Graduation Award Opportunities 2023

- Students may nominate other students or self-nominate. Staff may also nominate students. Please refer to the chart below to determine the nomination process.

- Internal ECSS nomination forms must be fully completed.

- External awards (*) must be sent by the student and received by the provider by the expected due date. **Take note:** Be sure to verify application details and deadlines detailed in the chart below.

- All information must fit on the form. Use the chart to guide the length of your response.

- Students may submit completed digital forms to our Guidance Secretary Ms. Sosa at **daniela.sosa@yrdsb.ca** by **Monday, April 24, 2023 (by 3:00 pm), unless otherwise stated**.

- School based internal award recipients will not be notified before Graduation.

- If you receive any other external awards this year that are not listed below, please inform the Guidance and Career Education Office at least one week prior to the Graduation ceremony.

Please note that late forms will not be accepted.

Name of Award	Criteria	Type of Award	Application Requirement	Nomination Method	Due Date and Decision Made By
Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS) Award	This organization wishes to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions of students of African heritage. Students may be nominated for an award in one of the following 4 categories: Academics – achievement as demonstrated by grades and perseverance to improve skills Arts – creativity and craftsmanship Athletics – accomplishments and team/class spirit School Involvement & Leadership – positive impact on school life, e.g. making a positive difference in school culture, initiating a social justice student group.	Plaques are awarded to graduating students. Medallions are awarded to high school students who are not in their graduating year. Recipients are featured in a publication acknowledging their achievements.	Complete the nomination form Recipients attend a reception Date To Be Announced	Self Peer Teacher	April 24, 2023 ECSS Committee
Aramark Canada Award	The Aramark award recognizes a graduating student who will be pursuing a career in Culinary Management, Hospitality, Tourism, Public Relations, Human Resources or related program. The student demonstrates exceptional teamwork skills, enthusiasm, and a positive attitude.		Complete the ECSS Graduate Awards Nomination Form	Self Peer	April 24, 2023
Anthony Di Lena Pathways Awards	The mandate is to provide scholarships to exemplary students for post-secondary education or vocational training. There will be 4 Awards: One for each destination – Apprenticeship, College, University, or Workplace. Candidates will have succeeded in school despite any one of the following: having to overcome personal obstacles; having to cope with bullying and/or violence; being socio-economically disadvantaged; having to manage a mental health issue; having to overcome academic challenges.	Monetary Award	Forms are to be submitted no later than **April 28th, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.**	Self	April 24, 2023

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Director's Achievement Award, YRDSB	This award is granted to three Grade 12 students who have made significant contributions to Emily Carr Secondary School in the form of Excellence, Character, Success, or Support.	Monetary Award	Complete the ECSS Graduate Awards Nomination Form	Self Peer	April 24, 2023 ECSS Committee
Eastwood Vending Scholarship Award	The Eastwood Award recognizes a graduating student who will be pursuing studies in a business management or a mechanical engineering program. The student demonstrates outstanding achievement in one or more business or technology courses, shows exceptional teamwork skills, and participation in a related extracurricular club.	Monetary Award Name engraved on in-school plaque	Complete the ECSS Graduate Awards Nomination Form	Self Peer	April 24, 2023 ECSS Committee
Emily Carr Secondary School Staff Award	The ECSS School Staff recognizes an ECSS student who contributes to the realization of the school's mission statement: Excellence with Character, Success with Support.	Monetary Award Certificate	Complete the ECSS Graduate Awards Nomination Form	Self Peer	April 24, 2023 ECSS Committee
La Rocca Bursary	The La Rocca Bursary Program honours the memory of Carabiniere (Police Officer) Alberto La Rocca by publicly recognizing youth for their outstanding and extraordinary acts in the community. Established in 2002, the La Rocca Bursary is awarded to youth who demonstrate the principles of altruism, service and life.	Monetary Award Certificate Publication of the recipient's name and photo An invitation to an exclusive dinner and networking with recent Board of Directors, Alumni, Special guests, and	Please visit the following website for more information and application: **http://www.laroccamemorialsociety.com**	Self	May 8, 2023 La Rocca Memorial Society Committee

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		fellow bursary recipients			
Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award	This award pays tribute to a graduating student who not only completes the required number of volunteer hours to graduate, but goes above and beyond the required number of volunteer hours required.	Lapel Pin Certificate	Complete the ECSS Graduate Awards Nomination Form (A consent to release personal information must be signed by student after the graduation ceremony.)	Self Peer	April 24, 2023 ECSS Committee forwards name of ECSS nominee
Lincoln M. Alexander Award	Nominees must have demonstrated **strong leadership in eliminating racial prejudice or discrimination. The contribution should be sustained and innovative, demonstrating leadership and the promise of long-term improvement, greater public awareness, or viable change.** Two nominees will be selected from Ontario in the Student category. 2 – student awards will be offered: ● a grade 12 student attending an Ontario Secondary School ● Must be planning to attend a post-secondary institution as a full time student ● must be a resident of Ontario Applicants are strongly encouraged to visit the website below to fully understand the criteria and caliber for this award. https://www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-inclusion	Two recipients selected from Ontario receiving an award of $5000 Certificate Awards will be presented at a special ceremony held in Queen's Park on or around the Lincoln M. Alexander Day (January 21). Recipients and nominators will be notified prior	Complete the ECSS Graduate Awards Nomination Form You will be contacted by your counsellor if you are selected. You will need to complete and submit additional materials as required.	Self Peer	April 24, 2023 Final selection by Award provider

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					to the awards ceremony.
O.S.S.T.F. Award		Monetary Award	Complete the ECSS Graduate Awards Nomination Form	Self Peer	April 24, 2023 ECSS Committee
Principal's Award	The Principal's award recognizes the student who has sought to achieve excellence through commitment to personal success. This student has been a cooperative and respectful role model for peers and a leader in the school community.	Student plaque and name engraved on in-school plaque	Complete the ECSS Graduate Awards Nomination Form	Self Peer	April 24, 2023 ECSS Committee
Rotary Club of Woodbridge Award	The Rotary Club of Woodbridge would like to recognize a graduating student who has helped others overcome obstacles through their involvement in initiatives related to humanitarian, social justice, or environmental issues.	Monetary Award and name engraved on in-school plaque	Complete the ECSS Graduate Awards Nomination Form	Self Peer	April 24, 2023 ECSS Committee
The Simran Saini Award	This memorial award commemorates the character traits of Simran Saini: optimism, inclusivity, and kindness. The award will be presented to an Emily Carr Secondary School graduate who will be pursuing further studies at a post-secondary institution. Financial need will be taken into consideration.	Monetary Award and a Plaque Student plaque and name engraved on in-school plaque	Complete the ECSS Graduate Awards Nomination Form In addition to the nomination form, students are asked to write an essay (750 - 1000 words) outlining how they meet the criteria set out by the award and why they should be considered an ideal candidate.	Self	April 24, 2023 Saini Family

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Student Trustee Award for Character	This YRDSB award recognizes a student who models an optimistic attitude and positive character attributes. The graduating student is a respectful, responsible and engaged citizen who exhibits purpose and motivation. The student demonstrates self-discipline and personal growth, is a life-long learner and critical thinker. The recipient is a role model who inspires others and strives for genuine happiness.	Monetary Award Certificate and name engraved on in-school plaque	Complete the ECSS Graduate Awards Nomination Form	Self Peer	April 24, 2023 ECSS Committee
Vaughan Proficiency Award	This award will be presented to a student who has achieved a level of achievement worthy of recognition through hard work.	Monetary Award	Complete the ECSS Graduate Awards Nomination Form	Self Peer	April 24, 2023 ECSS Committee

In addition to the above awards, *Subject Awards* will be determined by criteria established in each department.
The U of T Book Award, The Loran Award, as well as numerous others, were advertised by Grad E-mail and processed earlier this year.

Graduation Awards Not Requiring an Application

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Governor General's Academic Medal	This medal has been awarded annually in Canada since 1873. It is designed to recognize excellence and academic achievement. The bronze award honours the student with the highest average of Grade 11 and 12 courses.	A bronze medal and certificate	No application requirement	Automatic	ECSS Committee
Academic Accomplishment Award	Awarded by YRDSB for overall academic achievement to two students in each grade (9 to 12), who have demonstrated notable success this year at ECSS.	Monetary Award	No application requirement	Automatic	n/a
Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Award	The York Region District School grants this award to recognize outstanding achievement by a graduating student who is pursuing a career in a skilled trade as a registered apprentice. YRDSB will administer this scholarship as a trust fund. Criteria for student selection may include, but is not limited to: • the student's academic achievement; • teacher evaluations of the student's Cooperative Education placement as an OYAP student; • an employer's assessment of the student's performance during a Cooperative Education program; • official registration as an OYAP apprentice with a placement under an Apprenticeship Agreement with the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Skills, Training and Development (MLISTD); • the additional certification status of the student related to his/her apprenticeship (e.g. WHMIS, First Aid/CPR, Working at Heights, Smart Serve, PROTON, Drive Clean, etc.); and/or • achievement in the Accelerated OYAP program.	Monetary	No application requirement	Automatic	Co-op Department

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S.L.G. Chapman Scholarship in Mathematics Nomination	The recipients of this nomination have obtained an overall average of at least 75% in six university courses including the three Grade 12 University Mathematics courses. The average of the three Grade 12 Mathematics courses will be at least 85%. These students plan to continue their studies in a field related to mathematics.	Monetary Award and Plaque	No application requirement Final award recipients will be notified by YRDSB at a later date.	Automatic	YRDSB Decision
Soaring Thunderbirds Award	Presented to a graduating student who demonstrates outstanding commitment and dedication to teams; while exhibiting character attributes and athletic leadership within the school. The student must be attending post-secondary schooling (at any level).	Monetary Award and student's name painted on wall in big gymnasium	No application requirement	ECSS Coaches	ECSS Coaches
Specialist High Skills Major Scholarship	This award is presented for outstanding achievement by a graduating student who has successfully obtained a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) designation on their OSSD.	Monetary Award Certificate and an in-school plaque	No application requirement	Staff	ECSS Committee
YRDSB Dual Credit Scholarship Award	Criteria for student selection may include, but is not limited to: ● Benefited greatly from the dual credit opportunity ● Overcame barriers that supported their learning ● Demonstrated improvement and achievement with learning skills and work habits ● Demonstrated high interest and commitment to the dual credit program ● Reinforcement of a future pathway (Apprenticeship, College, Workplace, University) through this dual credit opportunity ● Overall academic achievement in the dual credit	Monetary Award	No application requirement	Staff	Dual Credit Committee