

SHOW ME THE MONEY!

FINANCING YOUR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

There are several sources of funding available to those who are willing to **LOOK FOR IT** and **APPLY!** Be sure to do **YOUR OWN** research **FIRST**, as we will begin by referring you to this handout and the websites listed on this page.

Finding Funds: Ways to Pay for School

1. Check out [Financing Your Education](#)

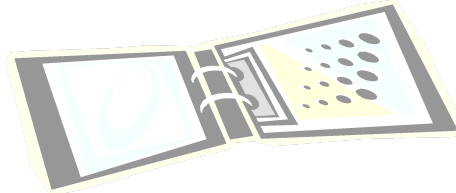
Here you will find a number of links to assist you with ways to understand how to finance your education. **After** you check out the York Region District School Board website, try some of the search engines from the list on the side. Be sure to register at **www.studentawards.com** Find out if your parents' employer offers bursaries/scholarships for employees' children.

Studentawards.com also has a list of scholarships offered for employee's children.¹

2. Ask around to see if YOUR employer offers scholarships to their employees. Several large companies have financial aid programs in place.
3. Look into your parents'/family's affiliations outside of school and/or work. Many clubs, organizations, unions, or religious affiliations offer scholarships (e.g. Girl Guides, Kinsmen, Optimists).
4. Check the internet and print publications. Some newspapers and magazines offer scholarships.
5. University: Check the Scholarships section in [Ontario University info](#)
6. College: check their websites or contact their financial aid department. [www.ontariocolleges.ca](#)
7. Research the post secondary institutions and programs in which you are interested for possible **entrance scholarships specific to certain departments**. While some may be granted automatically, others require an application and possibly an essay for you to be considered.
8. Frequently check the **Scholarships Board** outside of Guidance.
9. Check the list of Huron Scholarships and Bursaries for Graduating Students (see Guidance). Several of these require an application. Huron Heights has a bursary exclusive to our school, called the "Alex and Cathy MacKay Endowment Trust Fund". It is geared for a student who demonstrates a financial need, is involved with their community and extracurricular activities.
10. **APPLY FOR SEVERAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND START NOW!** Millions of dollars in scholarships never get distributed due to a lack of applicants!!
11. Use **GOOGLE** to search for more scholarships.

Here are some other search engines not listed on the Guidance Services Website.

[www.collegeview.com](#) (US)
[www.guaranteed-scholarships.com](#) (US)
[www.scholarships.gc.ca](#) (studying abroad)
[www.scholarships.com](#) (US)
[www.canlearn.ca](#)
[www.Yconic.com](#)
[www.scholarshipscanada.com](#)
[www.disabilityawards.ca](#)
[www.servicecanada.gc.ca](#)
<https://scholartree.ca>



¹Some companies which offer funding: Bell Canada, CIBC, Colgate-Palmolive Canada Inc, Honeywell, Kraft Canada, Molson Breweries, Nabisco Ltd, Mororola Canada Ltd, Pepsi, Proctor and Gamble, Sears, Royal Bank, Wrigley Canada, Xerox Canada just to name a few! (Source: [Campus Starter](#) Fall 2000:25)

Finding Funds: Loans and Government Grants

Student loans are available through organizations (i.e. banks) and the government. The Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) has been in place for years to help students fund their education.

<http://osap.gov.on.ca>.

You can also apply for **several other grants and bursaries** by applying online through OSAP (e.g. Access grants for students from low income families, for students with permanent disabilities, for students with dependants, for Crown Wards, Opportunities Grant, Millennium Bursary and Scholarship, and Aim for the Top Scholarship).

Finding Funds: Ontario's Student Access Guarantee

The Government of Ontario, in partnership with the province's colleges and universities, deliver the Student Access Guarantee: No qualified Ontario student should be prevented from attending our publicly-assisted colleges and universities because of a lack of financial support programs.

Ontario's colleges and universities provide financial aid to postsecondary students in financial need through:

- Bursaries
- Scholarships
- Work study programs
- Summer Employment Programs



Contact your institution's financial aid office to find out more about the financial aid available through Ontario colleges and universities.

What's in a Name?

Scholarship/Fellowship: Usually granted based on MERIT. Scholarship applications often requires that the applicant have exceptional academic standing, community involvement and/ or involvement in other specific activities. Money does not have to be repaid.

Bursary/Grant: Usually granted on FINANCIAL NEED. Students must provide personal and parental financial information, as well as information about other siblings who attend a postsecondary institution. Money does not need to be repaid.

Loan: Granted based on FINANCIAL NEED. Money plus interest must be repaid to the institution from which you borrowed.

SOME POINTERS:

1. Put together a resume or list of all your activities and accomplishments, along with dates and major responsibilities. This way you can pick and choose what you are going to highlight for each application instead of having to devote a lot of time to remembering dates and activities each time you complete an application.
2. Use the same language in your application as in the criteria list. For example, if they're looking for leadership, be sure to use words like "leadership", "mentorship", "guidance", "initiative" and other synonyms for "leadership" in your written responses.
3. Treat your scholarship search like a separate course; devote time each day to research.

Scholarships

Scholarships Canada

[scholarshipscanada](#)

This is a free searchable database. Users must first register before conducting a search. This Canadian website gives you immediate access to a database of thousands of scholarships, bursaries, fellowships, grants and other financial awards.

Student Awards

[studentawards](#)

This web site is a free, searchable Canadian Scholarship database. It is also available in French. Like most other databases you must register and fill in a profile in order to be allowed access to this site.

School Finder

[schoolfinder](#)

SchoolFinder.com- Find information on more than 700 Canadian universities, colleges and career colleges, including admission requirements, costs, programs and contact details. Search by keyword for programs, schools, careers and scholarships.

Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)

[OSAP](#)

At the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) site, you can apply on line as well as check the status of your application, find out about loan forgiveness, and check to see if a particular institution is approved for OSAP. IMPORTANT: you can only apply for OASP once you have accepted your final offer of admission.

Ontario Universities' Info

[Welcome to Ontario Universities' Info](#)

Provided, is a listing of scholarships and awards offered at each institution and whether an application is required or not.

Scholarship and Financial Aid at Ontario Colleges

[ontariocolleges](#)

This site provides a link to all of the Ontario college financial aid departments and scholarship opportunities under the "Pay for College" tab.

Government of Canada Student Aid

[Education Planning and Student Aid](#)

Government of Canada site with all kinds of resources for planning your post-secondary education including financial planning and aid information.

[Canadian and International Scholarship Programs](#) - The Government of Canada maintains a database for Canadian students wishing to study abroad and Foreign students wishing to study in Canada

[Scholarships for Students with Disabilities](#)

This website was created to help post-secondary students search hundreds of scholarships available across Canada specifically for students with disabilities.

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Get matched to **scholarships**, **bursaries**, grants, and other student awards. Get the funding you deserve! Access Tools and Resources. From finding the right school .

[Schulich Leader Scholarships](#)

Schulich Leader Scholarships are the largest and most prestigious undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) scholarships in Canada, with a value of up to \$100,000 each. This scholarship was established to encourage our best and brightest students to be the next generation of entrepreneurial-minded, technology innovators. Now in its 10th year, 470 students have received this celebrated award – a top student can win from your school!

[National Scholarship Program](#)

Each year, ten students are awarded National Scholarships, which cover tuition and residence fees for four years. Applications are due by October 22, 2020

[Loran Scholarship](#)

They offer the country's largest and most comprehensive four-year undergraduate award (valued at \$100,000) to young Canadians on the basis of character, service and the promise of leadership.

[Horatio Alger Association of Canada Scholarships](#)

Scholarships of up to \$10,000 are awarded to full-time students in their terminal year of high school with financial need (family income under \$65,000) who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, a commitment to pursue a post-secondary education, a desire to contribute to society, and a good academic record.

[Ted Rogers Scholarships](#)

Provides more than 300 Ted Rogers Scholarships annually for students entering their first year of post-secondary education. Every Ted Rogers Scholarship recipient chosen through our community partners receives \$2,500 per year for their entire program, while the children and dependents of our employees may be eligible to receive a \$2,500 scholarship towards their first year of study. From arts to science, engineering to trades, we are helping our young people pursue their dreams.

[Schulich Leader Scholarship](#)

Up to one hundred are awarded to entrepreneurial-minded high school graduates enrolling in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math program at 20 partner universities across Canada. Half are valued at \$100,000 for engineering scholarships and half are valued at \$80,000* for science and math scholarships.