

Scholarship Information 2023/2024

Please see below for a listing of a variety of scholarships.
Each college and university site has numerous scholarships and bursaries that you may be eligible for, so be sure to check regularly for new information.
We have listed a handful of what is out there, be sure to do your research.
Come into Student Services if you have any questions.

Definition of Scholarship vs Bursary

Scholarship-award based on academics and/or other specified criteria,
may be renewable
Bursary-award based on financial need/special circumstances, usually a
one-time payment, requires application

Types of Post Secondary Scholarships

- I. **Entrance Scholarships** - do not require a separate application (automatic)
 - usually 80-85% and up with higher amounts as average increases
 - assigned with offer of admission
 - sometimes renewable for 4 years if average is maintained
- II. **Scholarships** that REQUIRE a separate application:
(check out the individual College & University websites)
 - some scholarships **may** require a school NOMINATION (usually requires an average of 85%-90%)
 - most scholarships look at: extra-curricular activities, leadership, and community involvement.

Universities or Colleges **do not** offer scholarships based on **volunteer hours only**

PROCESS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS THAT REQUIRE NOMINATION BY JOHN McCRAE SECONDARY SCHOOL:

- Go to the relevant website for the application forms.
- check **date the application is due in Student Services** – this will be approximately 3 weeks before the actual scholarship deadline.
- complete the application including the essay/creative work where required.
- Request a required **transcripts** from Ms. Lester in Student Services.
- speak to teacher/community reference people and give them written instructions if applicable (**give them at least three week's notice before the deadline**).
- Hand in or submit the **completed scholarship application form and required documentation BY THE STUDENT SERVICES DEADLINE.**
- Scholarship and Awards Committee:
This committee is made up of teachers who meet after the scholarship applications have been submitted. In selecting the school's nominee(s) for each scholarship, the committee will consider:
 - candidates' submissions, completeness of application package
 - Ontario Student Transcript
 - current report card or interim marks
 - number of U's/M's completed

The following Scholarships **1, 2, 3** require nomination by John McCrae Secondary School. You need to complete a practice application by the deadlines provided.

1. Queens University Chancellor's Scholarship and QuARMS

Value: \$9,000 annually

Criteria: Superior academic ability (90+); creative and original thought; proven leadership qualities. The school can nominate 1 student. Check out Major Admission Awards on the Queens site, click here: [Awards Information](#). Application Deadlines vary so check the Awards Information.

2. Schulich Leader Scholarship

Value \$80,000-100,000 over 4 years

Awarded to entrepreneurial-minded students enrolled in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Math) at selected universities across Canada. JMSS can nominate 1 student. **Information** www.schulichleaders.com. - click on the learn more button.

Application deadline is January 30, 2024

The practice application includes the following (one page per each category)

- 2 reference letters (separate page for each one)
- list of universities you wish to attend
- your top 3 achievements (academic or other) - max. 50 words for each
- essay demonstrating why you should win - 600 words max.
- optional essay outlining extenuating circumstances - 250 words max.
- short answer to outline where you see yourself in 10 year - 50 words max.
- up-to date transcript and credit counseling summary - ask Ms. Lester

3. University of Western Ontario National Scholarships

Bell High School can nominate up to 4 students for these scholarships. They are awarded on the basis of outstanding academic performance (90% min) to candidates who demonstrate creative and innovative thought, exceptional leadership in extracurricular activities such as arts and athletics, and commitment to school and community. Go to: [Western National Scholarship Deadline Feb 14, 2024](#)

****New** The Loran Scholar Program - **all students now apply directly****

High level of academic performance (85%+ avg for last 3 years), leadership and a record of community service to the community. 30 awards valued up to \$100,000. The online application is available at: www.loranscholar.ca.

Application deadline is CLOSED for 2023-24.

University of Toronto National Scholarship Program

Awarded to students planning on post-secondary education who demonstrate superior academic performance, original thought and exceptional achievement. Students apply directly to the University of Toronto for this scholarship. The scholarship covers tuition for four years of study plus first year of residence.

[The National Scholarships](#)

Deadline is now CLOSED for 2023-24.

House of Commons Page Program

40 students each year are selected from high schools across Canada to work as Pages in the House of Commons. Those hired as Pages work on a part-time basis during their first year of study at one of our local universities. Visit [Page Program Info](#). **Deadline is November 8, 2023.**

TD Canada Trust Scholarships for Community Leadership

Open to students who have shown exceptional initiative in making a meaningful and lasting difference in their community. Minimum overall grade of 75% is required. 20 scholarships are awarded across Canada. Each scholarship is valued at up to \$70,000. [TD Community Scholarship](#). **Due November 15th, 2023.**

Terry Fox Humanitarian Award – for **College and University** applicants

Approx. 20 awards of up to \$7,000 annually to students who exhibit the highest ideals and qualities of citizenship, courage in overcoming obstacles, involvement in humanitarian service and participation in sport, fitness and community service. We are looking for humanitarians, those who improve human welfare, make a difference, and have a positive impact on their community and others.

While Terry faced many obstacles, and quite clearly a physical one, candidates may face different types of obstacles. A myriad of obstacles exist, and we consider any adversity that calls for a demonstration of courage, compassion, and fortitude.

Deadline TBD .[Terry Fox Humanitarian Award](#)

Royal Bank Scholarships for Aboriginals

10 scholarships of \$4000 each.

[RBC Royal Bank Scholarships - RBC Royal Bank](#)

Deadlines vary.

STEAM Horizon Award (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada).

Applicants must be a Canadian citizen, or permanent resident of Canada. STEAM Horizon Awards recipients will have inspiring achievements in the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math while maintaining a minimum academic average of 80%. Valued at \$25,000 [STEAM Horizon Awards](#)

Canadian Women in Municipal Government Scholarship -

Open to women students enrolled in any year of study in secondary school and who are contributing to their school's leadership team or student council. One \$500 scholarship for the province of Ontario. [application](#) Email submissions to women@fcm.ca.

University of Guelph National Scholarships

Candidates should have a minimum average of 90% and have made significant contributions to their school and community and demonstrated the potential to become leaders in society. Deadline usually in January of each year.

1. President's Scholarship (8): each valued at \$26,000.

2. Lincoln Alexander Chancellor's Scholarship

<https://admission.uoguelph.ca/topscholarships>

Thomas G. Flanagan Scholarship- scholarship for a woman of a visible minority or Aboriginal woman interested in becoming a police officer with the Ottawa Police Service. Scholarship amount to be awarded is \$2,000.

Info at [Scholarship and Bursary Info for Ottawa Police](#) or email info@ottawapolice.ca

****New** Silver Spring Farm Scholarship Award** - Two \$2,500 scholarships. Applicants must be pursuing a career in the developmental services sector & a degree/diploma in the field of social sciences or human services at Algonquin College, Carleton University, La Cité collégiale, University of Ottawa, Saint Paul University, or St. Lawrence College.

[Silver Spring Farm Scholarship Award](#)

ZONTA - Jean M Coon Humanitarian Student Award and The Young Women in Public Affairs Award

The Ottawa Club awards young women in high school for outstanding community service and humanitarianism in word and deed. Academic achievement is not considered in the selection process. See the website to find out if you are eligible. This is a \$800 Award. See your Guidance Counselor or Principal to be Nominated.

[2021-2022 Applications - Zonta Club of Ottawa, Canada](#)

****New** Chemical Institute of Canada - Lionel High School Chemistry Scholarship**

Students applying for this award must be planning to enrol in a BSc program in chemistry, biochemistry or chemical engineering at a Canadian university, or a pre-university 2-year program or diploma and demonstrate need for financial assistance. This is a \$4000 scholarship.

[Lionel High School Chemistry Scholarship](#)

****NEW - For Grade 11 students****

The Horatio Alger Scholarship

Scholarship funding will be distributed in September 2023. In addition, you will also receive support from the organization during your grade 12 year.

Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and plan to complete a bachelor's degree program at an accredited university.

Demonstrate critical financial need (\$65,000 or less annual net income per family)

Be involved in co-curricular and community service activities

Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity.

Minimum grade of 70%

Be a Canadian citizen.

Awards are valued at \$5,000 - 160 are available. [Horatio Alger Scholarship](#)

The Ontario Student Voice Awards

The Ontario Student Voice Awards (OSVAs) are given annually to outstanding graduating grade 12 students across Ontario. OSVAs are a way for the Ontario Student Trustees to give back to the most exceptional students in our province,

those who dedicate their time passionately representing their community and advocating for the issues most important to them. Each award is valued at \$1000 and there are 6 different awards.

[Ontario Student Voice Awards 2021 – OSTA-AECO](#)

****New** Connex Foundation Scholarship** - For students pursuing a career in the skilled trades - electrical, plumbing, HVAC, carpentry, construction and/or facility management industry. Up to \$5000 awarded.

[Scholarship Opportunities](#)

****New** Jamie Hubley Memorial Scholarship** - For individuals with lived experience with a mental health issue who are pursuing post-secondary education, and/or for those training or studying at a post-secondary level in the field of mental health. Two recipients will be awarded a one-time scholarship of \$2,000.

[Jamie Hubley Memorial Scholarship - Youth Services Jeunesse](#)

Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa – for **College and University** applicants
More than \$30,000 in academic assistance. A variety of scholarships available for students applying to college, university or trade school. Intended to recognize youth for their community involvement. Open to students who are members of the Boys and Girls Club.

[Boys and Girls Club Scholarship](#)

OCENET- Lynch-Getty Global Student Award - Awarded to a Grade 12 student who is planning to attend College or University or Volunteer Experience outside of Canada upon graduation. \$1000 to 4 students within the OCDSB. Canadian or International Students who have demonstrated leadership and involvement in their community. Must be currently in Grade 12 and have a minimum of a 75% average.

[Lynch-Getty Award - OCENET](#)

The Ilana and Steven Rubin Educational Scholarship

Valued at \$1,800. Students applying for the scholarship must be graduating with at least a B average, targeting applicants with averages between B and A-. Averages above A- will also be considered, but all applicants must demonstrate financial need through qualification for the Ontario Student Assistance Program or equivalent. Please note, it would be Mr. Rubin's great pleasure to present the award in person to the student at his or her school in June. **A**

Black Foundation of Community Networks, Scholarship

A scholarship directory for students who are pursuing post-secondary undergraduate education in Canada. Check out the website for a complete listing.

[SCHOLARSHIPS – BFCN](#)

***NEW* Canadian Scholarship Trust Plan** - 25 bursaries awarded with a value of \$6000 each. Awarded to students who are entering post-secondary education for the first time and whose financial needs may make it difficult for them to access post-secondary education. Preference is given to students who are the first in their family to pursue post-secondary education.

[Bursaries for Canadian Students, Bursaries Canada](#)

****New** Frank Whitteker Memorial Scholarship** - Awarded to an OCDSB student who has been impacted personally by cancer. Students must plan on attending college or university in Ottawa. Minimum average of 75% and students must intend on playing post-secondary sports. Four year scholarship valued at \$7500 per year. Please ask a teacher or guidance counselor to nominate you.

[Frank Whitteker Memorial Scholarship](#)

****New** Nancy Douglas Memorial Award** - Valued at \$1000, this award is for a graduating OCDSB female student pursuing a post-secondary degree with a preference for students going into Education. Demonstrated leadership skills and financial need are key criteria. Please ask a teacher or guidance counselor to nominate you for this award.

[Nancy Douglas Memorial Award](#)

****New** The Suddy and Barbara Ashfield Award** - 21 awards with a value of \$1000 each for OCDSB students. Awarded to grade 12 students who are attending college or university, have achieved academic success, have volunteered or given to their community and who have financial need. Please ask a teacher or guidance counselor to nominate you for this award.

[The Suddy and Barbara Ashfield Award](#)

Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund

This is a scholarship for immigrant/refugee students planning to pursue post-secondary education in the National Capital Region. The candidate must demonstrate financial need; graduating high school; live in the National Capital Region; have at least 80% average and demonstrate leadership skills and community involvement.

[Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund - OCISO](#)

The Public Property Assessment Network Scholarship

The Public Property Assessment Network Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is being awarded through the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Eastern Region.

Selection Criteria

Awarded to a student pursuing a career in the trades, either through a post-secondary or an apprenticeship program in Ontario. Preference will be given to a student in good standing, who has contributed to the life of the school and/or community. Financial need (*The scholarship must be awarded to a graduating student and is intended for someone not expected to receive any other major award/scholarship.)

[Public Property Assessment Network Scholarship - OPSBA](#)

Click on Eastern under the Regional Nomination Information

Ontario Road Builders Association (ORBA) Scholarship for College or University

Engineering and Civil Engineering Technology Scholarships, each valued at \$2,000.00. The Civil Engineering Scholarship is awarded to a student graduating from an Ontario high school and entering the first year of a Civil Engineering program at an Ontario **university**. The Civil Engineering Technology Scholarship is awarded to a student graduating from an Ontario high school and entering the first year of a Civil Engineering Technology or Technician program at an Ontario **college** or equivalent.

[ORBA Civil Engineering Scholarships](#)

The Ontario Justice Education Network (OJEN)

For Grade 12 students pursuing post-secondary studies that lead to a career in the justice sector. OJEN administers 22 bursaries province-wide that range from \$500 - \$1000 for students who are entering their first year of post-secondary studies in the fall. Applicants should describe the justice sector career they are interested in pursuing and demonstrate how their post-secondary program will help them achieve this goal.

[Bursaries for Grade 12 Students Pursuing Studies Toward a Career in Law](#)

Black Canadian Scholarship Fund -Criteria: 75% average in 6 grade 12 courses.

Be a black Canadian Citizen and residing in the national capital region.

Be admitted at a recognized Canadian university. Demonstrate a need for financial assistance. Demonstrate leadership in community involvement.

[Black Canadian Scholarship Fund - Ottawa Community Foundation](#)

Mon Sheong Foundation Golden Jubilee Awards of Excellence Scholarship

Criteria: 80% Average in 6 Grade 12 courses. For College or University programs.

Be pursuing a career in Healthcare, Social Work, or Education

Demonstrate financial need. Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

Two awards for \$1000.

[Golden Jubilee Scholarship](#)

Black Foundation of Community Networks Scholarship

Awarded to a black student attending college or university. Applicants must demonstrate financial need, community support and involvement and leadership qualities.

Six awards of \$1000.

[BFCN Scholarship](#)

Nelson Scholarship x 2

CIVIC LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Award amount: \$10,000. Awarding students who have demonstrated academic success, personal strength, and determination in their commitment to civic engagement and leadership. Academic average of at least 80%. The student must be a Canadian citizen, or have a permanent resident card, or is First Nations, Métis or Inuit. **INDIGENOUS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

Award amount: \$10,000. Awarding First Nation, Métis and Inuit student leaders who have demonstrated academic success, personal strength, and a commitment to preserving Indigenous languages and culture, academic average of at least 80%

2021 Nelson Scholarship Program

The Bill 7 Award Trust

Established in 1987 to provide post-secondary education scholarships to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, two-spirited or queer (LGBTQ) students who are pursuing a first degree diploma or certification in any Ontario post-secondary institution and are in financial need. Canadian or Permanent Resident. The Bill 7 Award is named after the 1986 Ontario legislation that extended the protection of the Human Rights Code to lesbians and gays.

Bill7 award Application

Useful Sites to find out about more Scholarships and Funding

Scholarships and Contests - Ottawa-Carleton District School Board - OCDSB scholarship ideas

ScholarTree: Scholarships Made Simple - Create a profile and scholarTree finds scholarships that match your profile.

Yconic - Create a profile and Yconic will find scholarships that match your profile. Email notification.

www.ouac.on.ca - Ont. Universities Application Centre

www.ocas.on.ca - Ont. College Application Services

www.canlearn.ca - Financial planning resource funded by the federal government.

www.scholarshipscanada.com - set up a profile

www.studentawards.com - Canada's free financial aid resource.

http://osap.gov.on.ca - Ontario Student Assistance Program.

www.schoolfinder.com - A mix of information about programs and scholarships

www.collegeboard.com - American universities and SAT information

Scholarships for Ottawa High School Students - Collection of scholarships

Special Note: Universities and Colleges do not offer scholarships based on the number of volunteer hours you have completed.

