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"The Scholarship Report" e-Newsletter

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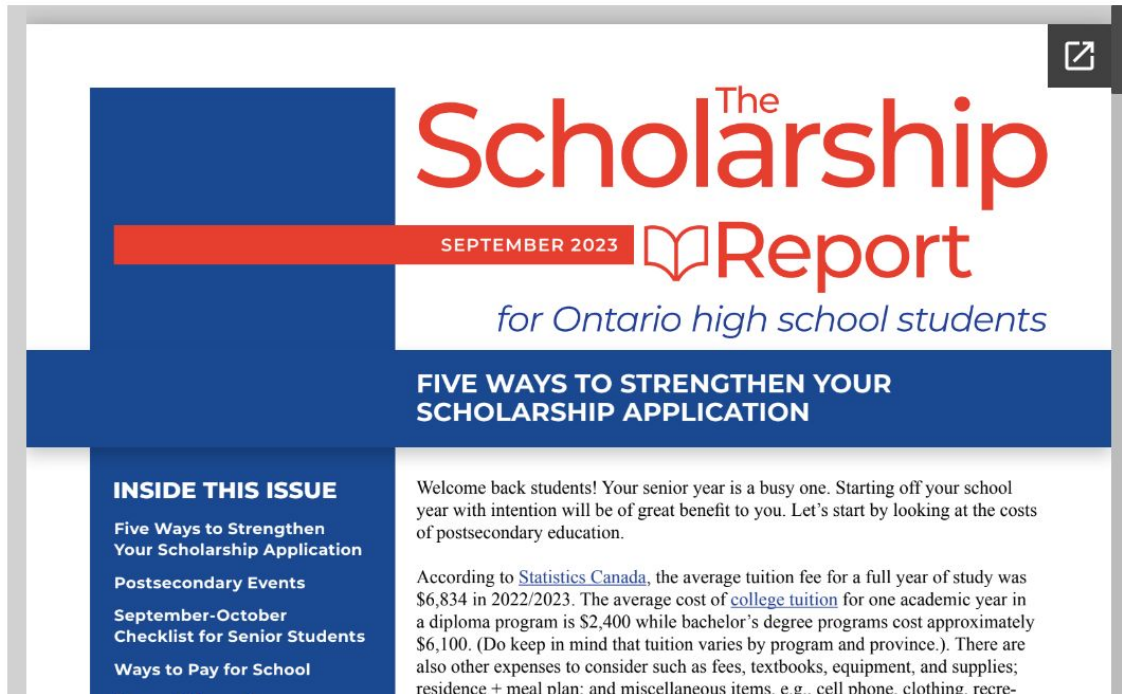
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The Scholarship Report

SEPTEMBER 2023



The cover features a blue and red color scheme. A large blue cross-like shape is on the left. The title 'The Scholarship Report' is in red, with 'The' in a smaller font. Below it, 'SEPTEMBER 2023' is in white on a red bar, followed by an open book icon and 'Report' in red. The subtitle 'for Ontario high school students' is in blue. A blue banner across the middle contains the text 'FIVE WAYS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION' in white. The left sidebar lists 'INSIDE THIS ISSUE' with four items. The main text area has two paragraphs of welcome and tuition information.

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FIVE WAYS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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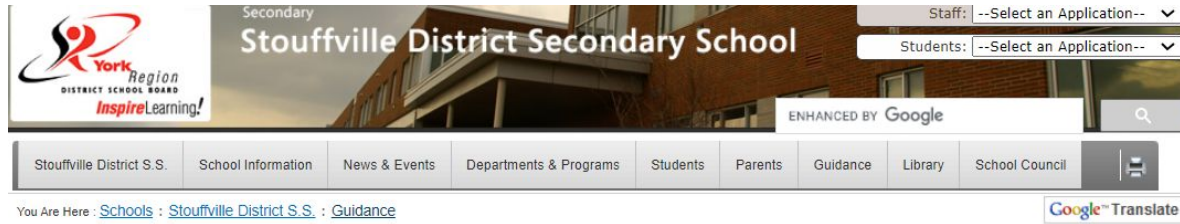
- Five Ways to Strengthen Your Scholarship Application
- Postsecondary Events
- September-October Checklist for Senior Students
- Ways to Pay for School

Welcome back students! Your senior year is a busy one. Starting off your school year with intention will be of great benefit to you. Let's start by looking at the costs of postsecondary education.

According to [Statistics Canada](#), the average tuition fee for a full year of study was \$6,834 in 2022/2023. The average cost of [college tuition](#) for one academic year in a diploma program is \$2,400 while bachelor's degree programs cost approximately \$6,100. (Do keep in mind that tuition varies by program and province.). There are also other expenses to consider such as fees, textbooks, equipment, and supplies; residence + meal plan; and miscellaneous items, e.g., cell phone, clothing, recre-



Where Parents can find Information



The screenshot shows the top of the Stouffville District Secondary School website. It includes the York Region District School Board logo, the school name, and dropdown menus for Staff and Students. A navigation bar contains links for Stouffville District S.S., School Information, News & Events, Departments & Programs, Students, Parents, Guidance, Library, and School Council. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail reads: You Are Here : [Schools](#) : [Stouffville District S.S.](#) : [Guidance](#). A Google Translate button is also visible.

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Welcome to the SDSS Guidance Website!

Did you know that the SDSS Guidance Department has Instagram? Follow us [@stouffville_guidance](#)

Upcoming Dates

Sept 25-29: [Grade 12 Post-Secondary Planning Visits](#)

Oct 2-6: Grade 9 Welcome Visits

Oct 5: Scholarship Workshop

Oct 11: College Application Workshop

Oct 18: University Application Workshop



Scholarships vs. Bursaries

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



Types of Scholarships

1. Offered by **Post Secondary Institutions.**
 - **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)



How to Prepare Yourself for a Scholarship

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

Academic Achievement	Community Involvement	Extra Curricular Participation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Honour Roll• Subject Awards• Music Competitions• Art Shows• Math Contests• Co-op• Science Olympics• Exchanges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteer Work• Food Drives• Charity Work• Tutoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Council• Grade / Class Rep• School Clubs• Yearbook• Athletic Teams• Music Bands• Plays / Musicals



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 **require letters of recommendation.**
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.

[SDSS School-Nominated Scholarships](#)



U of T Book Award/National Scholarship - Oct 10

- Find more information [here](#).
- 1 school nominated Book Award recipient/National Scholarship applicant
- Anyone can apply directly for the National Scholarship - must attend U of T in Sept 2024
- 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
 - a high achiever in academic and creative pursuits
 - enthusiastic about learning and intellectual exploration
 - a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or protected person
 - currently in your final year of secondary school
 - a National Book Award nominee or self-identify as meeting the criteria above
- Complete the [SDSS Book Award Application](#) by **4pm Wednesday, October 10, 2023**
- Or apply directly to the [National Scholarship](#) by **11:59pm Thursday, October 19, 2023**



Loran Scholar - Due Oct 11 before 8pm

- Find more information [here](#).
- No longer school nominated - open to everyone.
- Value: 36 - \$100,000 awards available plus 124 provincial awards valued at \$6000/\$2000
- Criteria:
 - Be entering university for the first time in September 2024
 - Present a minimum cumulative average of 85%.
 - Hold Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status.
 - Be born between January 1, 2002 and September 1, 2008.
 - Must attend one of [25 partner universities](#).
- Preview the application [here](#).
- Apply [here](#).



Queen's Chancellor Scholarship - Nov 20

- Find more information [here](#).
- 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, 2023**
- Submit a completed [practice application](#) to Ms. Gray by **4pm November 20, 2023** for consideration by the SDSS Scholarship Committee
- Nominated students must complete the Major Admission Award Application on SOLUS **December 8, 2023**



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Western University National Scholarship - Feb 1

- Find more information [here](#).
- Up to 4 school nominated applicants
- Criteria:
 - must apply to full time studies at Western University main campus
 - outstanding academic performance (over 90% average on all grade 12 U/M courses)
 - demonstrate ability for creative and innovative thought and passion for learning
 - exceptional achievement in extracurricular activities (arts and athletics)
 - special emphasis on commitment to **ongoing** community/school service
 -
- Submit a completed National Scholarship Application to Ms. Gray for review by the SDSS Scholarship Committee by **4pm February 1, 2024** (available mid-November 2023)

Successful applicants will be notified before the official application deadline.



Schulich Leaders Scholarship - Feb 9

- Find more information [here](#).
- 1 school nominated applicant
- Value: 50- \$120,000 (engineering) and 50 - \$100,000 (science, technology or math)
- Criteria:
 - academic excellence
 - leadership, charisma and creativity (strong consideration will be given to students with financial need)
 - Entrepreneurial-minded and intend to pursue a career in one 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 [20 partner universities](#) in an eligible STEM program
- Complete the [SDSS Schulich Leader Application](#) by 4pm on Friday, February 9, 2024 for review by the SDSS Scholarship Committee.



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 2024 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

