

The Scholarship Report

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Congratulations! You are almost at the finish line. You are on your way to a new and exciting chapter of your education. Below are ten practical tips to keep in mind as you transition to life as a college or university student:

1. Talk to your parents/guardians or someone else who can help you put a budget in place. Most schools have a [budgeting & financial literacy](#) page on their website or you can use a simple [Student Budget Worksheet](#).
2. Log into your university or college student account and take note of any scholarship or bursary application deadlines. Research scholarships and bursaries on the school website. Collect information & build a timeline of when award applications are due. Most deadlines remain the same from year to year. Note: If you missed the Admissions Bursary deadline, you may apply for the general bursary in the fall.
3. In the summer, participate in any summer orientation program that your school offers. In the fall, take your school's workshops on time management, organization, and study skills.
4. Renewable scholarships have conditions which may include maintaining a minimum course load or grade point average. If you are entering university or college with a renewable scholarship, try to maintain your grades so that it will be renewed each year.
5. Join an on-campus club or association, or find a volunteer opportunity, that is aligned with your studies and future goals. These activities can help strengthen your skills and provide networking opportunities while making a difference in your school or local community. They can also build up your resume and/or an application for graduate studies.
6. Get to know your instructors. Go to office hours. Your instructors will give you feedback on your work. They may be able to give you a reference if you need one. And sometimes they hire students to do research in the summer.
7. If you need to work part-time, look into work study programs at your school, e.g., Laurier University's [work study program](#). Most schools offer a wide range of part-time jobs to help students with financial need. Also, check out the university or college online job board, connect with career services, and/or attend on- or off-campus job fairs and expos.

8. Get to know one person at the Student Awards & Financial Aid Office. They will be able to answer your questions and provide information on awards, OSAP, budgeting, tuition and more.

More tips:

- [21 tips every first-year student should know](#): Advice from leading academic.
- [How to write an essay for university or college that earns top marks](#): Expert tips from a former teaching assistant and part-time instructor.
- [College students and email](#): A professor's perspective.

Best wishes, graduates!



Kid, you'll move mountains.
- Dr. Seuss

RESOURCES

[Budgeting for Student Life](#)
[Youth in Canada: Information and Services](#)



Notes on OSAP

The [Ontario Student Assistance Program \(OSAP\)](#) is disbursed in two installments: September (60%) and January (40%). You must apply every school year.

You must apply to OSAP if you want to be eligible for other university/college financial aid. When you apply for bursaries, it is sometimes a requirement to have already applied for OSAP to demonstrate that you have exhausted all other resources.

If you are not approved for funding or you would like a review of the funding amount, you can request a funding review. Talk to your Financial Aid Office. Below are three examples of situations where you can request a review for OSAP purposes:

- **Example 1: Request for Review: Adjust Living Allowance (Form)**
You don't live in your parent's home or in a home owned by them during your study period, and your parents live within thirty kilometres of the school you are attending.
- **Example 2: Request to Use Parent's Estimated Income (Form)**
Your parent's financial situation changed in 2022 because of unexpected and/or one-time circumstances, such as loss of full-time employment and/or new employment at a lower pay rate; or illness, accident, or retirement; and/or receipt of a severance package, insurance settlement or other one-time income payout.
- **Example 3: Request for Review: Adjust Local Travel in Study Period (Form)**
You drive more than thirty kilometres from your home to your campus or school placement; or you drive because it takes more than one hour by public transit to get from your home to your campus or school placement; or you drive because there is no public transit between your home and your campus or school placement; or you have exceptional public transit costs from your home to your campus or school placement, e.g., You are required to use multiple transit systems or non-municipal transit.

IMPORTANT: Your main OSAP contact is the Financial Aid Office (FAO) at your school. You must notify them of any changes to your address and/or your financial, academic, family, and/or study period status. Your income must be reported accurately or your eligibility for future aid may be impacted. You cannot edit your online OSAP application.

REMINDERS

Ontario colleges:

The colleges require payment of a tuition deposit in June to secure your spot in your program. Check your email and mail daily. Keep track of all deadlines including the registration deposit, residence application and deposit, and tuition deposit.

Ontario universities:

June 1 is the earliest date an Ontario high school student may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment. All other admission-related elements, including scholarships, other forms of student assistance or financial incentives, and offers of residence are considered part of the offer of admission. Check your email and mail daily. Keep track of all deadlines including the registration deposit, residence application and deposit, and tuition deposit.

Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP):

Apply for OSAP before June 30. From the time you submit your application and required documents, it usually takes about three-six weeks to receive a response.

Search for programs that still have spaces available at Ontario universities and colleges:

College: Use the [Find a Program](#) tool and you can see whether a program is open, closed, or waitlisted by checking the Availability column. If it is open, the college is still accepting applications to the program.

University: The Admission Information Service (AIS) allows you to determine which Ontario universities still have spots available in first-year undergraduate programs. The AIS opens June 3. See the [Admission Information Service Flyer](#).

DISCOUNTS FOR COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

[eCampusOntario](#) offers “Open Library” where you can access nearly 300 textbooks and resources that can be downloaded for FREE.

[Microsoft](#) offers Office 365 Education for FREE through most colleges & universities. Office 365 Includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, and Microsoft Teams, plus additional classroom tools. Use your valid school email address to get started.

The [Student Price Card \(SPC\)](#) is a student loyalty discount program offering discounts and deals on items such as fashion, food, shoes, travel and more. Find out more about it [here](#).

TIP 1: Buy used textbooks. In many cases it is not necessary to buy the newest edition. Check out your school’s online community for textbook listings in the Classifieds section.

TIP 2: You can opt out of health and dental insurance (included in your fees) if you are already covered by your parents/guardians. It may be a few hundred dollars each year. The deadlines to opt out are usually in September.



Need help transitioning to university? There are programs offered at Ontario universities that are “meant to reinforce learning and the skills needed for academic success in university.” See the Ontario Universities’ Application Centre (OUAC) [University Student Transition Resources](#) page.

SUMMER JOB SEARCH

Check out:

- Government of Canada’s [Job Bank](#). You can also search for [Canada Summer Jobs](#) on the Job Bank.
- Ontario’s [Summer Jobs for Students](#)
- [Indeed](#): Job Search Canada

Where to Find Awards in University or College

- The Student Awards/Financial Aid page on your school website.
- Your school's social media pages.
- Communications from your school via email or letter.
- The Student Awards Office at your school.
- The External Awards listings, if available, on your school website.
- Cultural/ethnic/religious groups.
- Professional associations/industries/federations affiliated with your area of study.
- Employers and unions including your parents'/guardians' employer and/or union.
- Local service clubs, civic groups, insurance companies, teams – where you or your parents or your grandparents participate or have memberships.
- Websites that are dedicated to specific groups: e.g., [Indspire](#) for Indigenous students; [disabilityawards.ca](#) for students with disabilities.

INCOMING GRADE 12S: PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

This summer, take some time to start thinking about scholarship preparation and your future goals. Here are some ideas to consider:

Volunteer: Community service is a requirement on many scholarship applications. Helping others is worthwhile in and of itself! Do try to volunteer in a field that interests you and aligns with your future goals.

Develop your leadership skills: Lead in a volunteer capacity, in your job, or in your activities. Create your own initiative, e.g., fundraiser, community project, etc. Or start your own business!

Find a part-time job: Again, try to work in a field that aligns with your future studies. If you cannot find a job, ask if you can job shadow or request an internship (if you can afford it). No matter what job you have, you can work on skills for the future.

McDonald's Canada is looking to hire [25,000 workers](#).

The “crew can expect to learn teamwork, leadership, agility, resilience, decision-making and more.” These are “important skills that can be used in other jobs.”

Start saving: Try budgeting this summer. It takes practice and diligence. Start now and prepare for your future.

Summer school: Take a summer school course to lighten your load in your final year of high school. The final year of high school is very busy. One less course can give you extra time for more challenging subjects.

Clean up your social media: Make your personal pages private. Be mindful of what you're posting if your profiles are public.

Future school: Begin thinking about the universities or colleges you want to apply to. Although you may change your mind during the year, it's never too soon to start considering options.

Reference letter: 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!

Scholarship search: Finally, start searching for scholarships. Begin by looking at the scholarships listed in this issue! There are many scholarship opportunities available in the final year of high school. Don't miss out!

SAVE THE DATE!

Ontario Universities' Fair (OUF)

October 1-2, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., daily
Metro Toronto Convention Centre

This event is fair style with booths from Ontario universities, and it allows you to gather information and chat with representatives one on one.

For other events, click [here](#).



STAY SAFE AND ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES

Note: Updates are listed when there is a new deadline and/or additional information, or when a scholarship is no longer offered.

- ☞ **(O) Institute for Advancements in Mental Health Scholarship Program**
Open to individuals living with schizophrenia or psychosis.
Award: Scholarships typically range from between \$1000- \$5000, with the average amount being around \$2500.
Deadline: June 6
- ☞ **(O) Autism Ontario: The David Conforti – Reach for the Stars Award**
This award is to recognize volunteerism with community impact among other people with autism.
Award: One \$500 award
Deadline: June 10
- ☞ **Opterus Rebel with a Cause Awards**
Open to young women, between the ages of 18-26, and who are enrolled/will enrol at a Canadian post-secondary institution, and who are pursuing a STEM or Arts educational path.
Award: Two awards of \$10,000 each.
Deadline: June 18.
- ☞ **Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) Scholarships**
Open to dependent children of current PSAC members.
Award: \$1000-\$4000 scholarships.
Deadline: June 24.
- ☞ **Heritage Club Scholarships**
Open to dependent children of all active members of a Heritage Club Chapter.
Award: Three \$2,000 scholarships.
Deadline: Postmarked by June 30.
- ☞ **Justin Eves Foundation (JEF)**
Open to students with a documented learning disability who meet the [application criteria](#).
Award: Typical bursary (grant) amounts are \$2,000 for college programs and \$3,000 for university programs. There is also the potential for a “Friends” scholarship for exceptional applicants in the amount of \$5,000.
Deadline: June 30.

- ☞ **Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) Foundation: Feeding Tomorrow Scholarships for First Year Students**
Open to students planning to enroll as a fulltime freshman student pursuing an undergraduate degree in the science of food at a U.S. or international university.
Award: Multiple awards.
Deadline: July 1, 3 p.m. CT.
- ☞ **(O) Epilepsy Ontario Scholarship**
Open to students across Ontario who are living with epilepsy.
Award: Four \$1,500 scholarships
Deadline: July 8.
- ☞ **(O) Mon Sheong Foundation: Golden Jubilee Scholarship**
Open to students graduating from an Ontario high school with a minimum average of 80% among their top six Grade 12 marks and who are aspiring to make a difference in their communities.
Award: Two recipients will receive \$1,000 per year for the duration of their studies, up to a maximum of four years (subject to renewal requirements).
Deadline: July 10.
- ☞ **(O) Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU): Fred Upshaw Scholarship**
Open to dependents of Black and other racialized OPSEU/SEFPO members in good standing who are pursuing studies in labour relations and/or social justice and human rights.
Award: \$1000.
Deadline: July 30.
- ☞ **(O) Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU): Larry Cripps Scholarship Fund**
Open to dependents of OPSEU/SEFPO members in good standing who are confirmed as enrolled in either a Police Foundations Course or a Law and Security/ Corrections course.
Award: \$1,000.
Deadline: July 30.
- ☞ **De Beers Group Scholarships for Canadian Women**
Open to female students entering a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) or STEM-related program. Preference will be given to Indigenous women or women of Indigenous descent.

Preference will also be given to those who are in Northern Ontario, Southern Alberta, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut.

Award: Ten awards valued at \$4,500 each.

Deadline: July 31.

MORE SCHOLARSHIPS WITH JUNE-JULY DEADLINES

(O) Water Environment Association of Ontario (WEAO): Kelman Scholarship

Open to a student that has an interest in environmental issues, particularly water quality protection.

Eligibility: The applicant is planning on attending college or university in a related field of study. The application requires a 500-word essay outlining the applicant's interests in environmental issues related to water quality protection and how they might use these interests as an educational and career opportunity.

Award: \$500.

Deadline: June 17.

Canadian Council of Muslim Women (CCMW): Lila Fahlman Scholarships

Open to Canadian Muslim women.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada. They must be enrolled in a fulltime undergraduate diploma or certificate program at a Canadian college or university for the upcoming academic year. The applicant must be making a recognized positive contribution to society through civic engagement and/or volunteering experience. Considerable preference will be given to individuals who express familiarity and connection with the mission of CCMW as a highly diverse organization with a mission to affirm the identities of Muslim women in Canada through faith, social justice, and meaningful community engagement. The application requires a 500-word essay describing the reasons why the applicant would be a worthy recipient of this scholarship, including their contribution to civic engagement at the community level, other volunteer activities, academic achievements, their most important accomplishments, and future goals.

Award: \$1000.

Deadline: June 30.

Contact: info@ccmw.com.

(O) Workers Health & Safety Centre Student Scholarships

Open to any fulltime high school student beginning their first year in fulltime or part-time studies at an Ontario college or university.

Eligibility: The applicant must reside in Ontario. The application requires an essay (600-1,000 words) on a topic given in the application package. Scholarship recipients will be chosen based on a weighted average of the essay submission and their co-curricular contributions to their school and larger community. The essay will count for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total weight and co-curricular contributions will count for $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total weight.

Award: Two \$2,000 scholarships. Up to three additional entries may be selected to receive \$1,000 each.

Deadline: July 14, 4 p.m.

Loans Canada's Financial Literacy Scholarship

Open to students who are enrolled or accepted for enrolment as a fulltime or part-time student at an accredited postsecondary institution. If you can demonstrate exceptional financial management skills, you are encouraged to apply.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. Students must demonstrate financial literacy and practice constructive money skills regardless of their grades or GPA. The application requires a letter telling how financial literacy has made a difference in your life. Tell how you've budgeted, saved, invested, paid down debt, applied for as many scholarships as possible or how your side-hustle has helped you bring in extra cash. Tell how your exceptional financial management efforts has made a positive impact in your life. Share what you've learned and how you intend on using your financial knowledge to build a better future for yourself.

Award: \$750.

Deadline: July 30.

Contact: info@loanscanada.ca.

Note: Your information will not be shared with any third parties and will not be stored for any other purpose.

Mining Diesel Emissions Council (MDEC) Scholarship

Open to students who have or plan to have an affiliation with the mining industry.

Eligibility: The applicant must be accepted as a fulltime student into a recognized program in an approved Canadian university or college. They must demonstrate their commitment to academic success, community service, and who have or plan to have an

affiliation with the mining industry. Academic success will be the primary criteria for consideration for a general scholarship. The application requires an essay of 500 words or less that answers the prompt on the website.

Award: \$2,000.

Deadline: July 30.

Contact: jstachulak@mirarco.org.

Disability Credit Canada: DCCI Scholarship for Canadian Students with Disabilities

Open to a Canadian high school student with a documented disability.

Eligibility: The applicant must be currently registered to a fulltime program of study in the field of health care, criminal justice, or community & social services at an accredited Canadian postsecondary college or university. The applicant must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada. The applicant must be under 20 years of age at the time of application. The application requires an essay of 500-700 words responding to a prompt on the website.

Award: \$1,000.

Deadline: July 31, 6 p.m. EST.

team, is beneficial to your application. This area is viewed and scored. Students who do not have any hours will not receive a score in this section and lower their chance of being successful. Scholarships are assessed on merit and are not based on financial need. However, there are very few scholarships.

Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards for Postsecondary Education: Full- and part-time studies in college, university, skilled trades, apprenticeships, and technology programs.

Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards for Postsecondary Education – Skilled Trades: Part-time or fulltime certificate or diploma programs (one month- to four-year programs).

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

Deadline: August 1, November 1, February 1.

Contact: education@indspire.ca.



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

Open to dependents of a member of a Canadian local of the Operating Engineers.

Eligibility: Applicants must be entering their first or subsequent year of a fulltime course of study (at least two years in length) leading to a diploma, certificate, or degree from any recognized public Canadian college or university. The application requires a 1000-word essay on the reason why the bursary will be of assistance, or the impact that being a dependent of a union member has had on the applicant's life.

Award: Ten \$750 bursaries. Two of the bursaries are allotted to applicants from British Columbia.

Deadline: August 1

Contact: lwinters@oe987.mb.ca.



Nelson Civic Leadership Scholarship

Open to students in Grade 12.

Eligibility: Applicants must demonstrate academic success, personal strength, and determination in their commitment to civic engagement and leadership.

Award: One \$10,000 scholarship.

Deadline: August 1

Contact: nelson.scholarships@nelson.com.



Nelson Indigenous Student Scholarship

Open to Indigenous students.

Eligibility: Applicants must be student leaders who have demonstrated academic success and personal strength with the intent to pursue postsecondary studies, i.e., college, university, technical college, or apprenticeship programs, in Education or in Education-related certificate, diploma or degree programs.

Award: One \$10,000 scholarship.

Deadline: August 1.

AUGUST DEADLINES

(O) Central Canada Exhibition Legacy Scholarship (Eastern Ontario)

Open to an active 4-H member who has been an active member for at least five consecutive years.

Eligibility: The applicant must be pursuing further career development at a postsecondary institution or in an apprenticeship program. The application requires a 500-word essay on your contribution to the community and plans for future community engagement.

Award: Not listed.

Deadline: August 1.

*See other awards on the website page.

Contact: inquiries@4-hontario.ca.



Indspire: Building Brighter Futures (BBF) Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

Open to First Nations, Inuit, and Metis students.

Eligibility: Awards and bursaries are assessed on financial need, merit, and giving back (community involvement). Any source of volunteering, e.g., your school, elder care, family care, SPCA, local hospital, church, Indigenous organization (longhouse), sports



United Steelworkers (USW): Local 1944 Scholarships

Open to a child of an active member of USW Local 1944 graduating from Grade 12.

Eligibility: Applicants must be registering for courses at a public postsecondary institution. The scholarship program considers leadership values and labour knowledge. This is an educational opportunity for students who are making a difference in their communities.

Award: Four \$1000 scholarships. Three \$750 scholarships.

Deadline: August 1.

Contact: info@columbiainstitute.ca.



(O) OPSEU (Ontario Public Service Employees Union): Curt Bishop Scholarship

Open to dependents of OPSEU/SEFPO members in good standing.

Eligibility: Applicants must be studying at a publicly funded, publicly-run postsecondary institution in Ontario. The application requires a 1500-word essay or a photo series, short video, poem, audio file, or visual art piece responding to the given prompt on the website.

Award: \$1000.

Deadline: August 4.

Contact: scholarships@opseu.org.



(O) Bill 7 Award

Open to students who identify as lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, two-spirited or queer.

Eligibility: Applicants must be attending or accepted by a postsecondary educational Institution in Ontario. They must be pursuing their FIRST postsecondary program of study. Applicants must demonstrate financial need after accessing available public financial supports.

Award: Not listed.

Deadline: August 5.

Contact: info@bill7award.ca.



(O) Skills Ontario Scholarship

Open to students who received a bronze, silver, or gold medal at the 2022 Skills Ontario Competition.

Eligibility: Applicants must be an Ontario resident and they must possess a Canadian citizenship or landed immigrant status. They must have earned high school credits any time during the current school year (September 2021 to June 2022) and will graduate in the spring, summer, or fall of 2022. Applicants must be pursuing a postsecondary education as an apprentice or through a postsecondary institution within

Ontario. Applicants must provide proof of volunteer work/community service.

Award: \$1000.

Deadline: August 5.

Contact: Gael Loro, gloro@skillsontario.com.



(O) Ontario Provincial Police Association (OPPA) Credit Union Scholarship Awards

Open to dependent children of OPPA Credit Union members, excluding employees and board members. (Persons applying must be a member of the OPPA Credit Union at the time of the application and the draw. The scholarship is awarded by a random draw on August 25.).

Eligibility: Applicants must be entering their first year of postsecondary education at an eligible institution as approved by the Ministry of Education and Training, such as Canadian colleges and universities and including all registered private vocational schools, accredited American universities and their affiliates, and accredited international universities and their affiliates.

Award: \$1000.

Deadline: August 11, 4:30 p.m.

Contact: contactus@oppacu.com.



Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada (MCAC): Richard McKeagan Scholarship Series

Open to a Student Chapter Member or child/ward of a salaried employee of an MCAC member company.

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled in a fulltime postsecondary program leading to a degree, certificate, or diploma from an accredited Canadian university, college, or apprenticeship program, with a minimum "B" average for the previous year. Applicants may also be a registered apprentice in a mechanical contracting trade. They must not otherwise receive a major scholarship or bursary.

Award: Various (\$800-\$5,000).

Deadline: August 12.



Ontario Sheet Metal (OSM) Contractors Association: Wally McIntosh Memorial Scholarship

Open to children of OSM member firm employees who are graduating from high school.

Eligibility: Applicants must be entering college or university studies. They must achieve a minimum of 75% average on six Grade 12 subjects. The application must include a recommendation from the applicant's school principal. Applicants must have demonstrated leadership qualities through involvement in

extracurricular or community activities which includes volunteer work. Evaluation criteria includes academic achievement (grade average), academic extracurricular activities, community activities, leadership qualities, and employment history.

Award: Four \$2,500 scholarships.

Contact: Diana Ramirez, dramirez@osmca.org.



Royal Canadian Regiment (RCR) Bursary Program

Open to a child, grandchild, or partner of a member of the Regimental Family (serving, former-serving or deceased) and/or cadet enrolled in an affiliated cadet corp.

Eligibility: Applicants should be preparing to attend or already attending a postsecondary institute, i.e., University, Trades School, Teachers' College, Technical College, Nursing School. Applicants are encouraged to provide sufficient detail to demonstrate their qualifications for a bursary. They may also wish to include information on any of their community service and volunteer activities. Preference will be given to applicants entering their initial year in an institute; and whose sponsor is a lower rank.

Award: \$1500 bursaries. The number of bursaries awarded will depend upon the number of applicants and their suitability.

Deadline: Mail to Regimental Headquarters (RHQ) by August 15.



Royal Canadian Mounted Police Troop 17 Scholarship

Open to students who have made significant efforts in preventing bullying and harassment in their schools and/or communities.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, and they must have reached the age of majority in their province or territory of residence. They must be enrolled in a fulltime accredited Canadian college or university. Applicants must explain how they continue to promote anti-harassment principles in their schools and/or communities. Applications will be assessed based on the creativity and originality of the initiative; the overall impact and/or results in the school and/or community; and the clarity of thought, and quality of writing in the application. Note: Ensure the description in your application form does not exceed 1500 words, and clearly outlines the steps you have taken to prevent bullying and harassment in your school and/or community. For example: Define the project and its delivery and explain the overall outcome and impact the project had on your school and/or community.

Deadline: August 21.

Contact: RCMP.AIM.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.



Union of Canadian Transportation Employees (UCTE) Postsecondary Scholarships

Open to children and grandchildren as well as dependent children and grandchildren of UCTE members



ATCO Indigenous Education Awards Program

Open to Canadian Indigenous students.

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled fulltime in high school (including upgrading) or in an accredited postsecondary institution or training program. Applicants must not be the child of an ATCO employee. The awards, bursaries and scholarships are given to students who demonstrate leadership capabilities and strive to be role models in their schools and communities. The application requires a short essay (500-1,000 words) describing why you are a suitable candidate. Preference will be given to students from Indigenous communities where ATCO has business interests.

Awards:

Merit Awards: \$500 for students completing Grades 10-12, including upgrading.

Bursaries: \$1,000 for students enrolled in trade, diploma, or certificate programs.

Scholarships: \$1,500 for students enrolled in degree or graduate programs.

Deadline: August 15.



CN Pensioners Association (CNPA) Scholarships

Open to children, grandchildren, great grandchildren (includes legally adopted and stepchildren and step grandchildren) of supporting members of CN Pensioners Association in receipt of a CN Pension and in good standing for at least one year prior to date of scholarship application.

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled fulltime at an accredited university or college. They must be attending a college or university in Canada or the U.S. Applicants must have a minimum 80% average over the most recent two full school years in order to be considered. Awards will be based and weighted on several factors not just marks. The resume is a very important piece of the selection process.

Award: Twenty-five \$1,500 scholarships. The scholarships will be distributed and available as follows: Five \$1,500 scholarships in each of the five Canadian Regions (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Prairie, and Mountain) for the fall school year.

Deadline: August 15.

Contact: CNPAScholarships@gmail.com

in good standing, retired members, and deceased members, and/or children and dependent children of UCTE national office staff.

Eligibility: Applicants must be finishing high school and entering their first year of university, college, or another institute of higher learning on a full-time basis. Applicants must have a standing of 70% or higher in subjects required for entrance to university, college, or a recognized institute of higher learning. The application also requires an essay between 1,000 and 1,500 words responding to the given prompt on the website.

Award: Two \$2,500 scholarships. One scholarship is based on academic achievement and the other scholarship is based solely on financial need.

Deadline: August 24.

Contact: ucte-ucet@psac-afpc.com.



Canada Employment and Immigration Union (CEIU) National Scholarships

Open to CEIU members in good standing, their spouse, their common-law partner, and/or their dependant(s).

Eligibility: The applicant must be attending a University, College, or Institute of higher learning in the upcoming school year. The application requires a 600- 800-word essay or submission in an audio, visual (painting, drawing, sculpture, or photograph), or video format that would express your views on the given prompt on the website.

Award: Twenty awards of up to \$5,000 each. There are four equity scholarships -- One for each of the following equity groups: First Nations/Metis/Inuit; Members with Disabilities; LGBTQ2+, including non-binary members; and Racially Visible. One scholarship is available for a woman from any of the above four equity groups, and up to ten scholarships are available.

Deadline: August 26, 4 p.m. (Ottawa time).

Contact: national@ceiu-seic.ca.



Canada Post Awards for Indigenous Students

Open to Canadians who are a member of a First Nation, Métis, or Inuit community.

Eligibility: The applicant must have been out of school for one year or more, and then returned to school and have recently completed one year of studies between January of last year and August of this year.

Award: \$2,000 grants.

Deadline: August 31.

Contact: education@indspire.ca.



Haywood Hunt & Associates Inc. Scholarship

Open to a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or other legal standing that allows you to study in Canada.

Eligibility: The applicant must be accepted or enrolled in a Canadian college or university for the 2022/2023 school year. The application requires a 500- 1000-word essay that expresses “your top 5 ideas about how individuals can best protect their personal information online and protect themselves from online fraud”.

Award: \$2,500.

Deadline: August 31.

Contact: scholarship@haywoodhunt.ca.



(O) Club Management Association of Canada (CMAC): Ontario Branch (OB) Scholarship

Open to those who have a career interest in the private club industry. They must be working, or have recently worked, at an Ontario Branch Club.

Eligibility: Applicants must be fulltime students enrolled in a degree or diploma program at a publicly-run postsecondary institution in Ontario.

Award: \$2,000.

Deadline: August 31, 5 p.m. EST. Check the website for updates.

Contact: Lisa Noonan, Branch Administrator; ob.cscm@gmail.com.



(O) Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) Bursary Program

Open to residents of Ontario who are OFA members, a child of, or an employee of an OFA member.

Eligibility: Applicants must be entering, or are currently completing, an undergraduate program, an apprenticeship, or a postgraduate, or leadership development, program. Applicants must demonstrate leadership, community involvement, and an interest in agriculture and/or rural issues.

Award: Three \$2,000 bursaries to students in an undergraduate program. One \$2,000 bursary to a person completing an apprenticeship. One \$2,000 bursary for a person completing a post-graduate, or leadership development, program.

Deadline: August 31.

Contact: bursary@ofa.on.ca.



SEPTEMBER DEADLINES

Basilicata Cultural Society of Canada Scholarships

Open to students of Basilicata origin.

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled in university or college. The application requires an essay (1,000-1,500 words) in English or Italian.

Award: Two \$2000 scholarships.

Deadline: September 1. Check the website for updates.

Contact: Scholarship Coordinator; info@basilicata-cultural.ca.

Canadian Rugby Foundation: Thomas Family Award

Open to any male or female student who is currently playing rugby in Canada.

Eligibility: The applicant must be between the ages of 17 and 21 as of the end of September of the year in which the award is granted. They must be enrolled in a fulltime degree, diploma or certificate program at a Canadian college or university for the academic year commencing in the year in which the award is granted. Students commencing their studies in the fall are eligible. The applicant must be actively playing the sport and demonstrate that they plan on staying active in the game. They must possess strong academic achievement, and they must have made a recognized contribution to the local and rugby communities.

Deadline: September 1, 4 p.m. PST.

Contact: cdnrugbyfoundation.financial@gmail.com. See also the [George F. Jones Award](#) and the [Courtenay Taaffe Memorial Award](#).

(O) OPSEU (Ontario Public Service Employees Union): The Hospital Professionals Division (HPD) Scholarship

Open to OPSEU/SEFPO members in good standing or their dependents.

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled in a Hospital Professionals program at a publicly-funded, recognized Canadian university or college. The application requires a 1,500-word (maximum) essay, a photo series, short video, poem, audio file or visual art piece responding to two prompts on the website.

Award: Seven \$750 scholarships (one per region).

Deadline: September 4.

Contact: scholarships@opseu.org.

(O) Ontario Parks Partners Bursary Award

Open to students who work in all facets of park operations, including maintenance, natural heritage education, office administration and front gate services.

Nomination required: Peers, park visitors or the employee's supervisor may nominate a student for the bursary. Bursary nominees must be Ontario residents and returning to secondary or postsecondary school (not necessarily in Ontario). Nominees may be an employee of Ontario Parks, the Stewardship Youth Rangers program, "Friends" organization or other park volunteer group working within a provincial park

Eligibility: Applicants must demonstrate high levels of customer service, initiative, leadership, volunteerism, and dedication.

Awards: \$500 bursaries

Deadline: Nomination forms must be submitted to the Park Superintendent/Park Office Manager by Labour Day, September 5.

Union of Health and Environment Workers (UHEW) Scholarships

Open to dependents of UHEW members in good standing.

Eligibility: Read the eligibility requirements of each award. Note: A 500-word essay on the UHEW selected topic is required for each award.

Scholastic Scholarships: The Tony Tilley Scholarship and The Mary Stewart Scholarship:

Applicants must intend to attend a university of recognized standing or a recognized institute of higher learning for any academic year on a fulltime basis.

Apprenticeship Program Scholarship: Applicants must intend to enter an apprenticeship program at a recognized institute on a fulltime basis.

Human Rights Scholarship: Applicants must intend to attend a university of recognized standing or a recognized institute of higher learning for any academic year on a fulltime basis

Award: \$3000 scholarships.

Deadline: September 8. Check the website for updates.

Contact: info@uhew-stse.ca.

Government Services Union (GSU) Bursaries and Awards

Open to dependents of GSU members.

Eligibility: Applicants must be entering on a fulltime basis any postsecondary educational institution such as a university, college or another institute of higher learning. They must have an academic standing of 70% or greater in subjects required for entrance to a university, college, or a recognized institute of higher

learning. The application requires an 800-word essay on the topic listed in the bursaries package.

Bursaries: The A.F. Wood Bursary, Jim Williams Bursary, and Bonnie Robichaud Bursary.

Award: \$2,000 bursaries.

Deadline: September 9.

(O) OPSEU (Ontario Public Service Employees Union): The Carol McGregor Scholarship

Open to children of OPSEU members who have a visible or invisible disability.

Eligibility: Applicants must be pursuing postsecondary education at a publicly-funded university, community college, or trades program in Ontario. The application requires a 1,000-word (maximum) essay, or a photo series, short video, poem, audio file or visual art piece to a given prompt on the application.

Award: \$1,500.

Deadline: September 14.

Contact: scholarships@opseu.org.

Automotive Industries Association (AIA) Canada: High Fives For Kids Scholarships

Open to children of a fulltime employee in an active AIA Canada member company in good standing.

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled in a fulltime postsecondary program leading to a certificate or diploma at an accredited university, college, or technical school. The scholarship(s) is based on academic achievement (not necessarily in the automotive field), skill, extra-curricular involvement, or special abilities. The application requires a one-page essay telling why you should be considered (achievements, volunteering).

Award: \$1,000.

Deadline: September 15.

Contact: info@aiahighfivesforkids.ca

*See also the Divisions' Scholarship Program.

James Lee Foundation Scholarship

Open to creative talent from across Canada wanting to enter the advertising industry. All fields of creativity related to the advertising community will be considered, e.g., writers, art directors, film makers, recording artists, illustrators, digital artists, etc.

Eligibility: Entrants must be non-professional Canadian residents over the age of 16. The scholarship will be awarded based on the portfolio that demonstrates the most original thinking and craftsmanship according to the judging panel.

Award: Winner(s) receive a \$5,000 award.

Deadline: September 15.

Contact: info@jamesleefoundation.com.

Sun Life Global Investments LiveBright Scholarships

Open to students who demonstrate leadership in their communities, understand the importance of gender diversity, and strive to achieve academic success.

Eligibility: Applicants must be residents of Canada who are between the ages of 16 and 25 and/or entering their first year of postsecondary education. They must be high school seniors or graduates who plan to enroll in fulltime undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational technical school or equivalent postsecondary school for the entire upcoming academic year.

Award: Five \$2000 scholarships.

Deadline: September 15. Check the website for updates.

Contact: scholarships@sunlifeglobalinvestments.com.

The Guild of the Royal Canadian Dragoons Leliefontein Memorial Bursary

Open to a direct descendent of either a serving or retired member of The Royal Canadian Dragoons, as well as other members of The Royal Canadian Dragoons Regimental Family (as defined on the website).

Eligibility: The applicant must be able to demonstrate that the bursary would further a defined programme of self-improvement through advanced education. Normally, but not exclusively, the bursary will be awarded to those applicants completing high school and attending their first year of post-secondary education.

Award: \$500. In competition with new applicants, the award is renewable to previous recipients provided the applicant is academically eligible to continue.

Deadline: September 15 (the third Thursday of September).

Canadian Picture Pioneers Student Assistance Awards

Open to Canadian students who currently work or have worked in the film industry for a minimum of one year, or who are a child/grandchild of an individual who currently works or who has worked in the film industry for a minimum of three years, within the past six months (or has retired from a career in the film industry and was employed for at least five years prior to retirement). Most of the students who apply work in movie theatres across Canada.

Eligibility: Applicants must be currently enrolled in fulltime studies at a Canadian postsecondary institution. Applicants must need financial assistance. The application requires an essay of no less than 350 words where you talk about yourself and explain how the

assistance money will benefit you, your career goals, and how your education will help you to achieve your goals and hopefully benefit society.

Award: Twenty-five \$5,000 assistance payments.

Deadline: September 26. Check the website for updates.

🔗 **(O) 4-H Ontario: The Bertram and Hazel Stewart Dairy Youth Education Award & Bursary**

Open to a 4-H Ontario Member in good standing and who has been a part of 4-H Dairy Club for at least three years (minimum one 4-H project per year).

Eligibility: Applicants must be currently enrolled in Grades 9, 10 or 11 and have an intent to pursue post-secondary education.

Award: The \$1000 bursary is awarded upon completion of the first year of post-secondary education.

Deadline: September 29, 5 p.m.

Contact: inquiries@4-hontario.ca.

🔗 **(O) Ontario Heritage Trust: Young Heritage Leaders Scholarship**

Open to residents of Ontario age twenty-four and under.

Nomination required. Nominators can include local, regional, or provincial youth organizations; local, regional, or provincial heritage organizations; university and college registrars and/or department heads; school principals; conservation authorities; municipal or regional councils; First Nations band councils; Métis community councils; or Ontario Heritage Trust staff.

Eligibility: The applicant must have made exceptional volunteer contributions to heritage conservation. They have demonstrated leadership, commitment, creativity, positive impact on the community, region, or province, and good conservation practices.

Award: A \$3,500 scholarship for postsecondary education.

Deadline: September 30.

Contact: erin.mander@heritagetrust.on.ca.

* Individuals must be nominated for the [Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement](#) to be eligible for the Young Heritage Leaders scholarship.

OCTOBER DEADLINES

🔗 **Horatio Alger Association: Fairfax Financial Entrance Awards**

Open to students who plan to enroll fulltime at one of the listed eligible colleges/universities.

Eligibility: Applicants must hold Canadian citizenship or permanent residency. They must demonstrate financial need based on government student loan assessment from their home province. Applicants must demonstrate academic readiness with a minimum grade percentage of 80. They must have graduated from high school within eighteen months prior to applying.

Award: Forty-five scholarships of up to \$5000.

Deadline: The deadline is determined by the eligible colleges and universities. Contact the specific institution to find out how to apply for these awards.

🔗 **(O) Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU) Canada: Ontario Chapter's Young Women's Postsecondary Scholarship**

Open to a young black woman who has been accepted to the first year of study in a postsecondary institution.

Eligibility: The applicant must be able to demonstrate a solid academic and volunteer service experience.

Award: One \$500 scholarship.

Deadline: October 28 (last Friday in October).

Contact: andreamccormack60@yahoo.ca.

🔗 **Loran Scholars Foundation Award**

Open to students who are in their final year of uninterrupted fulltime studies in high school. Students who graduated in 2022 and are currently taking a gap year are also eligible to apply.

Eligibility: Applicants must hold Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status. They must be at least sixteen years of age by September 1st of the following year. Applicants must present a minimum cumulative average of 85%. The Loran Award supports young Canadians who demonstrate character, service, and leadership potential. The Award is tenable at [twenty-five partner universities](#), See FAQ [here](#).

Loran Award: Up to thirty-six students will be selected as Loran Scholars. The Award is valued at \$100,000 over four years. The Award includes [mentorship](#), funding for [summer internships](#), and participation in an [extensive network](#) of past and present scholars.

Other Awards: Up to 118 finalist and provincial and

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territorial awards (\$5,000 and \$2,000 each, respectively).

Deadline: October 13 before 8 p.m. E.T. Check the website for updates.

Contact: info@loranscholar.ca.

 **(O) Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL)/ American Income Life (AIL): Jack Layton Labour Post-Secondary Scholarships**

Open to a current member, or the child of a member, of a local union affiliated to the OFL. Women, people of colour, Indigenous peoples, LGBTQI* people, people with disabilities, and those from other equity-seeking backgrounds are encouraged to apply for this scholarship.

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled for September 2022 to enter their first year of fulltime study (leading to a diploma or certificate) at a public Ontario community college or the first year of an undergraduate program (leading to a degree) at a publicly funded Ontario university. The application requires an original essay, poster, or video submission on the topic outlined in this year's application package.

Award: Two \$2,500 scholarships.

Deadline: October 4. Check the website for updates. Type "scholarship" in the search bar on the website for the current application.

Contact: scholarships@ofl.ca.

 **(O) Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU) Canada: Ontario Chapter's Ann Newman Scholarship**

Open to a member, child, grandchild, or family member of a CBTU member in good standing, or a youth in the Black community.

Eligibility: The applicant must have graduated or will be graduating from high school or an equivalent program, and who will be or is attending a Canadian recognized postsecondary institution such as a college, trade school, or university. The application requires a 500-word essay.

Award: One \$1,000 scholarship. If two applicants are equally qualified, two \$500 scholarships will be awarded.

Deadline: October 28 (last Friday in October).

Contact: andreamccormack60@yahoo.ca.

 **Canadian Somali Scholarship Fund (CSSFund)**

See also [CSSFund Facebook](#) page.

Open to a member of the Canadian Somali community.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. They must be enrolled as

a fulltime student in the 2022-2023 academic year at an accredited postsecondary institution. The applicant must possess high academic achievement. The application requires a 500-word essay describing your career goals, and how earning a university degree or college diploma will help you achieve those goals.

Award: Three scholarships ranging from \$1000-\$1500.

Deadline: October 31. Check website for updates.

Contact: cssfund.org@gmail.com.

 **Canadian Military Engineers Association (CMEA) Bursary Program**

Open to a CMEA member, or a dependant of a current or deceased CMEA member.

Eligibility: The applicant must have completed or be in their final year of secondary schooling and be preparing to attend or continuing a program at a certified postsecondary educational institution.

Award: Nine \$1,500 bursaries. An applicant may receive bursaries in more than one year of study.

Deadline: October 31.

Contact: bursary-bourse@cmea-agmc.ca.

OPPORTUNITIES

 **Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (Canada)**

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is available to young people (14-24 years old) and is the world's leading youth achievement award. It is a non-competitive program designed to encourage young people to develop positive skills and lifestyle habits, and broaden their interests and experiences in a wide range of cultural, adventurous, and practical activities. It equips young people for life regardless of their background, culture, physical ability, skills, and interests. To find out more about the Award, click [here](#). To find out how the award works, click [here](#). To see the Guiding Principles of the Award, click [here](#).

 **Experiences Canada Youth Advisory Council (YAC)**

The Experiences Canada YAC works on initiatives and projects, and participates in teleconferences, media, and public relations. The Council also travels to Ottawa once a year. You can apply if you have participated in an Experiences Canada exchange or forum within the last three years, and you are between the ages of fourteen and seventeen. Also, you must have at least one year in high school remaining. Members of

the committee are selected in August. Membership in the committee runs from August until June two years later.

☞ (O) EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) Student Engagement Committee

EQAO's Student Engagement Committee is seeking representatives for the 2022-2023 school year. The Student Engagement Committee fosters conversations between Ontario's students and EQAO. The Student Engagement Committee meets virtually three times during the school year. These meetings allow committee members to provide feedback and advice on key areas of focus. EQAO encourages applications from students from diverse backgrounds to seek inclusive and equitable perspectives and lived experiences. As an accessible agency, they offer accommodations as required, including during the recruitment process. Applicants must be enrolled in Grades 7-12 in an Ontario school, and they must have completed at least one EQAO assessment or practice test.

Deadline: June 6.

AWARDS

☞ (O) Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA): Colin Hood Award

The Colin Hood Award is given out annually to one graduating male, one graduating female, and one coach in every school in the province who, throughout their high school career, have been committed to the success of school sport at their school and within their Association. Schools have the opportunity to only select from one or two of the categories (female, male, coach) if they so choose.

Deadline: June 3.

☞ (O) Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement

Nomination required. The Award recognizes those that have contributed to conserving Ontario's cultural and/or natural heritage. Individual nominees are also eligible for the [Young Heritage Leaders](#) \$3,500 scholarship for postsecondary education. The successful candidates should be age twenty-four and under at the time of the nomination submission and residents of Ontario. They should have made exceptional volunteer contributions to heritage conservation and demonstrated leadership, commitment, creativity,

positive impact on the community, region, or province, and good conservation practices.

Deadline: September 30

Note: Nominees who do not receive the award can be recognized through Young Heritage Leaders if both program options are selected on the nomination form.

ESSAY CONTEST

☞ University of Toronto's Department of Philosophy and The Aristotle: a high school philosophy essay contest

Anyone enrolled in a Canadian high school at or below the Grade 12 level (or equivalent) may participate in the Aristotle Contest. Submissions in both English and French are welcome. Contestants will write an essay of 1200-1500 words that develops and defends a position taken in response to the given question on the website.

Prizes:

First place: \$500

Second place: \$400

Third place: \$300

Up to ten submissions will receive an honourable mention.

Deadline: June 20.



COMPETITION

🔗 Breakthrough Junior Challenge

An “annual global competition for students ages 13-18 to inspire creative thinking about science.” To take part in the Breakthrough Junior Challenge, create a short video (one minute and thirty seconds maximum) to explain a big idea in Physics, Mathematics, or Life Sciences. “Your film can take any form: animation, talking head, documentary, dramatic reconstruction, whatever. It’s worth keeping in mind that video is a dynamic visual medium – using diagrams, simulations, physical demonstrations, etc., is a lot more effective than standing in front of a blackboard talking.” The videos will be judged according to the following criteria: Engagement; Illumination; Creativity; and Difficulty.

Prizes: One Prize will be awarded to the Winner consisting of a \$250,000 college scholarship and renovations to the Winner’s school valued up to \$100,000 for the renovation or addition of a science lab. As part of the Prize, the Winner will also elect one teacher who has inspired the Winner in the field of science or mathematics, and such teacher will be awarded \$50,000. A \$250,000 scholarship to be used for tuition and fees at colleges

Deadline: June 25

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

🔗 Experiences Canada

In-person exchanges: Experiences Canada offers youth exchanges for participants ages 12-17. These reciprocal exchanges offer life-changing experiences that enable young Canadians to build personal skills and self-confidence, form new friendships, deepen their knowledge of a second language and of other histories and cultures, and inspire them to become more actively engaged in their communities. Applications for in-person exchanges for 2022 are open now. See also [Youth Opportunities](#) and [Virtual Exchanges](#).

🔗 YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange (SWSE)

The YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange (SWSE) program is a national exchange program for participants ages sixteen and seventeen. Youth travel to a community in Canada where they live and work in their second language. They are provided meaningful employment in public sector or non-profit jobs. Program dates are July 2 to August 13.

