

Financing Your Education: Scholarship Information Session

**Richmond Green
Secondary School
September 2019**



What is the cost?

Tuition fees (2 semesters):

- College \$2,900
- University \$6,500

Fees, Books & Supplies:

- College \$2,400
- University \$2,700

Living Expenses:

- Live at home \$4,000
- Live away \$9,600

TOTAL:

College	\$8,375
University	\$16,000



What is a scholarship?



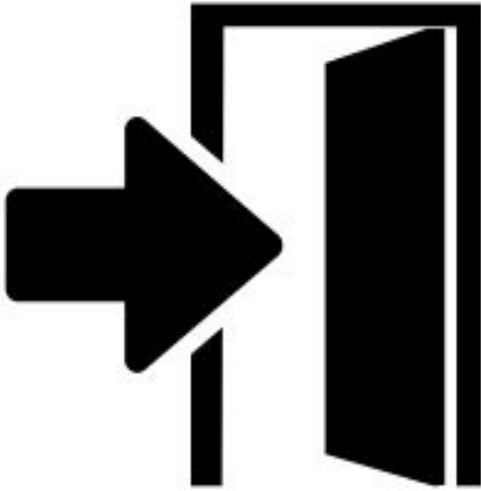
- **Free** money awarded to attract outstanding students to a Post Secondary Institution
- Based on **marks** and other criteria

What is a bursary?

- **Free** money
- Awarded based primarily on **financial need**
- Academic achievement **may** **be** considered



Types of Scholarships



Entrance Scholarship

- Automatic Consideration
- No application is necessary
- Generally given out to high-ranking academic students upon entrance to a school or program.

Types of Scholarships

Open Scholarships

- Scholarships that you need to apply for
- Based on a variety of criteria such as extracurricular, community involvement and demonstration of leadership
- Offered by individual schools or through community organizations such as private businesses or unions



Types of Scholarships

Athletic Scholarships

- Ontario Universities can offer Athletic Scholarships



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Scholarships for Non-Canadians

- Opportunities are published on the Canadian government website
- Individual colleges and universities may also have scholarships

What type of students are scholarship providers looking to reward?

Originality and Passion

- What makes you stand out from all the other applicants?
- SHSM, Co-op, unique experiences

Volunteering & Community Service

- Do you give back to the community? Have you volunteered beyond the 40 hour requirement?



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Leadership and Initiative

- Are you a founding member or have you taken an active role in a club or organization?

Talent

- Are you a Van Gogh? Future Spielberg? Do you have a vision? Scholarships reward fresh thinking and new ideas.

Special targeted areas

- Specific heritage or cultural background, gender, special needs, geography and more.

Scholarship Criteria

Top 3 Criteria:

1. Academic merit typically above 80%
2. School and/or Community Involvement
3. Extra-curricular/Leadership Roles



Finding Scholarships

1. Research. Register on scholarship databases.
2. ***The Scholarship Report*** - will be sent to you through GAPPS every two months.
3. Create a shortlist of schools. Consider schools out of the GTA.
4. Network with family and friends
5. Guidance bulletin board, morning announcements, RGSS Guidance website



The Scholarship Report

Contains scholarship listings with deadlines, updates, tips and reminders.

The Scholarship Report

August / September 2017

The Lowdown on Scholarships: 9 Myths & Facts

Myth #1: Millions of scholarship dollars go unclaimed.
Fact: While we cannot know the exact amount of dollars that are unawarded, what we *do* know is that whether it is thousands or million of dollars, this statement is generally referring to university scholarships. And if this money is unclaimed, it is mainly due to narrow eligibility requirements. There are also scholarships offered by private businesses, corporations, and organizations – and the majority of these scholarships are awarded!

Myth #2: You must be a high academic achiever or have an amazing talent or be a student athlete to win scholarships.
Fact: While it is true that certain attributes such as high academic achievement will put you in the running for more scholarships, particularly those scholarships with a large dollar amount, there are many scholarships that reward volunteerism in the community, participation in clubs or sports at school, membership in an organization, or interest in a particular field of learning. For many scholarships, academics are only one aspect of a student's application. Also, universities and colleges offer awards with a wide spectrum of eligibility requirements.

Myth #3: Scholarships are only for those students applying to university.
Fact: Many scholarships are offered to those intending to attend college, trade schools, and technical schools as well as universities.

Myth #4: Scholarships are only offered in the U.S.
Fact: While it is true there are many scholarship opportunities in the U.S. (particularly athletic scholarships), more and more Canadian institutions, organizations, and businesses are offering scholarships.



Myth #5: The only scholarships out there are large ones.
Fact: The scholarships with large awards are the ones we hear about. In fact, there are many more scholarships with smaller awards!

Myth #6: Applying for small scholarships is not worth it.
Fact: Applying for smaller scholarships is *so* worth it! They can cover the costs of books, supplies and hidden costs of attending a postsecondary institution. Small local scholarships are the ones you have the best chance of winning because the competition is not as great. And don't minimize the significance of winning a scholarship, no matter how small. Being the recipient of a scholarship looks great on any application — job, university, or college programs, or other scholarship applications. It's a recognition of your achievements!

Myth #7: Receiving a scholarship means your entire education is fully paid.
Fact: The full-ride scholarships are not as plentiful as you would think. Most of the time, students will have to use a variety of strategies to cover their education. Think loans, grants, part-time jobs, and summer jobs.

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Who offers scholarships?

1. Post Secondary Schools

- Majority of scholarships are through schools directly
- \$\$\$ goes unclaimed each year

2. Companies

- Ask! Employees or children of employees
- Union or employee organizations
- Many are only posted internally

3. Charities



Who offers scholarships?

4. Governments

- Municipal, provincial and federal

5. Private Institutions

6. Veteran Organizations

- Awarded to family members of veterans
- Lodge or club

7. High School

- \$\$ awards available at graduation
- Students can self nominate for awards



Tips for preparing an application

- Track your own achievements
- Check the criteria – do you fit the description?
- Direct pool or **school nominated**?
What is the deadline for applying for school nominated scholarships?
There is a selection process.
- Read all of the fine print, including FAQ's



Tips for preparing an application

- Read through the application before you begin
- Give yourself lots of time to respond – some require essay style responses



- Answer questions in rough draft – if online save responses in a separate file
- Follow rules for font size, spacing, margins, page limits, etc.

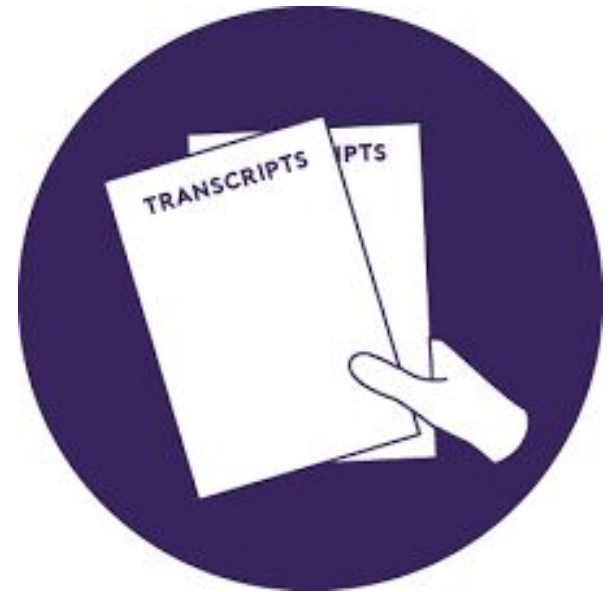
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- Keep writing style and appearance professional
- Ask 2 people to proofread your answers
- Tell the truth and do not exaggerate – there is a verification process
- Ask for references well in advance of due date (2 to 3 weeks) – provide them with a copy of your application or resume

Tips for preparing an application

- Order transcripts one week in advance
- Double check everything has been included (check for number of copies) & signatures
- Make a copy of the original for your records
- Follow mailing instructions – give yourself enough time for it to arrive



Final words of advice...

- Start early - start now!
- Keep a portfolio of your accomplishments
- Be informed
- Stay focused
- Research!
- Network
- Be conscious of your online profile!
- Make sure you have your Social Insurance Number



Upcoming Scholarships



- Loran Award
- National Scholarship Program – U of T
- TD Scholarships for Community Leadership
- Major Admissions Award – Queen's
- National Award – Western
- Schulich Leader Scholarships – STEM
- Plus many more.....



Important Dates

- **School Nominated Form** - due in Guidance by Friday October 4th, 2019
- **Loran Award Application**
 - **October 17th** for school-sponsored applications
 - **October 24th** for direct pool applications (without sponsorship)
- See RGSS Guidance website (financing your education) for additional information and deadlines

School Nominated Form

bit.ly/2019schoolnominatedscholarships



Resources

- ❖ www.yrdsb.ca/schools/richmondgreen.ss/guidance
- ❖ www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca
- ❖ www.ontariocolleges.ca
- ❖ www.yconic.com
- ❖ www.scholarshipscanada.com

Questions



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