

# GUIDANCE & CAREER EDUCATION

## Helping to Finance Your Post-Secondary Pathway

Scholarships, Bursaries,  
Awards, Grants, and Loans



# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are on Indigenous Land. We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties have been signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island who is our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.

# AGENDA

- Useful Resources
- Financing your Education
- Definition of Terms
- School Nominated vs. Self-Nominated Scholarships
- Variety of Ways to Qualify
- Diverse Criteria
- Beginning the Search
- Questions



# First Step...



## Visit your Potential Grad Google Classroom

☰ 2021/22 ECSS Potential Graduates

Stream

Classwork

People

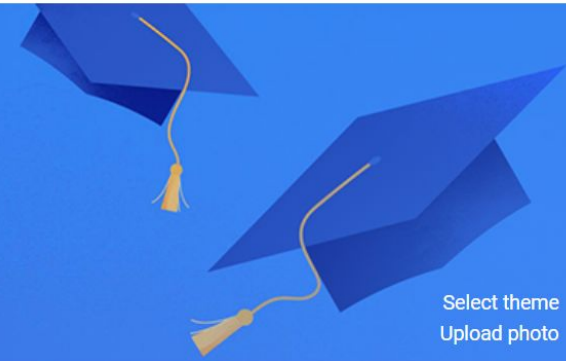
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### 2021/22 ECSS Potential Graduates

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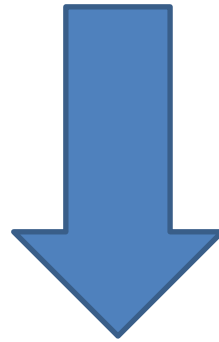
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Announce something to your class



# Where Do I Find the Information?



## Classwork

☰ 2021/22 ECSS Potential Graduates Stream Classwork People Grades ⚙️ ⋮

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# Scroll Down...

Look for “Scholarships and Financial Planning Information”

☰ 2021/22 ECSS Potential Graduates

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## Scholarships and Financial Planning Information ⋮



The Scholarship Report

Edited Sep 21



The Loran Scholarship

Edited Sep 21



Video-Scholarship and Financial Planning Pr...

Scheduled for Nov 5, 8:00 AM



Paying for Post-Secondary Education

Scheduled for Nov 5, 8:00 AM



Scholarships/Bursaries/Awards Information

Scheduled for Nov 5, 8:00 AM



# Useful Resources

- Presentations
- Scholarship/Awards Information
- Application and Deadlines
- Suggested Websites to Help Get You Started
- Budget and OSAP Information
- (Presentation Date TBA)

# Helpful Information

- *Tips for Supplementary Application Forms*
- *How to Prepare and Write a Scholarship Application*
- *Helpful Hints for the Application Process*
- *Samples of Exemplary Essay Responses by Winning Applicants*
- *Final Checklist for Application*



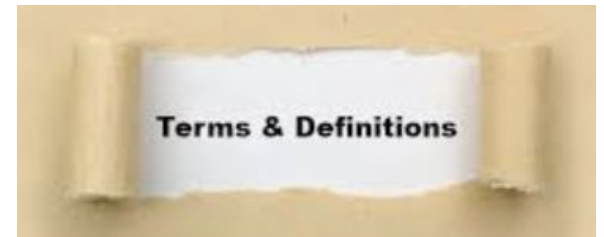
# Financing Your Education

- invest your savings
- RESP
- bank loans
- parents/guardians and relatives
- summer job
- part-time job on campus (work study)
- time off from education to work – AKA “Gap Year”
- College/University Co-operative Education Programs
- OSAP Loan or Grant
- Scholarships, Bursaries, Awards, Grants, Fellowships

# Definitions of Terms

All of these may:

- Be awarded to attract a student to a post-secondary institution
- Have academic criteria
- Be awarded for non-academic criteria
- Be awarded for financial need
- Be offered by schools, private agencies, public agencies, businesses, private citizens, government officials, etc.



Scholarships, fellowships, grants, and bursaries are always a [monetary](#) gift

Awards may be monetary or some other form of recognition (e.g. certificate, pin, trophy, plaque, medal, book, etc.)

# Loans

## OSAP – Loan



- Loans eventually need to be paid back
- Online application process
- When submitting your application for OUAC or OCAS you can click the OSAP button
- [www.osap.gov.on.ca](http://www.osap.gov.on.ca) will not update this year's application until later this year

# School Nominated Scholarships

- There are some scholarships that require a nomination from the school in order for you to apply.
- Let your Guidance Counsellor know if you are interested in any of these.
- A chart of school nominated scholarships is posted in your Potential Graduate Google Classroom.

# School Nominated Scholarships...cont.

- There will be an ECSS internal deadline for those scholarships – usually one to two weeks before the official deadline.
- The decision will be based on an adjudication of the applications, transcripts and references reviewed by the Scholarship Committee made up of faculty from the school.
- Once the Committee meets and an applicant is chosen, they will be notified to send their package(s) along.

# Self-Nominated Scholarships

- Students apply directly for these scholarships and do not need “endorsement” or nomination from ECSS.
- However, it is highly recommended you meet with your counsellor or teacher to help you review your Scholarship application.



## Variety of Ways to Qualify for Scholarships

- **Automatic** – Academic Achievement considerations exist for all pathways – there is no action required for these.
- Most scholarship applications are **open to any graduate who meets the criteria**, and they require an application to be sent in by the student by a specific deadline.

# Variety of Ways to Qualify for Scholarships...cont.

- Some are open to **school nominations** only and it is up to the school to submit these nominations.
- Only **school graduation awards** recipients are selected by a team of staff members who review the nominations received by students and staff.
- Visit the ECSS website at the Guidance link:  
[www.emilycarr.ss.yrdsb.ca](http://www.emilycarr.ss.yrdsb.ca)



# Diverse Criteria

- Academic merit
- Financial need
- Fine & Performing Arts
- Geographic location
- Heritage & Background
- Language
- Originality & Passion
- First generation in family
- Leadership & Volunteering
- Religion
- Special Needs
- Sports & Athletics
- Student & Parent Membership
- Disabilities
- Innovative ideas



# START YOUR SEARCH – Ready, Set, Go!

- Does your chosen **College, University, or Apprenticeship Training** organization provide automatic consideration based on final marks?
- Make sure to check out the **Scholarships and Financial Aid Information** available at the post-secondary institution you are thinking of attending. This information usually includes the complete list of scholarships and bursaries, as well as eligibility and renewal criteria. Every college and university has this information on their website.



# START YOUR SEARCH...cont.

- ❑ Research! Explore as many websites as possible: there will be suggested sites in your Potential Graduate Google Classroom under the Scholarships and Financial Planning tab.
- ❑ Check out and ask the leaders about scholarship funds:
  - Extra-curricular clubs
  - Community clubs
  - Civic organizations,
  - Local businesses
  - Religious/Faith organizations
  - Parent/Guardian
  - Employer

# START YOUR SEARCH...cont.

- Prepare your own Personal Activity Tracking Sheet for future applications and resumes.
- Always network with family and friends.
- Make sure you have your Social Insurance Number (SIN) and your Ontario Education Number (OEN) handy.
- Don't delay requesting official transcripts from Ms. Genova in the Guidance Office – we require at least one day's notice.
- Give referees at least two weeks notice and provide them with a resume.
- It takes a great deal of time to apply for Scholarships, Bursaries, and Awards. This is why so many remain unclaimed.

**Be Sure to Check Out Your Potential Grad Classroom for...**

# **8 TIPS FOR SUBMITTING A GREAT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

# Where to Start Your Search:

- [www.yconic.com](http://www.yconic.com)

Scholarship service, become a member, take a test and get matched with Canadian scholarships. Financial awards for all kinds of students

- [\*\*The Scholarship Report\*\*](#)

Contains scholarship listings. The scholarships are listed according to application deadline.

# The Scholarship Report

- VALUABLE TOOL
- **Digital information resource for high school students, parents/guardians**
- Current national and provincial scholarship listings
- Helpful tips in the search for all forms of post-secondary funding
- Information on University/College Open Houses, application deadlines and fees, the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), and other materials pertinent to the graduating high school student is also provided
- *The Scholarship Report* also includes listings of other types of awards, as well as, programs and activities that will enhance students' skills, as well as, their scholarship applications

# Suggested Websites

✓ <http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca>

Use the Finance Tab – a valuable timesaver!

✓ [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)

Click Programs, and then Paying for College Tab

✓ [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)

Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

✓ <http://www.universitystudy.ca/plan-for-university/scholarships-grants-and-bursaries-for-Canadian-students/>

Universities Canada, deliver more than 3500 scholarships each year to young people interested in pursuing higher education

✓ [http://sfs.yorku.ca/pdf/money\\_matters.pdf](http://sfs.yorku.ca/pdf/money_matters.pdf)

Information on Financial Planning



# Suggested Websites...cont.

✓ [www.campusaccess.com](http://www.campusaccess.com)

A comprehensive resources and information guide for university and college students

✓ [www.osca.ca](http://www.osca.ca)

Click on Students – Scholarships and Financial Aid Assistance

✓ [www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca)

The best way to get from where you are now to the school that is right for you

✓ <https://www.universitystudy.ca/plan-for-university/scholarships-101/>

Scholarships 101

✓ <https://www.universitystudy.ca/plan-for-university/tuition-fees-by-canadian-university/> - Tuition fees by university

✓ [www.cibc.ca](http://www.cibc.ca)

Financial information for students (Go to Personal Banking)

# Suggested Websites...cont.

- ✓ [www.royalbank.com](http://www.royalbank.com) - Financial information for students (Go to Starting College/University)
- ✓ [www.bmo.com](http://www.bmo.com) - Go to Personal Finances – Brain Money Calculator
- ✓ [www.tdcanadatrust.com](http://www.tdcanadatrust.com) - Financial information for students (Go to Student Services)
- ✓ [www.osap.gov.on.ca](http://www.osap.gov.on.ca)  
To apply online for the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) and Ontario Tuition Grant (OTG)
- ✓ <https://www.macleans.ca/hub/education-hub/>  
Scholarship finder, search through thousands of scholarships and awards
- ✓ <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/training/apprenticeships/loantool.html>  
Loans for tools
- ✓ <http://www.disabilityawards.ca> – Students with a disability

# Athletic Awards, Scholarships and Bursaries

All athletic financial awards offered by Canadian universities must follow the criteria established by Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS), the national governing body of university sport in Canada. For additional information on the awards that are available at a specific Ontario university, use the [OUA Directory](#) for your sport.

[www.oua.ca/directory](http://www.oua.ca/directory)

## The Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) Bursary Program

- Was introduced in 1997 to recognize dedication in education and hockey. The program provides financial assistance to registered OHF participants to offset the cost of post-secondary education.
- Each year, the OHF awards bursaries to outstanding young people who display an incredible amount of commitment, both at the arena and in the classroom. The bursary recipients are determined on the basis of academic achievements, hockey involvement, and community involvement.

<http://www.ohf.on.ca/awards>

**So remember...**

**SCHOLARSHIP, BURSARY, AND  
FINANCIAL PLANNING RESOURCES  
ARE POSTED IN YOUR**

**POTENTIAL GRADUATE  
GOOGLE CLASSROOM**

**TAKE A LOOK!**

**QUESTIONS?**

**BOOK AN  
APPOINTMENT WITH  
YOUR GUIDANCE  
COUNSELLOR**