

Scholarships 2023-2024

Planning for post-secondary life is an exciting time – but the costs can be intimidating. One way to supplement your income while at school is through a scholarship. Scholarships are financial awards that do not need to be repaid.

****GUIDANCE ONLY ADVERTISES SCHOLARSHIPS THEY RECEIVE. IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO RESEARCH FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES & TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS BY THEIR RESPECTIVE DEADLINES. STUDENTS ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE TO INFORM GUIDANCE OF THEIR INTENT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARDS THAT REQUIRE SCHOOL NOMINATION.**

SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

Guidance Google Classroom – SCHOLARSHIP Section: has many resources for you to explore. In particular, check out “The Scholarship Report” which posts reports throughout the year detailing upcoming scholarships.

TLSS email: many scholarships are emailed to you. Read carefully to follow nomination and/or application instructions.

The Internet: contains many valuable tools to help you look for scholarships. Do lots of google searches, and be sure to check out these awesome resources as well:

- www.scholarshipscanada.com
- www.studentawards.com
- www.yconic.com
- www.schoolfinder.com

myBlueprint: Go to the “Guides” section of your account, then select “Paying for Post-Secondary” to read the section about “Scholarships.” There are tips about searching for scholarships and for writing a strong scholarship application.

TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

University/College Scholarships: Post-secondary schools offer numerous individual scholarships. Check the “Awards” or “Scholarship” section of your school’s website or calendar. Also, when you accept at an institution, the school should send you additional scholarship information. If they don’t, call the Awards/Scholarship Department.

Automatic Academic Entrance Scholarships: Many institutions automatically offer scholarships for students with averages over 80%, 85%, 90%, etc. For these you do not generally need to apply.

National Scholarships: Students across the country apply for these awards, such as the Loran Award, or Schulich Scholarship. As such, the competition is quite intense. Lengthy applications and extensive volunteer/leadership/community experience is usually required however the payoff can be immense.

Private Organizations: Many businesses and organizations sponsor awards. These may be local, regional or national.

Local Community Scholarships: Local organizations (eg. local service clubs and religious organizations), draw applicants from the immediate community. They are thus generally more accessible to students. Check your employers and your families employers as well as many offer scholarships to employees.

Athletic Scholarships: In Ontario opportunities and amounts vary for athletic scholarships from school to school. You should contact teams or coaches directly to learn about opportunities. If you are hoping for an athletic scholarship in the U.S., go to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) website www.ncaa.org to learn more.

Twin Lakes Scholarships: Twin Lakes provides scholarship awards each year are decided by a TLSS committee and do not require an application. They are presented at June Commencement.

TIPS

As you move forward with a scholarship application, remember to:

- Start early. Many applications are long and may require supplemental pieces (e.g. an essay, reference letters or a personal profile).
- Check your school email and the Google Classroom for announcements about scholarships that have been shared with the Guidance department.
- Check deadlines – they are all different, but they are all strictly enforced.
- Request transcripts, if needed, from Ms. Buckland in Guidance. Give her advance warning of several days.
- Select scholarships carefully. Applying to too many scholarships can get overwhelming, so find those that best suit your strengths and experiences.
- Provide reference letter writers with *lots* of advance notice, and give them as much information about the scholarship criteria. It also helps if you can share with them information about your achievements and activities. A good letter takes time and requires thoughtful detail.
- Read all instructions carefully – applications can have different rules. (e.g. black ink or handwritten only). Failing to adhere to these rules can eliminate you from the list of eligible applicants.
- Proofread your application and have someone else review it too. Check for clarity, grammar and detail.
- Keep a copy of all your applications. You may be able to reuse an essay or profile.
- Sell yourself- Don’t hold back here. Share everything that makes you special.