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# The Scholarship Report

## Scholarships, Bursaries, & Grants: Just For YOU!

When searching for scholarships, you have to know where to look! While many scholarships are listed in *The Scholarship Report*, it is not an exhaustive list. There are other places to consider! Begin thinking of scholarships that are specific to you and your interests. Here are seven ideas to get you started:

#1. Employers & unions: Did you have a summer job? Or are you presently working part-time? Many of the larger chains and restaurant franchises offer scholarships, e.g., [Costco](#) and [McDonalds](#). Ask your manager about scholarships. Sometimes larger companies will contribute if they feel your future studies will benefit the company. And where do your parents work? Are they part of a company or union? Your parent's employer or union may offer scholarships as part of their benefits package. Ask your parents to check out their employee and/or union handbook!

#2. Clubs and interests: Do you participate in any extra-curricular activities outside of school, e.g., sports, bands, academic clubs, or service organizations? Ask the leaders about scholarship funds. Did you know [Curling Canada](#) offers scholarships? Are you a [Royal Canadian Air Cadet](#)? Or a member of [Scouts Canada](#)? Both of these organizations offer scholarships! Look at your areas of activity and inquire about awards for students.

#3. Professional associations: What program do you plan to enroll in? Chemistry? [The Chemical Institute of Canada](#) offers a high school scholarship. Horticulture? Check out the [Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation](#). Scope out scholarships for graduating students in your field of study.



#4. Heritage: Many ethnic organizations offer scholarships to those who share the same background. There are scholarships for [Portuguese students](#), [Sikh students](#), and [Muslim students](#), to name a few. Some companies offer awards to students of [Aboriginal heritage](#). Take a look at your family background and search accordingly.

#5. Specific to you: There are awards geared specifically to female students ([Zonta International](#)), students with disabilities ([Justin Eves Foundation](#)), and students who identify as LGBTQ ([Bill 7 Award](#)). Students who have experienced obstacles and yet persevered can find [awards](#). Financial hardship is a main consideration for other [awards](#) (Look for *bursaries as well*). Consider your uniqueness. Be specific in your search.

#6. Provincial government: The Ontario provincial government provides [financial assistance for students in "special circumstances"](#) in the form of grants or bursaries to help pay for postsecondary education. The following

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is a list of eligible areas: Indigenous students, current and former Crown wards, first-generation students, students with disabilities, students who are deaf or hard of hearing, and students on social assistance. Do you fit into one of these categories?

Start your search online. Check out *The Scholarship Report*. Talk to leaders, family members, managers, and coaches. The odds of actually receiving a “smaller” scholarship are much greater than receiving a national award. Put on your thinking cap and start your search!



### Apply, apply, apply!

Need some inspiration to get started on those applications? Check out this [blog post](#), written by yours truly, on how one family took on the task of searching and applying for scholarships. Rob Carrick, Finance Columnist at the Globe and Mail, says the blog post is “a good motivator for parents and students to seek out this kind of financial help.”

## The Guidance Department & the Graduate

Guidance counsellors help students plan for the future in the areas of academic and career planning, and in providing information on postsecondary financial aid, including scholarships. There may be one counselor designated to help with the task of providing this information, including the sharing of scholarship opportunities currently available to students. Also, the Guidance Department provides transcripts and reference letters upon request.

Let your guidance counsellor know you are looking for scholarships. Check the bulletin boards in your school. Take note of the announcements on the PA system. Some schools use their Twitter or Facebook accounts as a tool to distribute scholarship information so be sure to check your school’s social media sites. Scholarships may also be listed on your school’s Guidance page (or on the Guidance Department’s own website, if applicable). Many Guidance Departments post scholarship information on secure sites such as *myBlueprint*, *School-Day*, *Career Cruising*, or with the *Remind* app.



Below is a portion of the advice and information that one Ontario high school guidance counselor shares with her students:

*Research the scholarships that your desired colleges and universities offer now (and do not wait until the application deadline as some of the post-secondary schools have scholarship application deadlines in*

### NOVEMBER-JANUARY CHECKLIST for SENIOR STUDENTS

- Narrow down the schools and programs that you are interested in. Compare costs of tuition and residence fees at each school. [eINFO](#) is a good resource for research and comparison.
- Apply to University and / or College:
  - [University Application \(OUAC\) deadline: January 16, 2019](#). Fee: \$150 for three programs. \$50 for each additional choice. The OUAC still processes applications received after this date; however, specific university deadlines will apply. Note: [February 5, 2019](#), is the recommended last date for you to submit all information to the OUAC to be considered for [early admission](#).
  - [College Application \(ontariocolleges.ca\) deadline: February 1, 2019, for equal consideration](#). After this date, colleges consider applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until programs are full. Fee: \$95 for five choices. Note: All seats in Highly Competitive Programs may be filled by February 1.
- Look at the Student Financial Aid pages on the university / college websites. Make note of their scholarship deadlines.
- Continue searching for scholarships. Organize (online or in a binder, calendar, or planner) any documentation and dates. Many applications ask similar questions. It is imperative to have all of your material at hand.
- Ask two-three people if they will write you a letter of recommendation: guidance counsellor, teacher, coach, employer, pastor, etc.
- Begin your search for summer employment mid-January.

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advance of the program application deadline). There are some scholarships from post-secondary schools that don't need to be applied to, such as entrance awards, but there are others that do require applications. Some post-secondary schools are user-friendly by requiring only one, central application for an individual to be considered for all of their scholarships.

Also, everyone should now be accessing *OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program)* to see how much of a reduction to Ontario tuition they can receive. The Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) and Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) are now linked to OSAP, prompting students to go in and build their OSAP profile and displaying a chart of the chosen programs' costs, minus OSAP grant and loan amount, so students can see their actual out-of-pocket cost for each program. Tools like these are helping demystify post-secondary expenses for students. There are also budgeting tools and additional financial planning information on OCAS, OUAC, and myBlueprint which students can access."



A huge thank you to all of the guidance counselors who contributed their tips for students in this issue! More tips from your counselors are interspersed throughout the newsletter (see text boxes).

Your Guidance Department is one of your best resources for finding out information about scholarships. Utilize their wisdom!



**UPDATE**

[OSSTF \(Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation\) / FEESO: Student Achievement Awards in Honour of Marion Drysdale](#)

**Deadline: November 16, 2018**

[TD Scholarships for Community Leadership](#)

**Deadline: November 16, 2018**

[SHAD](#)

**Deadline: November 19, 2018**

[Prime Minister's Youth Council](#)

**Deadline: November 30. Click [here](#) to access the application portal.**

[Canadian Women in Municipal Government Scholarship](#)

Open to female students enrolled in secondary school who are contributing to their school's leadership team or student council

**Award:** five \$1000 awards to be presented in five regions of Canada (British Columbia, The Prairies and Territories, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada)

**Deadline: December 15, 2018**

[French for the Future National Essay Contest](#)

**Deadline: December 21, 2018**

[#RisingYouth Community Service Grants \(Government of Canada\)](#)

**Deadline: December 31, 2018**



## SCHOLARSHIPS

### *Province-Wide: January Deadlines*

[Federation of Portuguese Canadian Business Professionals \(FPCBP\) Scholarships](#)

To recognize the outstanding achievement of Luso-Canadian youth; keep checking website for information on 2019 scholarships or email [info@fpcbp.com](mailto:info@fpcbp.com)

**Award:** \$1,000-\$2,500

**Deadline: TBA (January 11, 5:00 p.m., in 2018)**

[CPAC \(formerly Chinese Professionals Association of Canada\) Foundation Awards](#)

For Ontario high school students; applicants from all ethnic backgrounds may apply; must demonstrate active community involvement and leadership as well as outstanding academic achievements.

**CPAC Awards:** six \$1,000 awards for students who have completed Grade 10, 11, or 12; max. two awards per grade

**Deadline: January 15, 2019**

### *Canada-Wide: January Deadlines*

[McDonald's Scholarships](#)

\*Scroll down website page to *Education and Scholarships*.

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

[Ted Rogers Scholarship Fund / Rogers Employee Scholarships](#)

\*Scroll down to *FAQ* on website. Rogers employees / dependents may be eligible to apply. Criteria, application information, etc. can be found through Rogers internal employee channels or speak to your manager.

**Award:** 150 \$2,500 scholarships per year for up to four years at any university, college, or trade program.

**Deadline:** Ask your manager.

### [Canadian Angus Foundation / Legacy Scholarship](#)

For Canadian Junior Angus Association members (18+) recognizing academic achievement, leadership and community involvement, and industry knowledge; essay. Top 5 applicants selected must be present at [GOAL \(Guiding Outstanding Angus Leaders\) Conference](#) for an interview / panel discussion. See [bursaries](#) for GOAL. (Deadline to apply for bursary in 2018 was Jan.1.).

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

**Deadline: January 5, 2019**

### [Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation \(CEMF\) / John Evans Engineering Entrance Award](#)

For a young woman entering an engineering program from high school; enthusiasm for engineering, involvement in volunteer activities, leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills. Key requirement: must deliver at least one presentation to a junior-high or high school audience to explain "*Why I Chose to Become an Engineer.*" Must submit a 2-minute Voice Sound Clip explaining your passion for engineering.

**Award:** \$5,000; includes work placement opportunity with Fortis Inc.

**Deadline: January 13, 2019**

### [CPAC \(formerly Chinese Professionals Association of Canada\) Foundation Scholarships](#)

Applicants from all ethnic backgrounds may apply. *CPAC Trailblazer Scholarship:* for an outstanding student who studies at a high school / postsecondary institution; played leading role in a project / initiative related to community or social development, humanitarian improvement, environment, social justice, etc.

**Award:** one \$3,000 scholarship

**Deadline: January 15, 2019**

### [STEAM \(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math\) Horizon Awards](#)

For students (ages 16-18 at the time of application) who have been recognized for STEAM-related accomplishments in a formal (a science fair win, a published

app, a patented invention, etc.), or informal (the founding of a local coding club, developing a course for kids, or creating a local interactive art installation) way; 85% average; preparing to enroll, or currently enrolled, in first year of postsecondary education in a STEAM field

**Award:** five \$25,000 prizes -- two of the five prizes will go to Indigenous youth

**Deadline: January 16, 2019**

### [Home Depot / Homer Fund: Orange Scholars Scholarship Program](#)

For a high school senior, etc., planning to enrol as a fulltime student at college/university; a dependent of a full- or part-time hourly associate (parent) of Home Depot; scholarships based on financial need, academic performance, community involvement and leadership

**Award:** up to 1000 scholarships; scholarships awarded to Canadian students are \$2,500 each

**Deadline: January 22, 2019**

### [Boys and Girls Club Scholarship](#)

Applicants must meet the following criteria: Be a current or former Boys and Girls Club member for a minimum of 1 year; pursuing some form of fulltime or part-time postsecondary education (e.g. college, university, or trades school; diploma, degree, apprenticeship, or other program) in September 2019; financial need; volunteer activities. Applicant may apply at any point during his or her pursuit of postsecondary education. Fulltime employees of the Boys and Girls Club are not eligible (seasonal and part-time employees are eligible to apply). Scholarship information is shared through the weekly newsletter SCOOP and information is available through the members site.

**Award:** \$750-\$4000

**Deadline: TBA (January 26 in 2018)**

### [Schulich Leader Scholarships](#)

Nominees must be enrolling in a STEM program in a [Schulich partner university](#); possess 2/3 criteria: academic excellence; leadership (entrepreneurial/community/business); financial need; AND entrepreneurial-minded, pursuing career in Tech,

Innovation, Engineering, or Scientific Research; not for those intending to pursue medicine (practicing physician) or medical research; see [FAQs](#)

**Award:** 25 Engineering scholarships: \$100,000 each; 25 Science, Technology, or Math scholarships: \$80,000 each.

**Deadline: High schools submit their one nomination by January 30, 2019; students submit application by February 20, 2019.**

### [LOUD \(Leadership, Opportunity, Unity and Diversity\) Foundation Scholarship](#)

For students enrolled and about to begin studies (high school students), etc., in a Canadian postsecondary education institution. Note: Applications from all provinces are welcomed but preference will be given to BC applicants or those whose present or future work will, in some way, benefit the BC LGBTQ+ community.

**Award:** sixteen scholarships awarded in 2018

**Deadline: Received or postmarked by January 31, 2019.**

#### **My Top 3 Tips are . . .**

1. Attention to details like eligibility criteria and deadlines
2. Research before you apply to make sure you fit the program
3. Apply often to many scholarships, even the obscure ones, but don't let your marks suffer as a result

**BONUS TIP:** Submit your completed applications well before the deadlines and give your referees lots of time to write on your behalf. At least two weeks is prudent to request a letter of reference from teachers who are teaching at the same time.

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## Province-Wide: February Deadlines

### [ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca) *Changing Tomorrow Award*

For college applicants: When you complete your college application, simply fill out the *Changing Tomorrow* entry form. In 200-500 words, tell *what your tomorrow looks like, and how a college education is going to help turn it into reality.*

**Award:** 25 winners will receive a \$500 tuition deposit to their college choice in addition to \$1,000 in their first month of class.

**Deadline: TBA (February 17, 4:30 p.m., in 2018)**

### OMHA (Ontario Minor Hockey Association) / Wally Scott Bursary

\*Note: scroll down website page to bursary link

Given to recognize young hockey players who are committed to community (active in any community sport or social program), athletics, and academics for postsecondary education; for players aged up to 20 years old and a registered player in OMHA minimum of five years

**Award:** two awards between \$1000-\$2500 (subject to change)

**Deadline: TBA (February 17, 4:30 p.m., in 2018)**

## Canada-Wide: February Deadlines

### Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation Scholarships

Three contests for students pursuing college, university, or trade school; interested students must contact their local Optimist Club. To find out a contact, e-mail

[programs@optimist.org](mailto:programs@optimist.org). The Club will let you know if and when they will be conducting their contest(s). Students residing in non-Districted areas where there are no Optimist Clubs are not eligible for competition.

#### #1. Essay Contest

For students under 19; submit a 700-800-word essay: *When All the World's*

*Problems are Solved, is Optimism Still Necessary?* For contest rules / specifics, see [Planning Guide](#).

**Award:** *Club level* – medallion and / or monetary prize of \$500 (determined by Club); Club winners advance to *District* contest to compete for a \$2,500 scholarship

**Deadline: Club-level essay contests are held by early February**

#### #2. Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

For students through Grade 12 who have hearing loss of 40 decibels or more; 4- 5-minute presentation: *Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?* Submit a typed copy of speech to your local club. Contestants can present in sign language, orally, or a combination. For contest rules, see [Guide](#).

**Award:** *Club level* – medallion and / or monetary prize of \$500 (determined by Club); Club winners advance to the *District* contest to compete for a \$2,500 scholarship

**Deadline: The deadline to enter is determined by the sponsoring Optimist Club. The contests are usually held from February to April.**

#### #3. Oratorical Contest

Students submit a 4-5 minute speech to local Optimist Club: *Is There a Fine Line Between Optimism and Reality?* Submit a typed copy of speech to your local club. For contest rules, see [Guide](#). Clubs and Districts may allow contestants to compete via online streaming.

**Award:** *Club-level* – medallion and / or monetary prize of \$500 (determined by Club); *Club* winners advance to *District* contest unless they must compete at the *Zone-level* as well. *Zone* winners receive a plaque. Each winner of the *District-level* contest will receive a scholarship: three winners awarded scholarships of \$2,500, \$1,500, and \$1,000. Districts may enter one contestant to participate in the *Regional / World Championships Contest* held at Saint Louis University. Winners of the *Regional Contest* will win at least \$5000. *World Champions* will be given scholarships in the amounts of \$15,000, \$10,000, \$5,000 to the first, second, and

third place, respectively. An additional scholarship may be awarded to participants by Saint Louis University.

**Deadline: The deadline to enter is determined by the sponsoring Optimist Club. All Club-level contests are typically held by late March.**

\*See also the [Kids Speak Out Club Contest](#) for younger speakers.



### Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award

Women ages 16-19 who demonstrate commitment to volunteerism; experience in local / student government or workplace leadership; volunteer leadership achievements; knowledge of Zonta International; support mission of empowering women.

**Process:** Apply to [local Zonta club](#).

Zonta clubs select one winning application; Club winners are nominated to the District / Region; Ten International recipients are then selected from the District / Region recipients.

**Award:** local clubs determine award; District / Region recipients receive US\$1,000. Ten International recipients receive awards of US \$4,000.

**Deadline: determined by local club**

**\*Note: Your local Zonta Club may offer other scholarships as well.**

### 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: February 1, August 1, November 1**

### [Kin Canada Bursary](#)

For a graduating student attending a postsecondary institution in fall 2019; evaluated on community/school involvement, knowledge of *Kin Canada*; financial need; submit application to Kinsmen, Kinetite, or Kin Club closest to you ([find a club](#))

**Award:** bursaries of \$1,000 each

**Deadline:** February 1, 2019

### [Terry Fox Humanitarian Award](#)

Open to students of all abilities: good academic standing; involved in voluntary humanitarian activities; planning to study in university  
**Award:** \$7,000 annually, or \$3,500 annually for students who do not pay tuition fees; renewable for 4 years; approximately twenty awards each year.

**Deadline:** February 1, 2019



### [Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Foundation's National Citizenship Award and Scholarship Program](#)

For students in graduating year of high school; exceptions may be considered for those who have undertaken a gap year for academic pursuits or community service-based activities; demonstrates good citizenship through extensive volunteerism, community service, or character-building initiatives and by participating in humanitarian causes (**min. 350 hours**). Financial need considered.

**Award:** \$1000 scholarships

**Deadline:** TBA (February 4 in 2018; letters of recommendation by February 11, 2018)

**\*Note: Other Scholarships:** Matching Grant for Scholarship Recipients at University of Toronto's Victoria College and The Herbert H. Carnegie Scholarship at York University

### [CWB Welding Foundation / Joseph G. Doria Exemplary Student Award](#)

Students currently enrolled in a secondary education program and have been accepted into a fulltime technician or technologist program in welding; students that are enrolled in 1<sup>st</sup>-period apprenticeship welding or pre-employment welding are also eligible to apply. (Application must be within two months of enrollment.). Academic achievement (80%+ average in Grade 11 and Grade 12); demonstrated passion for the welding industry; and community involvement; essay

**Award:** \$3000

**Deadline:** TBA (February 16 in 2018)

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

### [CWB Welding Foundation / Secondary School Awards](#)

For students who show an aptitude and passion for the welding industry and / or financial need; must be applying to a certified welding program offered by a college or university. Students that are enrolled in 1<sup>st</sup>-period apprenticeship welding or pre-employment welding are also eligible to apply. (Application must be within two months of enrollment.); essay.

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

**Deadline:** TBA (February 16 in 2018)

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

### [Children's Aid Foundation of Canada: Scholarships & Bursaries](#)

**Scholarships:** For former, or current, Crown Ward, or youth eligible for Continued Care and Support of Youth; studying at university, college, or in a trade; must be attending school fulltime; financial need. **Bursaries:** for students who meet eligibility criteria and demonstrate financial need. Part-time students may apply.

**Award:** *Scholarships:* \$2500-\$5000; *Bursaries:* \$2,000 for a full academic year, or \$1,000 per semester. Part-time

students receive \$200 per course per semester and may receive up to \$500 in textbook reimbursements.

**Deadline: Scholarships:** TBA (February 21, 5 p.m., in 2018.).

**Bursaries:** Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis until all funding has been distributed; applications open early in April. \*See also the Ted Rogers Scholarship Fund: Twenty students may apply through Children's Aid Foundation of Canada. **Deadline to apply:** TBA (March 11 in 2018)

### [Foresters Financial Competitive Scholarship Program](#)

For dependent children/grandchildren of an eligible Foresters member; pursuing postsecondary education at a university, community college, or trade (vocational / technical) program; 70% average; essay

**Award:** 250 \$2,000 tuition scholarships; renewable

**Deadline:** TBA (February 28 in 2018)

### [RBC Royal Bank Scholarship for Aboriginals](#)

For Status and non-status Indians, Inuit, or Métis pursuing postsecondary education. Scholarships in two categories: financial and non-financial disciplines; selection primarily based on personal/academic achievements and financial need.

**Award:** ten awards up to \$4000 for a maximum of four years

**Deadline:** Applications open

**December 1, 2018-February 28, 2019**

## *Province-Wide: March Deadlines*

### [Allan Simpson Educational Fund](#)

For students who are full orphans (both parents deceased); renewable if applicant maintains a passing average  
**Award:** two awards of approx. \$2500 each; three awards of approx. \$1600 each; number/amount of awards subject to the interest earned by the Fund

**Deadline:** March 1, 2019



### [Ontario Ministry of Labour \*It's Your Job\* Student Video Contest](#)

For an Ontario secondary school student; Submit two-minute video about the importance of working safely on the job that can be shared on social media.

**Award:** 1st Place: **\$2000** for the entrant(s), **\$2000** for their school; 2nd Place: **\$1500/\$1500** for their school; 3rd Place: **\$1000/\$1000**. The Ontario team that wins the top prize will also be entered in the Canadian Nationals.

**Deadline: TBA (March 2 in 2018)**

### [Diabetes Hope Foundation \(DHF\) Scholarship Program](#)

For Ontario students in final year of high school pursuing postsecondary education; demonstrate involvement in community and/or sports activities; registered with a pediatric diabetes program/healthcare provider, and in transition year to adult diabetes care; received care for Type 1 Diabetes or Insulin Dependent Type 2 Diabetes by a Pediatric Health Care team for min. of 1 year preceding the application

**Award:** \$2,500 each

**Deadline: March 4, 2019**

### [Afghan Scholarship Fund / Afghan Excelerate Scholarship](#)

For graduating high school students of Afghan descent in Ontario who will attend a Canadian university; excel in academic work; participation in extracurricular activities; financial need

**Award:** \$1000 scholarships

**Deadline: TBA (March 9 in 2018)**

### [Canadian Cancer Society / Gertrude and LeRoy Rellinger Youth Volunteer Scholarships](#)

For students entering first year of a university, college, or industry program; a Canadian Cancer Society, Ont. Division, volunteer; age 21 or younger

**Award:** two \$5000 scholarships

**Deadline: TBA (March 15 in 2018)**

### [Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving \(OSAID\) / AVIVA Start-Up Scholarships](#)

\$500 awards for high school students who started an OSAID chapter and helped organize one OSAID activity at school. \*Bonus points for helping to

organize students to attend the provincial Conference in May.

**Award:** two \$500 scholarships

**Deadline: TBA (March 22 in 2018)**

### [Sikh Foundation Scholarship](#)

Must be of the Sikh faith; enrolled in Grade 12 in Ontario; completed Grade 11 with a min. average of 80% and mid-term Grade 12 min. average of 80%; attending university in the fall.

Selection based on Academic potential / Community involvement / Extra-curricular activities / Financial need.

**Award:** two \$5000 scholarships

**Deadline: TBA (March 23 in 2018)**

### [Ontario Student Trustee Association \(OSTA\) / Ontario Student Voice Awards \(OSVAs\)](#)

Awards for graduating students who "dedicate their time into passionately representing their community and advocating for the issues most important to them." Awards: Student Voice / Sports Leadership / Commitment to Justice / Entrepreneurial Initiative / Dedication to the Arts / Cultural Involvement

**Awards:** six \$500 scholarships

**Deadline: TBA (March 30 in 2018)**

**\*See also OSTA's Student Trustee Alumni Leadership Award**

## *Canada-Wide: March Deadlines*

### [Kiwaniis Foundation of Canada Youth Scholarship Program](#)

Two scholarships:

*The Matching Scholarship Program* (up to \$1000). Check to see if your local club participates in this program.

Criteria: acceptable grades, good character, financial need, participation in student activities and community service involvement; pursuing post-high school studies.

*Mel Osborne Scholarship* (up to \$500 for Kiwanis Youth Club students only).

Criteria: acceptable grades, good character, financial need, **membership and participation in a Kiwanis service Leadership Club**, and demonstrated community service involvement; pursuing post-high school studies.

*Other:* Individual clubs may sponsor their own scholarships and bursaries. Inquire at your local Kiwanis club.

**Deadline: contact your local club**

### [Generation Google Scholarship](#)

For students enrolled or accepted at university; pursuing computer science, or computer engineering degree, or degree in closely-related tech field; exemplify leadership and passion for computer science & tech; academic achievement; a student from underrepresented group in computer science (see website). Applications open in January.

**Award:** \$5000; the award must be spent on tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for the students' classes at university

**Deadline: TBA (March in 2018)**

\*Note: Students selected for the Generation Google Scholarship are required to attend the [Computer Science Summer Institute \(CSSI\)](#).

### [FCSS-FESC \(Federation of Canadian Secondary Students\) Student Voice Champion \(SVC\) Scholarships](#)

Students in last year of high school who demonstrate a commitment to student voice.

*Academic Merit Scholarship:* \$10,000; recognises students who excel in academic pursuits within school and beyond; cumulative average of 90% in all courses.

*Community Service Scholarship:*

\$10,000; recognises students who volunteer and support their communities; cumulative average of 60% in all courses; outstanding record of community service

**Deadline: Opens February 1, 2019, 3:00 p.m., and closes March 1, 2019, 8:00 p.m.**

### [Muslim Awards for Excellence / MAX Scholarships](#)

Various scholarships for Muslim high school students who have excelled in academics and combined this achievement with outstanding contributions to their school and/or community. See website for specifics.

**Award:** \$2500-\$10,000

**Deadline: TBA (March 1 in 2018)**

### My TOP Three Tips for Students Seeking Scholarships

1. Be Organized! Begin a file system with a folder for each month of the school year (e.g., September, October, etc.). Put info for each scholarship into the file folder that corresponds with the month the application for the scholarship is due. Review which ones are due at the beginning of each month or the end of the previous month.

2. Be Prepared! Give your references ample time (minimum of 2 weeks) to write you a letter of support (or whatever the scholarship is requiring of them). Take into account the amount of time you need to mail the application to the scholarship sponsor.

3. Be your number one fan! Don't be afraid to talk about all of your accomplishments no matter how insignificant they may seem. This is your time to shine!

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#### Ted Rogers Scholarship Fund

For Canadian youth with any government care experience currently enrolled, or planning to enroll, in their first postsecondary program (academic, technical, or vocational) at a college, university, or trade school starting in September 2019 or January 2020; demonstrate contributions to the community. \*Note: These scholarships are reserved for students already involved with one of Rogers' fifteen community partners who select individuals based on their community leadership.

**Award:** 150 \$2,500 scholarships per each academic year for up to four years  
**Deadline:** Reach out to the community partners directly for more details on the application process. (Scroll down website page to *Our Scholarship Partners.*)

#### Parachute / Stacey Levitt Memorial Award

Open to any Canadian high school students. The Award encourages youth to embody Stacey's qualities and ideals and Parachute's goal of a long life lived to the fullest, while rooted in risk management and injury prevention.

**Award:** \$2,500 award

**Deadline:** TBA (March 2 in 2018)



#### Canadian Association of Principals (CAP) Student Leadership Award

Graduating students are eligible for nomination by principal: nominate one student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and in top 20% of their class.

**Award:** twelve \$250 scholarships

**Deadline:** TBA (March 15 in 2018)

#### Leonard Foundation Financial Assistance Program

For students enrolled/enrolling in a degree program in College/University; preference to children of ordained clergy, licensed teachers, Canadian military personnel, graduates of a Canadian Military College, members of Engineering Institute of Canada, and members of Mining and Metallurgical Institute of Canada. Financial need must be demonstrated. A nominator must submit your application. Select one and contact them. Successful applicants are expected to obtain employment to help defray the costs of their education. In addition, they must participate regularly in athletic, fitness, or military activities. Personal qualities showing a potential for leadership are also a requirement.

**Award:** \$1,000 for those who do not need to set up a second residence; (\$1,500 for those who do)

**Deadline:** March 15, 2019

#### St. John Ambulance (SJA) National Bursary Program

Academic achievement/financial need, leadership qualities, and a commitment to high standards in field of study; upholds ideals of SJA; desire to serve community through SJA. [Contact your local branch](#) for application forms (available *after Jan. 1*). Applications must be forwarded to the provincial office.

**Deadline:** March 15, 2019

#### Clean Tech Competition

A research / design challenge for teams of 1-3 high school students from anywhere in the world. Identify a problem; design a solution that can mitigate the negative impacts set forth by the current challenge. The program encourages scientific understanding of real-world issues and the integration of environmentally responsible energy sources.

**Prizes:** \$1000-\$10,000 finalist prizes; ten finalist teams are chosen.

**Registration:** TBA (opened November 20 in 2017; closed March 16 in 2018.).

#### Louise Russo W.A.V.E. Youth Awards

Ages 12-19 (Gr.7-12); youth who exemplify Respect, Responsibility, & Role of Leadership through initiatives that create safer, healthier communities

**Award:** five \$1000 Individual & Team Youth Awards, and three 500 Leadership Awards

**Deadline:** TBA (March 16 in 2018)

#### Start2Finish Pathway of Hope Scholarship Program

For students in final year of high school. Priority given to (though not limited to) applicants who have participated in *Start2Finish* programs as recipients or volunteers; financial need; essay. Other applicants considered who show financial need, academic excellence, and strong community involvement; essay. Successful applicants will be asked to "pay it forward" by participating in at least one summer volunteer opportunity with Start2Finish.

**Award:** \$1,000-\$2,500

**Deadline:** Postmarked by March 25, 2019

### Tim Hortons Scholarships

Offered to Restaurant employees, their children, or grandchildren. Must be accepted to a postsecondary institution. Submit proof of volunteer and / or community service and/or leadership hours (15 hours only); Essay. Ask the Restaurant Owner or Manager about the eligibility criteria to apply for a scholarship.

**Award:** two hundred \$1000 scholarships in Canada

**Deadline:** TBA (March 28 in 2018)

### Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians (AEBC) T-Base Scholarships

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

**Award:** \$1000-\$2000

**Deadline:** Applications open in February 2019 (March 30 in 2018)

### Canadian Right of Way Education Foundation High School Scholarship

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; 75% / B+ average in most recent three years of study

**Award:** \$2500 (The scholarship amount may be awarded to one applicant or split among more than one applicant.)

**Deadline:** TBA (March 31 in 2018)

### Indigenous Arts & Stories Competition

Open to Canadians of Indigenous ancestry (self-identified, Status, Non-Status, Inuit, and Métis) between the ages of 9-29. Create a writing or art piece that explores Indigenous heritage or culture. Word count for stories varies according to age category. Your entry into the competition must include a 200-400-word artist's or author's statement that includes a few words about you and explains how your piece explores Indigenous heritage and culture. \*Note: Check out the [FAQs](#) on the website.

**Award:** Awards in separate age categories ranging from \$100-\$2000.

There will be four Grand Prize trips to

the Governor General's Awards Ceremony for the first-place winners in each age category.

**Deadline:** March 31, 2019

### Ringette Canada Scholarships

Three scholarships for Ringette players: *5-Count Ringette Goalie Scholarship*, *Agnes Jacks Scholarship Awards*, and *the Cara Brown Ringette Scholarship*. See eligibility requirements as per specific scholarship.

**Award:** scholarships from \$250-\$1000 each

**Deadline:** March 31, 2019

### Union of National Employees (UNE) Annual Bursaries

*High School Scholarships:* For students in last year of high school pursuing postsecondary education; a scholarship is offered to a high school student in each of the Union of National Employees' regions; essay

**Award:** ten \$1000 scholarships (The award may be split and awarded to more than one candidate.)

*Laurier Auger Bursary:* For a UNE member (or partner or child) entering the first year of postsecondary education. Financial need and scholastic achievement will be considered.

**Award:** \$2,000 (Bursary may be split & awarded to more than one candidate.)

**Deadline:** March 31, 2019

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## Opportunities & Awards

### House of Commons Page Program

Forty students from high schools across Canada go to Ottawa to work as Pages in the House of Commons. They must be graduating from high school and starting fulltime studies at one of the [four universities in the National Capital Region](#) in September of the year of employment as a Page; have obtained an overall academic average of at least 80% the previous

year (Grade 11) and maintain this average; and be able to orally communicate fluently in both official languages. Those hired as Pages work on a part-time basis during their first year of study. Pages are paid \$16,088 as well as a sum of \$1,200 paid at the end of the employment period. The House of Commons will pay for transportation between the Page's permanent residence and Ottawa at the beginning, and end, of the term of employment. Pages who come from outside the National Capital Region usually obtain rooms in the university residences. **Deadline: December 3**

### Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers

Ages 15-24. Have volunteered for a large amount of time. Must be nominated. **Deadline: January 15**

### Ontario Youth Parliament (OYP)

OYP 2019 will be held at [Rideau Park United Church](#) in Ottawa on **February 15-18, 2019** (Family Day weekend). Attendees must be between the ages of 14-21 as of January 1, 2019. Chartered coach buses pick up and drop off delegates at major city centres across the province. There is adult supervision. If you are from out of town, you will stay with a billet. Delegates are paired up with at least one other delegate (of the same gender identity). There will be a **registration fee**. \*Bursaries available (see below). **Registration deadline:** If you want to be notified when registration is available, email the registrar, Jennifer Cooke at [registrar@oyp.on.ca](mailto:registrar@oyp.on.ca). Follow OYP on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for updates. **Bursaries:** \*To be eligible for a bursary, the applicant must pay the minimum registration deposit of \$75. The deadline for early consideration is January 23rd, 2019. If funds are still available, applications submitted after that date may be considered up until the session of parliament begins. The maximum bursary is \$125.00 per person.

### Ontario Volunteer Service Awards

Youth (24 years old and under) are recognized for two or more years of continuous service. Must be nominated. **Deadline: January 25**

### The Prince's Youth Service Awards

The award celebrates Canadian youth (ages 5-18) who are making real impact and leading their communities through service in action both at home and around the world in one of four categories: Local Community Development, Global Action, Social Entrepreneurship, and Sustainability. Students will receive a trophy designed by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, award ceremony with Marc and Craig Kielburger, or designate of HRH the Prince of Wales; the chance to take part in leadership training; and a bursary to help support putting their ideas into action, etc. **Deadline: TBA (February in 2018)**

### Government of Canada Language immersion programs

**-Explore:** A five-Week French-Language Bursary Program — students must be at least in Grade 11 during the preceding school year. You can take the program in spring or summer. **Costs: Most expenses are covered.** Participants in *Explore* receive a \$2,200 bursary (taxable income) that covers tuition fees for the programs, instructional materials, meals and accommodations, workshops, and other mandatory activities. Bursary recipients will still need to cover some of their costs. Aside from personal spending money (for snacks or souvenirs, etc.), there are **two major costs that the participant must cover: registration fees and travel expenses.** The host institution may also charge other program-related fees as necessary. **Early Bird Deadline: February 15**  
**-Destination Clic:** A three-week Bursary program for students in Grades 8 and 9.

### Beaverbrook Vimy Prize

Two-week-long learning experience during which youth, 15-17 years of age, study the First and Second World War history of Canada, Great Britain, and France. Scheduled trip in **August 2019**, in England, Belgium, and France. **Deadline: TBA (March 4 in 2018)**

### YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange

National exchange program for youth ages 16 & 17; improve second official language skills and gain important employment experience through a work placement. **Deadline: First priority deadline is March 16. Second priority deadline is May 15.**

Also see [Government of Canada: Youth Exchanges Canada](#) for Group Exchanges with various deadlines.



### YRE (Young Reporters for the Environment) Canada National Eco-journalism Competition for Youth

YRE Canada is a national environmental education program that gives youth the opportunity to be part of the solution by producing creative and engaging environmental journalism. Participants (ages 11-14 and 15-18) investigate and report on environmental issues, and propose solutions, by using video, photography, or writing. YRE Winners have the chance to be published. **Enter by March 29, 2019.**

\*See also the [YRE International Competition](#) for winners of the YRE National Competition.

### A few of my Top Tips:

1. Research the school / organization offering the award. This allows you to make specific reference to how your past experiences and / or future goals relate to them. For example, if you are applying to a university-specific scholarship and they are asking about leadership, research leadership opportunities at the school in which you would like to participate. You can also discuss how your past leadership experiences would help you be successful in these positions.
2. Start volunteer work early and in a meaningful placement. Continue to volunteer throughout your years in high school. This will provide you with meaningful references and show commitment, dependability, and passion.
3. Even if you think you do not stand a chance to win a specific scholarship, apply anyway. Worst case scenario -- you'll be in the same boat that you would have been in if you did not apply, and it will give you more experience writing applications. Best case scenario -- you win!
4. Find a trustworthy editor to review your applications. This means writing a rough draft AT LEAST one week prior to the due date (and maybe writing multiple drafts). But remember, it is important to approach the person who you want to have edit your applications in advance so that you can both find some time to review your work together.
5. Start your research and applications early! Book an appointment with a Guidance counsellor ASAP so that you understand how to research and can gain other meaningful advice.

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