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Graduating Students: Postsecondary Money Matters

You're almost at the finish line. Congratulations! Your transition to postsecondary education is just around the corner. There are many ways to pursue financial aid and cut costs while at university and college.

Here are ten top tips to consider while pursuing postsecondary education:

1. If you are entering university with a scholarship, make an attempt to maintain your grades. Some scholarships are renewable depending on grades.
2. Make an appointment with the Student Awards Office at your school to find out about scholarships and bursaries. They can help you navigate the system.
3. Your tuition includes fees, only some of which are compulsory. For the 2019-20 year, you have the choice to elect out of fees that fund campus groups, student newspapers, and clubs. Also, you can opt out of health and dental insurance if you are already covered by your parents. It may be a few hundred dollars which you can put to good use. Keep track of the deadlines to opt out.
4. Buy used textbooks. In many cases it is not necessary to buy the newest edition. Connect with people who have taken the courses before by joining your university or college Facebook Group (*Class of 2023*). They can tell you what you need. Or check out the school's

online community for textbook listings, e.g., see University of Guelph's [The Cannon](#).

5. Check out [Ecampus Ontario](#) for free or low-cost textbooks that students can view, download, or print to use in their courses.



6. Fill out an Awards Profile if your school has one. Check out the in-course scholarships that your school offers as well as Faculty, Department, and Program scholarships in your field of study. Your school may also have a list of scholarships and bursaries sponsored by external organizations. Apply for bursaries if you think you may be eligible to receive one. Note: Most deadlines remain the same from year to year. Your awareness of the scholarship "system" at your school will be helpful in your years at university or college.
7. If you don't live in your parent's home during your study period even though they live within 30 km of the school you are attending, you can request a funding review from OSAP. Make an appointment with Student Awards to discuss.
8. Check out work study programs. Most schools offer a wide range of part-time jobs to help students with demonstrated financial need. See Wilfrid Laurier University's [work study program](#) as an example.

9. If you would like a review of the amount of funding you received from OSAP, discuss this with Student Awards. e.g., If your parents cannot support you financially, you may be asked to write a letter. Be very transparent as to why they cannot support you. You may or may not receive funding. Your Student Awards office will let you know if you have a valid reason for a review.

10. If you are having trouble financially, your school may have emergency funds available. You will have to give a detailed budget and reasons why you need more money. Again, be transparent.

*Best wishes, graduates,
in your next steps!*

And as a final note, here are 10 Things Every High School Senior Should Know Now.

[Ecampus Ontario](#) has free or low-cost textbooks that students can view (no cost) and/or download (no cost) or print (low-cost) to use in their courses. The textbooks are aligned with the top forty highest-enrolled subject areas in postsecondary education in Ontario. Additional textbooks target trades, technology, and skills training including tourism / hospitality and health care programs, e.g., nursing

WORK HARD.
DREAM BIG.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 27-29, 10 am-5 pm: Thinking about going to university? Then mark your calendar -- the [Ontario Universities' Fair \(OUF\)](#) is at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Free admission. All 21 Ontario universities will be there. You can find out about university programs, campus life, etc. *Note: If you miss the OUF, you can check out the Ontario Universities Regional Fairs – see schedule [here](#).

October 23, 5:00 pm-9:00 pm, October 24, 9:00 am-2:00 pm: Heading to College? The [Ontario College Information Fair \(OCIF\)](#) is at Exhibition Place in Toronto. Free Admission. Learn about careers, programs, and meet the reps! * Note: If you miss the OCIF you can check out a [College Information Program \(CIP\)](#) event this fall in your area to meet with college representatives who can answer your questions about program offerings, admissions requirements, and campus life.

STILL LOOKING FOR A UNIVERSITY PROGRAM?

Early June to August 2019: The [Admission Information Service \(AIS\)](#) allows you to determine which Ontario universities still have spots available in first-year undergraduate programs.

GRADUATES: Apply for [OSAP now](#) and have all of your funding available in September!



NOTES ON OSAP:

1. *IMPORTANT: You MUST notify the financial aid office at your school if the information on your student loan application has changed, i.e., if you make more /less in the summer than expected; this includes any awards, bursaries, or scholarships you receive from sources outside of the university. Your income must be reported accurately or your eligibility for future aid may be impacted.

2. When completing the application, be sure to note the two options for how your funding will be disbursed. If you direct OSAP funds to the university, your payment will automatically be remitted. Otherwise, it is your responsibility to submit payment before the deadline.

NEED SOME SCHOLARSHIP AND / OR FINANCIAL AID ADVICE AND GUIDANCE?

**At
SEEKING SCHOLARSHIPS,
we can help you by:**

- coaching
- holding small and large group information sessions
- speaking at your event

CHECK US OUT [HERE!](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS

UPDATES: PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

PACE Credit Union Bursary Awards

For Ontario students pursuing college, university, or other programs; extracurricular involvement

Award: \$500-\$2000

Deadline: The status of the bursary is pending. Keep checking the site in the month of June and / or contact PACE and ask for an update.

Ontario Dairy Youth Trust Fund Scholarship

For students enrolled at a college or university, in a diploma or degree program; selection criteria is primarily based upon the applicant's agricultural background: 4-H involvement; Junior Farmer involvement; Community activities; Future goals

Award: eight \$1000 scholarships

Deadline: JUNE 15

Autism Ontario: The David Conforti – Reach for the Stars Award

To recognize volunteerism with community impact among other people with autism; application includes questionnaire, proof of diagnosis, two references

Award: \$500

Deadline: JUNE 17

UPDATES: NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA) Scholarship Program

To provide financial assistance to students from the Caribbean/African community who are pursuing studies at an Ontario university, college, or other postsecondary institution; remarkable academic performance or progress in high school; involvement and leadership in campus and/or community activities; financial need; significant personal achievements beyond scholastic ability which may include personal accomplishments in spite of adversity;

commitment to career goals; see each scholarship's specific requirements

Award: various scholarships with various award amounts

Deadline: Start date and deadline for applications not yet posted. Check back to website every couple of weeks for active application for 2019.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada Best Buy Grade 10 Scholarships

For Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada (BGCC) youth in high school; the link to the grants and applications website will be sent out to Clubs in their e-newsletter to share with their members.

Award: value of award is \$5,000; payable to postsecondary institution upon completion of secondary school; other prizes as well

Deadline: JUNE 7



Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) and United Way Centraide Canada (UWCC) Post-Secondary Scholarship

Current union member, or the child/dependent of a union member affiliated to the CLC; Enrolled for September to enter first year of study at a Canadian public post-secondary institution: university program (leading to a degree) or college program (leading to a diploma or certificate)

Award: \$2500

Deadline: JUNE 7

Canadian Society of Club Managers (CSCM) Val Mason Scholarship

For a student enrolled in a school, college, or university intending to pursue a career in club management; must be **nominated** by a member of the Society; must be employed, or recently employed, at a member club; essay

Award: \$2000 award
Deadline: JUNE 10; 5 p.m.

Black Business and Professional Association National Scholarships

A member of the Canadian Black community (i.e. a Black person of discernible African ancestry and you self-identify as Black/African-Canadian/African-Caribbean/African American); enrolled in university/college; academic achievement; financial need; service to the Black community; other criteria

Award: various awards / amounts

Deadline: JUNE 14

Food Allergy Canada / Sabrina Shannon Memorial Award

For students that have raised awareness about life-threatening allergies; enrolled at a postsecondary institution; applicants do not have to have food allergies to be eligible; essay

Award: two awards of \$1,000

Deadline: JUNE 14

Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) DalSense CNIB Scholarship for Students with Vision Loss

For a Canadian student who is blind or living with vision loss; enrolled or going into university or college. Note: Academic performance, service to the community, financial need, and answers to the questions considered.

Award: \$500

Deadline: JUNE 17

Indigenous Learning Centre Bursary

*Applicant must be a former residential school attendee or a descendant of a residential school attendee (First Nation or Métis); attending postsecondary in academic programs including: Business Administration; Business Management; Accounting; Commerce and / or Finance-related programs; financial need considered

Award: ten \$2000 awards; three \$1,000 bursaries

Deadline: JUNE 21

TIP: How to [write an essay](#) for university or college that earns top marks

Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) Scholarship Award Program

For a PSAC member or a dependent child; awarded based on merit of essay, YouTube video, infographic, or song that responds to the topic

Award: fourteen \$1000-\$4000 scholarships

Deadline: JUNE 28

***You must log in.**



Golf Canada Foundation Scholarships

For young golfers and students of the industry; must be attending, or have been accepted at, a Canadian university or college with a golf program recognized by Golf Canada Foundation (some exceptions); scholarships have individual criteria

Award: fifteen scholarships in total ranging from \$1000-\$7500

Deadline: JUNE 30

CWB Welding Foundation / Secondary School Awards

For a student who shows academic excellence, a passion for the welding industry, and community involvement, entering a fulltime welding technician or welding engineering technology program with a desire to pursue a career in the industry; two reference letters; essay.

Award: 80-100 awards of \$2,000-\$2,500 each.

Deadline: JUNE 30

***Note: See other scholarships offered on website.**

Fraser Institute Student Essay Contest

Three separate essay categories including high school; essay 1000-1500 words; 2019 Topic: *What in the world would Adam Smith say?* Essay can have more than one author; see Contest Rules

Award: \$500-\$1500

Deadline: extended to JULY 1

Horatio Alger Vocational & Technical Education Scholarships

Be enrolled in a 3-years or less career or technical degree/certificate program; Demonstrated critical financial need; Demonstrated perseverance in overcoming adversity

Award: 25 \$3,000 scholarships

Deadline: JULY 15

Provincial Scholarships: August

Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) / American Income Life (AIL) Labour Post-Secondary Scholarships

Two OFL members, or the children of members, entering college or university; essay, poster, or video required

Award: two scholarships of \$2,500

Deadline: check the website for updates in June

Bill 7 Award

For individuals who are attending or accepted by a postsecondary institution in Ontario and in their first program of study; who have demonstrated financial need; who identify as LGBTQ

Awards: ten \$2,000-\$2500 awards

Deadline: August 2

Skills Ontario Scholarship

For students who are pursuing a postsecondary education as an apprentice or through a postsecondary institution in Ontario & who have received a bronze, silver, or gold medal at the 2018 Skills Ontario Competition

Awards: \$1000 scholarships

Deadline: Postmarked no later than August 9

Canadian Society of Club Managers (CSCM) Ontario Branch (OB) Scholarship

Enrolled in a degree or diploma program at a postsecondary institution in Ontario; min. avg. 70%; student working or has recently worked in an Ontario Branch Member Club

Awards: one \$2000 award

Deadline: The application process should open up mid-June and it normally closes mid August.

The Weston Family Scholarship in the Skilled Trades / Loyalist College

For students entering specified Skilled Trades programs at Loyalist College; passion to build career in the skilled trades; maintain min. 60% average; willingness to provide mentorship

Award: forty awards to postsecondary education (PSE) students in the eligible programs and ten awards for apprentices in the eligible apprenticeship programs; up to \$4,000 in bursaries; tuition credits

Deadline: August 23 for postsecondary students beginning their studies in 2019 fall

National Scholarships: August

Bank of Canada Scholarship and Work Placement Program -- for Students with Disabilities and Indigenous Students

For a self-identified person with a disability OR a Status Indian, a Non-Status Indian, Inuit or Métis; students pursuing studies in a field that is related to the work of the Bank including Economics and Finance; Administration and Operations; Information Technology and Cyber Security; overall average minimum 70%

Award: two students with disabilities and two Indigenous students are each awarded \$4,000 per year for tuition costs (renewable up to four years)

Deadline: August 1

***Tip:** Apply for the Scholarship Program for Indigenous Students through Indspire (see link on *Bank of Canada* page). Be sure to mention your interest in the [Bank of Canada](#) scholarship within your application

Indspire: Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships, and Awards

Various postsecondary scholarships, including Apprenticeships, Skilled Trades, and Technology Program scholarships, for First Nation, Inuit, and Métis students

Awards: \$1,000-\$30,000

Deadlines: August 1, November 1, February 1

International Union of Operating Engineers (I.U.O.E.) Canadian Conference Bursaries

For a dependant of a member of a Canadian local of the Operating Engineers; must be entering first or subsequent year of study at a Canadian college or university; 1,000-word essay.

Awards: ten \$750 bursaries

Deadline: August 1

McKiggan Hebert Lawyers End Distracted Driving Scholarship

Enrolled at, or accepted to, university; demonstrates academic achievement (cumulative 'B' average); essay; willing to share story with the general public

Award: \$1000

Deadline: August 1

*check out the [2018 winning essay](#)

Telecommunications Workers Union (TWU) United Steelworkers National (USW) Local 1944 Scholarships

For children of union members graduating from high school; leadership values and labour knowledge considered; registering for courses at a public institution

Awards: three scholarships of \$750 and four scholarships of \$1000

Deadline: August 1

Johnson Inc. Scholarship Program

For students commencing postsecondary education in 2018 and who place in one of the following categories: have a home or auto policy through Johnson; be a member/employee of a Johnson recognized group (*A Johnson "recognized group" means an employer group, professional association, alumni association, union or other group that has an insurance program agreement currently in force with Johnson.*); have a parent/guardian or grandparent who has a home or auto policy through Johnson; have a parent/guardian or grandparent who is a member/employee of a Johnson sponsor/client group; or who is a child/grandchild of a Johnson employee

Awards: fifty scholarships of \$1,000

Deadline: August 12

Spinal Cord Injury Canada

Copnick / Hilliard Scholarship: To assist students with a spinal cord injury; enrolled at the postsecondary level.

Award: three \$500 awards

Sun Life Financial Peer Support Scholarship: To assist peer volunteers with a spinal cord injury

Award: three \$500 awards

Kirby Rowe Scholarship: For a student with a spinal cord injury pursuing postsecondary education in fields related to management and leadership.

Candidates are asked to learn more about Kirby Rowe by reading his [short biography](#)

Award: \$1000

Deadline: August 15

Canada Employment and Immigration Union (CEIU) National Scholarships

For members in good standing of the CEIU, their spouse and/or their dependant(s); essay

Awards: fifteen \$2000 scholarships

Deadline: August 16



Canada Post Awards for Indigenous Students

Open to Aboriginal Canadians who have been out of school for at least one year, decided to return to school, & who have been back at school for at least one full year; written essay.

Awards: \$1000

Deadline: August 31

TIPS for GRADS: In the summer, participate in any summer orientation program for incoming freshmen. In the fall, go to your university's writing centre and take workshops on time management & study skills.

Provincial Scholarships: September

Ontario Parks Partners Bursary

For students who work in park operations; high levels of customer service, leadership, volunteerism, and dedication; must be nominated by peers, park visitors, or employee's supervisor; nominees may be an employee of Ontario Parks, the Stewardship Youth Rangers program, "Friends" organization, or park volunteer group

Awards: \$500 bursaries

Deadline: Nomination forms must be submitted to the Park Superintendent / Park Office Manager by Labour Day (September 2, 2019)

Ontario Public Servants Employees Union (OPSEU) / The Hospital Professionals Division (HPD) Scholarship Fund

Open to OPSEU members/their dependents enrolled in a Hospital Professionals program; essay, photo series, short video, poem, audio file, or visual art piece

Awards: seven \$750 scholarships

Deadline: September 4

Ontario Public Servants Employees Union (OPSEU) / The Carol McGregor Scholarship

Open to children of OPSEU members with a visible or invisible disability; extra consideration given to students who have participated in a collective action or community organizing on disability or human rights issues.

Award: \$1500

Deadline: September 14

4-H Ontario: Bertram and Hazel Stewart Dairy Youth Education Award & Bursary *Click on Scholarships for 4-H Members

4-H Ontario members with a minimum of three years enrolled in Grades 9-11 with intent to pursue postsecondary education.

Award: \$1000 payable upon completion of first year

Deadline: September 30, 9:00 a.m.

Ontario Heritage Trust: Young Heritage Leaders Scholarship

Open to youth age 24 and under; must be [nominated](#); resident of Ontario; made exceptional volunteer contributions to conserving Ontario's heritage

Award: \$2000 scholarship

Deadline: September 30

Note: Individuals must be nominated for the [Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards -- Youth Achievement to be eligible](#) for the scholarship.

Need help figuring out how much money you'll spend during your studies? Check this out from the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada: [Budgeting for Student Life](#)

National Scholarships: September

McDonald's Scholarships

For McDonald's employees; achievements at work, school, and community. [Check with manager for award amounts and deadlines.](#)

For students IN postsecondary in September 2019:

Royal Canadian Legion Bursaries and Scholarships (Local Branches)

Poppy Trust Fund Bursaries: Local Legion Branches **may** grant bursaries to the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of veterans who need financial assistance. Bursaries may be granted at any stage of a college or university program.

Scholarships: Many branches award scholarships to recognize scholastic achievement and support youth in their community.

For information on bursaries and scholarships, contact the Legion Branch nearest you. Applications may be taken in October / November although each branch develops its own eligibility requirements and deadlines. (*Note: RCL offers provincial [bursaries](#) for students already in postsecondary education — applications due last Friday in March)

Basilicata Cultural Society of Canada in conjunction with Montessori School of Kleinburg

For students of Basilicata origin; the applicant or a family member must originally be from Basilicata; essay required in English or Italian

Awards: two \$2000 scholarships

Deadline: September 1

Canadian Somali Scholarship Fund (CSSFUND)

For Canadian Somali students entering first year postsecondary institutions in Canada; academic achievement; essay

Awards: scholarships ranging from \$1000-\$2000

Deadline: September 14



For students IN postsecondary in September 2019:

BluEarth / Aboriginal Clean Energy Scholarships (ACES)

For members of an aboriginal community; candidates will be reviewed based on academic merit, community involvement, and pursuit of studies that could be transferable to the clean energy sector.

Awards: three-four scholarships up to \$3000

Deadline: September 15

United Food & Commercial Workers (UFCW) Canada – Beggs-Dowling-Mathieu (BDM) Scholarship

Applicant must be a UFCW Canada member, or a dependant of a UFCW Canada member; enrolled at a Canadian college, university, or other recognized postsecondary institution.

“You don't have to be an A+ student!”

Award: eighteen \$1000 scholarships

Deadline: September 30

***Note: See also the [UFCW BDM Scholarship Contest](#) Prize: iPad**

Provincial Scholarships: October

4-H: Henrike Foerster Memorial Entrance Scholarship

[*Click on Scholarships for 4-H Members](#)

For a first-year student in the Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology Program at University of Guelph's Ridgetown Campus; involvement in past/current 4-H activities in Ontario

Award: \$500 scholarship

Deadline: October 5

National Scholarships: October

Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada

For a son or daughter of parents or guardians who derive their principal income from pipeline construction; students must be entering postsecondary education programs.

Award: varies each year

Opens September 1. Deadline:

October 12

Resource: Government of Canada [Services for Young Canadians](#)

Co-operatives Excellence in Ag Program

Up to four students entering or already enrolled in a diploma or degree program in agriculture or business; minimum average of 75% in the most recently completed fulltime school year.

Scholarships: Value of up to \$20,000, with up to \$5,000 per year paid over a maximum of four years.

Internships: Paid summer internships will be available for up to three years at a retail co-operative in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, or Alberta.

Employment: Upon successful completion of postsecondary education, students have the opportunity for fulltime employment — including a signing bonus — at a retail co-operative.

Deadline: October 15

Credit Education Week Canada (CEWC) Essay Contest

For Grade 12 students across Canada; essay between 900-1000 words; written in English or French. *Take note of the essay criteria.*

Awards: 20+ prizes: \$1000-\$5000

Deadline: October 16

*Note: If your essay is one of the Selected Essays, you will be notified by telephone on or about October 31st. If you can't be reached or if you don't respond **within 2 days of attempts to reach you**, you will be disqualified.

"Life's most urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

-Martin Luther King Jr.

Loran Scholars Foundation Award

For students in final year of uninterrupted fulltime studies in high school who demonstrate character, commitment to service in the community, and leadership potential; 85% min. cumulative average. Contact your guidance counsellor to find out how your school determines which students to sponsor. (*Students who have undertaken a gap year for academic pursuits or community service-based activities may be eligible -- contact info@loranscholar.ca).

Loran Award: up to 35 students will be selected as Loran Scholars; award valued at up to \$100,000 over four years; [tenable at 25 universities](#)

Other Awards: 103 awards – 53 \$5000 one-time entrance awards (finalists); 50 \$2000 one-time entrance awards (provincial)

Applications OPEN in early September. Deadline for Sponsored Applications October 17; Direct Pool applications October 24

Horatio Alger Association of Canada: Canadian Scholarship Program

For students with financial need who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity. The application contains a required adversity essay, a personal statement essay (50-200 words), and an optional

entrepreneurial essay (for those who wish to be considered for the National Entrepreneurial Scholarship). See the FAQs [here](#). *Applicants for the Entrepreneurial, Canadian, and Vocational Scholarships are required to fill out only ONE application.

#1. [Horatio Alger National Entrepreneurial Scholarships](#): ten \$10,000 scholarships

#2. [Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarships](#): 160 \$5,000 scholarships

#3. [Indigenous Achievement Scholarship](#): five \$10,000 scholarships.

Apply through [Indspire](#). TIP: Be sure to mention your interest in the "Horatio Alger Scholarships" within the body of your application.

Deadline for all scholarships (except for the Indigenous Achievement Scholarship): October 25, 5:00 p.m.

Horatio Alger Association / Fairfax Financial Holdings Entrance Awards

For youth who face significant financial obstacles; **Eligibility:** plan to enroll fulltime at one of the [eligible colleges / universities](#); have graduated from high school within 18 months prior to applying; demonstrate financial need based on government student loan assessment from their home province; minimum 80% grade average

Awards: 45 scholarships of up to \$5000
Application deadline: determined by the eligible colleges and universities.

Please contact the specific institution to find out how to apply for these awards.

Sleep Judge State of Sleep Scholarship

Current high school (or home-schooled) seniors anticipating completion of high school diploma at time of application or already in possession of high school diploma / GED; planning to, or already currently pursuing, a degree; minimum 'B' average; create short video

Award: Canadian students--\$2000
Deadline: October 30

4-H Canada / Coca-Cola First-Generation Scholarship

Are you the first in your immediate family to go to college or university? For eligible 4-H members who are entering, or currently enrolled in, post-secondary or graduate studies.

Award: 150 \$1000 scholarships to eligible 4-H members who are entering, or currently enrolled in, postsecondary or graduate studies.

Deadline: October 31

Canadian Junior Limousin Association (CJLA) Scholarships

Awarded to CJLA members. Return application to cjla@limousin.com

Awards: One \$500 scholarship

Deadline: October 31

Note: See also the Australian / Canadian Limousin Youth Exchange

OPPORTUNITIES

UPDATES

The Starfish Canada's Top 25 Environmentalists Under 25

Nominations opens JUNE 3.

Follow The Starfish Canada Facebook page for up-to-date information.

Canada's Walk of Fame RBC Emerging Musician Program

5 winners are selected and provided with experiences designed to help elevate their music and careers in a meaningful and sustainable way. Eligible participants must be between the ages of 15–35. Grand Prize includes a \$20,000 cash prize. Second Prize: \$6,000.

Three additional prizes of \$4,000.

Submissions open June 19.

*See also:

- Canada's Walk of Fame [Emerging Musician/Metalworks Institute Scholarship](#)

- Canada's Walk of Fame [Community Hero Honour](#)

#RisingYouth Community Service Grants (Government of Canada)

Grants for young people (15-30 years old) who are ready to take action through designing a project to support your community.

\$750-\$1500 grants. **Submit application by JUN 30.**

COMING UP

Forum for Young Canadians

Learn and experience the political decision-making process during [one week](#) on Parliament Hill. See cost and financing (bursary) options [here](#). **Deadline: Check website for update on deadline.**

Encounters With Canada (EWC)

120-148 teens per week go to Ottawa for one week to explore career options through experiential learning, develop leadership skills, and live a bilingual experience. Select from one of 15 career-oriented [themes](#). 14-17 years of age. **Applications are accepted year-round: First come, first served.** Cost: \$750. Some provincial governments [help subsidize](#) these expenses. (Ask your local [regional coordinator](#) for more details.). Many schools help participants financially. Participants also collect funds from sponsors and organizations, e.g., Tim Hortons, Ford, General Motors, Honda, and other car dealers, and/or approach organizations, e.g., Knights of Columbus, Royal Canadian Legion, etc. * Participation in the EWC program is also officially recognized by the [Duke of Edinburgh's International Award](#) program.

Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture Competition

Contestants prepare a 5- to 7-minute speech on a [current issue](#) pertaining to Canada's agriculture and agri-food industries, and present it at the [Royal Agricultural Winter Fair](#) in Toronto on November 2. \$40 entry fee. [Prizes](#) up to \$1000. **Apply by September 30.**

Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement

Recognizes those that have contributed to conserving Ontario's cultural and/or natural heritage. The following criteria must be met in order to be nominated: Be age 24

and under at the time of the nomination submission; has made exceptional volunteer contributions to heritage conservation; demonstrated leadership, commitment, creativity, positive impact on the community, region or province, and good conservation practices. For more detail, see [here](#). **Deadline: September 30**
Note: Nominees to this Award who do not receive the award can be recognized through [Young Heritage Leaders](#) if both program options selected on the nomination form.

Legislative Assembly of Ontario Youth Arts Program

Celebrates the artistic talents of young Ontarians ages 12-18. Youth are invited to display their works of art throughout the Legislative Building, from January through March. Artwork submitted consists of a variety of media including photography; sculptures; ceramics and pottery; drawings in ink, pencil and charcoal; acrylic, oil and watercolour paintings.

Online applications are accepted from September 10- October 15.

Employment and Social Development Canada—Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) Youth Innovation Component

The EAF is currently looking for youth (15-30) who want to demonstrate leadership and their commitment to their communities. Unique opportunity for young leaders to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities by addressing accessibility barriers in public spaces or workplaces. Work with local organizations or develop solutions. Funding of up to \$10,000 is available to support capital costs of eligible projects, which may include initiatives like installing automatic door openers, constructing raised garden beds in a community garden, or acquiring specialized wheelchairs to access sandy beaches.”

Deadline: October 31, 2:00 p.m. Eastern time

Summer To-do List for Grade 11 Students

- **Find a part-time job:** This demonstrates maturity and responsibility.
- **Try an internship or job shadow:** Explore your interests. Develop new job skills and explore careers.
- **Volunteer:** Volunteer in a field that interests you and aligns with your future goals; remaining as a volunteer long-term demonstrates dedication and commitment.
- **Develop leadership skills:** Lead in a volunteer capacity, in your job, or in your activities. Even better, start your own initiative!
- **Create a résumé.** Check out résumés [here](#) and [here](#) to get you started.
- **Make a list of people you can ask for recommendation letters:** Choose those people who have seen you “in action” and can speak to many of your great character traits!
- **Begin thinking about the universities or colleges you want to apply to, and where:** Although you may change your mind during the year (after the presentations!), it's never too soon to start considering options.
- **and...Start a scholarship profile:** Organize and keep track of achievements, accomplishments, activities, awards, jobs, volunteerism, leadership.

Your jobs, volunteerism, and activities are developing character and skills. You are also building relationships and potential references which you will most certainly need if applying for scholarships, bursaries, and awards.

Have a GREAT SUMMER everyone!

