5,000 first place scholarships. Two \$2,500 second place scholarships. Two \$2,000 third-place awards. Two \$1,500 fourth-place awards.

Applications open in February (March deadline).

Inquiries: comms@trreb.ca.

🌐 **Girl Guides of Canada's (GGC) National Scholarship Program**

Open to students who are currently registered members of GGC.

Eligibility: The applicant must be pursuing postsecondary education at a recognized college, university, or vocational school.

Award: Several scholarships (\$2,000 for fulltime study; \$1,000 for part-time study).

Deadline: March.

Inquiries: scholarship@girlguides.ca.

🌐 **Canadian Right of Way Education Foundation High School Scholarship**

Open to a graduating high school student entering studies impacting the right of way profession including (but not limited to) law, surveying, engineering, planning, real property appraisal, public administration, or environmental studies.

Eligibility: The applicant must have a 75%/B+ average in the most recent three years of study. A 250- 500-word essay is required.

Award: \$2,500 (The scholarship amount may be awarded to one applicant or split among more than one applicant.).

Deadline: March.

🌐 **Desjardins Foundation Scholarships**

Open to a member of the Desjardins Ontario Credit Union. The applicant must be a Canadian citizen or have permanent resident status.

Eligibility: The applicant must be enrolled in part-time or full-time vocational training or a college/CEGEP or university program at a recognized institution for fall 2024. They will be assessed according to their community involvement; academic perseverance; financial need; personal interests; etc.

Award: \$1,000 for vocational training. \$1,500 for college. \$2,000 for university.

Deadline: March 31. Apply [here](#).

Inquiries: fondation.desjardins@desjardins.com.

🌐 **GeoTab's The Brandon Walli "Phones Down, Eyes Up" Memorial Scholarship**

Open to Canadian students graduating secondary school in 2024 who are pursuing a post-secondary education in the arts, creative arts, or music.

Eligibility: The applicant must have community and volunteer experience, and a minimum 65% average.

Award: Three \$2,500 awards.

Deadline: March.

🌐 **Connex Foundation Scholarship**

Open to those who are pursuing a career in the skilled trades (e.g., electrical, plumbing, welding, HVAC, or carpentry), construction, and/or facility management industry. They must be a United States or Canadian citizen or permanent legal resident.

Eligibility: The applicant must plan to enroll as a fulltime student. They must have a cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. The applicant must have a history of active involvement in extra-curricular activities, community service, or work experience.

Deadline: March 10.

Inquiries: foundation@connexfm.com.

🌐 **RE/MAX 2023 Quest for Excellence®**

Open to a Grade 12 student attending high school in the 2023-24 academic year.

Eligibility: The applicant must submit a 1,200-word essay on one of three given themes.

Award: Forty scholarships of \$1,000 each.

Deadline: March 13, 11:59 p.m. PT.

Inquiries: questforexcellence@remax.ca.

🌐 **The Ronnen Harary Click Foundation: Full Potential Scholarship**

Open to students with learning challenges. Learning Challenge (Disorder): A persistent impairment in literacy and/or math. It is a disorder that affects people's ability to either interpret what they see and hear or link information from different parts of the brain. This does not include learning challenges caused primarily by other disorders such as: ADHD; Autism Spectrum Disorders; Brain injury; Mild intellectual disability; or other psychiatric conditions. The applicant must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

Eligibility: Students must be planning to enter in fulltime studies towards a first bachelor's degree or diploma at an Ontario university or college. Students with a learning challenge/disorder who are on a reduced course load are considered as full-time students for the purpose of this scholarship application if the student is considered full-time by their institution.

Award: Up to twenty \$4,000 entrance scholarships over the course of four years and tutoring support valued at \$5,000.

Deadline: March 14, 1 p.m.

Inquiries: info@fullpotentialscholarship.ca.

OPPORTUNITIES

🌐 Ukrainian Credit Union (UCU) Scholarships

Open to students who have been a member of UCU for at least two years.

Award: Various awards ranging from \$1,000-\$3,000.

Applications open February 13 (March deadline).

Inquiries: marketing@ukrainiancu.com.

🌐 JA (Junior Achievement) Canada National Scholarships and Awards

Open to students that participate in Junior Achievement programs. Each award has specific eligibility requirements.

Awards: \$1,000-\$3,000.

Deadline: March.

Inquiries: Click [here](#).

*[JA Central Ontario Awards—Company Program Scholarships and Awards](#)

Students and advisors are nominated for various individual and group awards. Information will be shared with Company Program students directly.

🌐 (O) State of Kindness Scholarships

Open to students in their final year of high school. They must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident and a resident of Ontario.

Eligibility: The applicant must be entering fulltime studies in either a bachelor's degree or diploma/certificate program. They must have a cumulative average of 75% for Grade 11 and available Grade 12 marks. They must have faced financial adversity. Required: An *About Me* essay (maximum 750 words).

Award: Up to \$15,000/year tenable for up to four years of funding.

Deadline: March 31.

🌐 Manulife Life Lessons Scholarship

Open to students (17-24) who have experienced the death of a parent or legal guardian who had little or no life insurance coverage. They must be a permanent resident of Canada.

Eligibility: The applicant must be currently enrolled in, or have been accepted to, a college, university, or trade school. A 500-word essay or a three-minute video is required.

Award: \$10,000 scholarships.

Deadline: March 31, 8 p.m.

Inquiries: ManulifeLifeLessons@manulife.ca.

🌐 The NCWIT (National Center for Women & Information Technology): Aspirations in Computing High School Award (Canada)

Open to Canadian high school students in Grades 9-12 who self-identify as women, genderqueer, or non-binary. They must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident and have a Canadian Tax Identification or Social Insurance Number. Award recipients are selected based on their aptitude and aspirations in technology and computing, as demonstrated by their computing experience, computing-related activities, leadership experience, tenacity in the face of barriers to access, and plans for post-secondary education.

Deadline: November 6.

*[Canadian Educator Award](#): Any educator (formal or informal), counselor, administrator, mentor, or other influencer who supports the computing-related passions of 9th-12th Grade women, genderqueer, or non-binary students is welcome to apply if they meet the criteria [here](#).

🌐 Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC): The School Health Grant for Youth

Are you a Canadian youth between the ages of 13 and 19 and in Grades 9 to 12? Do you want to promote healthy living in your school? This grant is an opportunity for youth across Canada to receive up to \$3,500 to create and lead a project that encourages and promotes healthy living in their school under one or more of these areas:

- Substance use and related harms
- Positive mental health and well-being
- Healthy eating and nutrition
- Physical activity

This is a great way to empower you to put your ideas into action and give back to your community while also gaining valuable life skills such as leadership and project planning.

Deadline: November 6, noon.

🌐 House of Commons Page Program

The Page Program is open to forty students graduating from high schools across Ontario. These students must be starting fulltime or part-time studies in September 2024 at one of [the eligible post-secondary institutions in the national capital region](#). The applicant must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident. They must be able to orally communicate fluently in both official languages. More eligibility requirements are listed [here](#). Successful applicants go to Ottawa to work as Pages in the House of Commons. Pages are expected to work a minimum of fifteen hours per week during the period when the House is sitting. They must also be available for duty when the House is not sitting or if the House goes into extended hours. Pages are [paid](#) \$18,400 over a twelve-month



period as well as a sum of \$1,200 paid at the end of the employment period. Pages who come from outside the National Capital Region usually obtain rooms in the university residences. See [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Deadline: November 8.

Inquiries: Click here for contact information or email pageprog@parl.gc.ca.

🌐 (O) Legislative Assembly of Ontario: Youth Arts Program

Each year, youth ages 12-18 are invited to display their works of art throughout the Legislative Building. Teachers/instructors can apply on behalf of their class, or individual young artists can apply on their own. Artwork can fall under a wide range of media. Schools/organizations can submit up to five pieces for display, and individual artists can submit one piece.

Deadline: November 8.

Inquiries: youtharts@ola.org.

🌐 Vimy Inspires Tomorrow

"History education meets leadership education."

Open to youth ages 13-17 to develop and utilize their leadership skills. Youth can submit an idea for a project that benefits their community to be eligible for history- and project-based leadership training and a \$2,500 project grant.

Deadline: December 11.

Inquiries: programs@vimyfoundation.ca.

🌐 Fighting Blindness Canada's (FBC) Young Leaders Mentorship Program

This program is designed to connect Young Leaders living with vision loss with mentors who will offer support in sessions over a nine-month term. The sessions will be designed to help mentees develop their skills, improve confidence, and learn from their mentor's experiences. To participate, you must be between 15-30 years old; living in Canada; living with vision loss; have access to a computer and internet connection; able to attend nine one-hour sessions over Zoom.

Deadline: January.



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🌐 Canada Service Corps service placements

Canada Service Corps service placements are volunteer opportunities offered to youth aged 15 to 30 through CSC-funded national and regional organizations across Canada. You gain valuable skills and experiences while contributing to your community.

Or . . .

[Get money](#) to lead your own project: Canada Service Corps Micro-grants -- small cash payments provided to youth applicants between the ages of 15 and 30 to carry out innovative, youth-led community service projects.

🌐 Part-Time Job Opportunities with Young Canada Works (YCW)

Looking for a part-time job during the school year? YCW offers short-term jobs and paid internships to students and graduates, including part-time opportunities during the school year. Through job and internship programs, students and graduates can put their skills to the test, build career equity, earn an income, and get started on the right career path. The YCW program creates approximately 2,300 job opportunities per year in the fields of heritage, arts, culture and official languages. Apply [here](#).

COMPETITIONS

🌐 Ingenious+ Youth Innovation Challenge/ Rideau Hall Foundation

Ingenious+ is a national youth innovation challenge. The goal is to give students aged 14 to 18 the opportunity to innovate for good, and to share their strategies to address problems at home, across Canada, and around the world. This includes improving upon a product, service, or process or creating something new that solves a problem or makes the world better. Projects can be entrepreneurial, scientific, social or community innovations. There are [five themes](#) to choose from. You must have parental or legal guardian permission to participate.

Award: \$1,000 regional awards. 13 Young Innovators have the opportunity to be named a National Finalist in their region and receive an additional \$1,000.

Deadline: February 22.

Inquiries: ingeniousplus@rhf-frh.ca.

🌐 **Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes**

Each year, the Barron Prize honors 25 outstanding young leaders ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and the environment. The Barron Prize welcomes applications from public-spirited young people who are, on the April 15 deadline, between the ages of 8 and 18. They must be permanent residents of and currently residing in the U.S.A. or Canada, and currently working on an inspiring service project or have done so within the past twelve months.

Prize: Twenty-five winners are awarded \$10,000 each to be applied to their higher education or to their service project. If there are groups of two on one project, they split the prize.

Deadline: April 15, 5 p.m. MT.

Inquiries: admin@barronprize.org.

CONTESTS

🌐 **Royal Canadian Legion National Youth Remembrance Contests**

Canadian youth and children honour Canada's Veterans and foster the tradition of Remembrance through visual art, writing, and video. The contests include multiple levels of competition.

- **Poster Contest and Rabbi Bulka Literary Contest:** Participants compete first at the Legion Branch local level with winning entries moving forward until they reach the provincial level. Entry deadline: Varies by location. Contact the Legion Branch nearest you for their submission deadline.

- **Video Contest** participants compete first at the Legion Command provincial level. Submissions must be entered online by December 15.

Provincial finalists of all contests then move forward for final judging by the Legion National Foundation to determine the national winners.

Award: All winners at the national level are awarded a cash prize for their work. First Place Senior Winners are eligible for a trip to Ottawa and an opportunity to represent the youth of Canada at the National Remembrance Day Ceremony.

*The Royal Canadian Legion created a teaching guide to assist schools in teaching students about the tradition of Remembrance and our military history. To download, click [here](#).

🌐 **Lance ton balado Contest – practicing oral French by creating a podcast**

Students are invited to come together in groups of up to three people and create a podcast in their preferred style. Many prizes are to be won: travel to, and participate in, the Salon du livre de l'Outaouais, podcast production with an expert, etc. Visit the [SLO \(Salon du livre de l'Outaouais\)](#) website for details.

Deadline: January 12.

🌐 **The CityNews 680 Junior Traffic Reporter Contest**

Open to a student between Grades 1-12 who loves news, entertainment, and showcasing their personality! All you have to do is record yourself reading the traffic report (on the website) and hit submit! Don't forget to stand out by being as creative as possible! See Full Contest Rules [here](#).

One winner will be crowned in each of the following grade categories: 1-4, 5-8, and 9-12.

Each winner will receive the following prizes:

- \$500 for the student
- \$500 for the student's school
- A chance to be featured on-air and online at Toronto.CityNews.ca
- And go on a tour of the newsroom and meet some of the CityNews 680 reporters!

Deadline: November 12.

🌐 **Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Ontario: Concours d'art oratoire – Canada's French Public Speaking Contest**

Open to students in Grades 9-12 who are enrolled in a French as a Second Language program in one of the sixty English-speaking Ontario school boards. Students from an Independent School can participate, but the school will be required to hold a competition within their geographic area, with at least two Independent Schools participating, to determine one representative per category from Independent Schools. There are Impromptu and Traditional Divisions. Please be advised that a student can ONLY compete in either the Traditional or the Impromptu Divisions, not both.

There are four categories – Core, Extended, Immersion and Francophone. Winners from the Grade 11-12 categories win scholarships and move on to the CPF National competition. Overview [here](#). Rules [here](#). Evaluation form (rubric) [here](#). Prizes [here](#). Scholarships [here](#). FAQs [here](#).

Deadlines:

Step 1: [School Board Registration](#): Online submissions must be received by Nov. 17.

Step 2: [School Board List of Finalists](#): Online submissions must be received by Apr. 3.

Step 3: If a student has won at their school board final, they may move on to the provincial concours on May 4 at York University's [Glendon Campus](#) in Toronto. The parent/student must register by Apr. 5.

- **Volunteer Opportunities for students** [here](#).

Inquires: For additional information, please get in touch with Stéphanie Filippi at projects@on.cpf.ca.