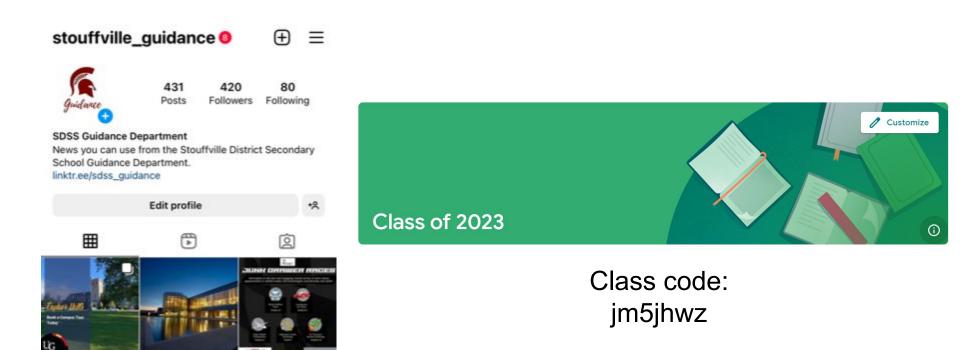
SDSS Scholarship Workshop

October 4 @ Lunch



Where Students can find Information



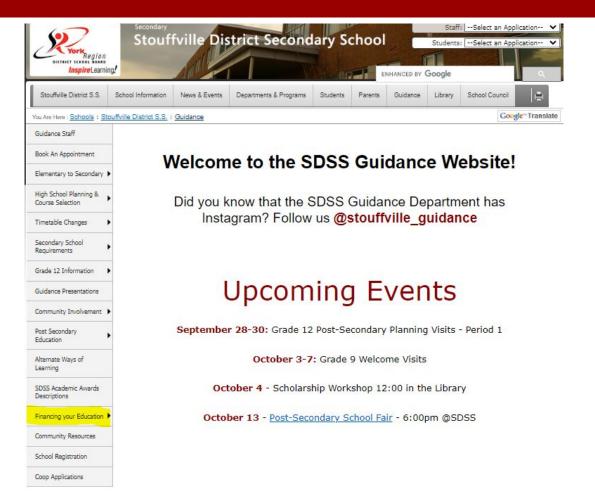
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Where Parents can find Information





Scholarships vs. Bursaries

- Scholarships based on merit (criteria varies)
- Bursaries based on financial need



Types of Scholarships

- Offered by <u>Post Secondary Institutions</u>.
 - Entrance Scholarships marks based; often no application required; offered at time of offer of admission
 - Faculty & Presidential Scholarships application required; specific criteria indicated
 - In-course Scholarships found through the student services department of the post-secondary institution; apply late August into the fall
- 2. Offered by **Outside Groups** interested in donating money to students.
 - granted by *corporations, community groups, and foundations*
 - check with your own & your parents' employers, unions, banks, investment companies, insurance companies, anywhere that sends you or your parents addressed mail.

How to Prepare Yourself for a Scholarship

Earning a scholarship is a process that can start as early as **grade nine**. A typical winner of most scholarships has consistently demonstrated, **over an extended period of time**, that they are involved in a number of activities that illustrate they are well-rounded individuals. Students with the highest marks **do not** automatically win scholarships. Many of the groups awarding scholarships are looking for good overall citizens. The general criteria are:

- Academic Achievement (75% and above)
- Community Involvement (beyond the 40 hours needed to graduate from high school)
- Extra Curricular Participation (athletics, councils, clubs, teams)



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The following chart lists some examples of activities that are considered.

4	Academic Achievement	Community Involvement		Extra Curricular Participation
•	Honour Roll	Volunteer Work	•	Student Council
•	Subject Awards	Food Drives	•	Grade / Class Rep
•	Music Competitions	Charity Work	•	School Clubs
•	Art Shows	Tutoring	•	Yearbook
•	Math Contests		•	Athletic Teams
•	Co-op		•	Music Bands
•	Science Olympics		•	Plays / Musicals
•	Exchanges			

Initiative and Positive Leadership

Individual students who look to creatively promote an initiative will get support from teachers, student council and school administrators. The only limitation is your imagination.

Great leaders don't wait for opportunities. They create possibilities where they don't even exist.



Letters of Recommendation/Reference

- During your high school career you will meet, and work with, at least 30 different teachers.
- These teachers may also be your activity leaders and coaches.
- Attempt to stay on good terms with at least 2 to 3 adults who you work with.
- Many scholarships <u>require letters of recommendation</u>.
 These contacts will serve you well.

School Nominated Scholarships

- These scholarships call upon the Stouffville District Secondary School Scholarship Committee to submit one or more candidates for consideration.
- The fact that the school has nominated an individual is not a guarantee that the student selected will receive that scholarship.
- The nominated student must still go through a selection process in competition with all other school nominated candidates.



Loran Scholar

- Find more information <u>here</u>.
- No longer school nominated open to everyone.
- Value: 36 \$100,000 awards available plus 120 provincial awards valued at \$5000
- Criteria:
 - Be entering university for the first time in September 2023.
 - Present a minimum cumulative average of 85%.
 - Hold Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status.
 - Be born between January 1, 2001 and September 1, 2007.
 - Must attend one of <u>25 partner universities</u>.
- Preview the application <u>here</u>.
- Apply <u>here</u>.



U of T Book Award/National Scholarship

- Find more information <u>here</u>.
- 1 school nominated Book Award recipient/National Scholarship applicant
- Anyone can apply directly for the National Scholarship
- Value: \$7500 in the first year, \$1500 per year for three additional years of undergraduate study
- Criteria:
 - an original and creative thinker
 - committed to school and community
 - o a high achiever in academic and creative pursuits
 - enthusiastic about learning and intellectual exploration
 - o a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or protected person
 - currently in your final year of secondary school and intending to begin university September 2023
 - a National Book Award nominee or self-identify as meeting the criteria above
- Complete the <u>SDSS Book Award Application</u> by 4pm Wednesday, October 12, 2022
- Or apply directly to the <u>National Scholarship</u> by 11:59pm Thursday, October 20, 2022



Queen's Chancellor Scholarship

- Find more information <u>here</u>.
- 2 school nominated applicants
- Value: 50 \$48,000 (\$12,000/year for 4 years)
- Criteria:
 - Superior academic ability (90%+)
 - Creative and original thinking
 - Proven leadership qualities
 - High school nomination required. Must be a full-time student (minimum 3 courses at SDSS per semester)
- Must apply to Queen's University on OUAC by November 20, 2022
- Must complete the SDSS Queen's Chancellor Application by November 20, 2022
- Complete the Major Admission Award Application on SOLUS by December 8, 2022



Schulich Leaders Scholarship

- Find more information <u>here</u>.
- 1 school nominated applicant
- Value: 50 \$120,000 (engineering) and 50 \$100,000 (science, technology or math)
- Criteria:
 - achieves academic excellence
 - exhibits leadership, creativity and charisma
 - Likely has financial need (although not necessary, it is strongly considered)
 - Plans to pursue a career in one or more of the following focus areas: technology, engineering, entrepreneurship and business enterprise, applied scientific research) NOT: activism, practicing physician and/or medical researcher, or professor/theoretical researcher
- Must be applying to one of <u>20 partner universities</u>
- Complete the <u>SDSS Schulich Leader Application</u> by 4pm on Friday, January 13, 2023.



Western University National Scholarship Program

- Find more information <u>here</u>.
- Up to 4 school nominated applicants
- Criteria:
 - must apply to full time studies at Western University main campus
 - outstanding academic performance
 - o demonstrate ability for creative and innovative thought and passion for learning
 - exceptional achievement in extracurricular activities (arts and athletics)
 - o special emphasis on commitment to **ongoing** community/school service

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 Complete the online application (available mid-November 2022) using Ms. Gray as your school contact (<u>erin.gray@yrdsb.ca</u>)

Complete the online application by February 1, 2023 for consideration by the SDSS scholarship committee.

Successful applicants will be notified before the official application deadline.

Getting Prepared - Start NOW!!

Have you:

- updated your resume?
- made contact with potential references?
- asked your employer if they offer scholarships?
- checked the Class of 2023 Google Classroom?
- are you following @stouffville_guidance on instagram?
- checked the guidance scholarship bulletin board
- asked your parents/guardians to look into scholarships & bursaries through their contacts

Scholarship Advice

- Although scholarship criteria can vary, a general statement of advice still applies.
- Should you be interested in applying for scholarships, it is rare that only academic achievement is sufficient.
- Successful candidates are those who are able to demonstrate extra-curricular involvement either within the school or within the community.
- Such involvement should span a considerable period of time, not just the last year or two.
- In addition to this, leadership experience is strongly recommended, as scholarship committees view this as an asset, and in some cases, as a requirement.



Questions?

- Ask away!
- Make an appointment with your guidance counsellor through Teach Assist



