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Scholarship Workshop

September 30 at Lunch in the Library



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The Scholarship Report

The Scholarship Report

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for Ontario high school students

WAYS TO PAY FOR SCHOOL

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Postsecondary Fairs

Welcome back, students! Although graduation is months away, it is never too soon to think about how you will pay for your postsecondary education.

The [average annual cost](#) of a postsecondary education for a university student living at home is \$9,300 while the average annual cost of a postsecondary education for a university student living away from home is close to \$20,000. Over four years, that is a lot to consider.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT



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Welcome to the SDSS Guidance Website!

Did you know that the SDSS Guidance Department is on Instagram?
Follow us **@stouffville_guidance**

Upcoming Dates

End of Sept.: Grade 12 classroom visits - Post Secondary Planning

Oct. 7-11: Grade 9 welcome visits

Lunch Workshops in the Library

Mon. Sept. 30: Scholarship Workshop

Tues. Oct. 15: Applying to College Workshop

Wed. Oct. 16: Applying to University Workshop

Click the Grade 12 Information page for other important dates!



Scholarships vs. Bursaries

- **SCHOLARSHIPS** – based on merit (criteria varies)
- **BURSARIES** – based on financial need



WHAT'S THE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN

scholarships

and bursaries?



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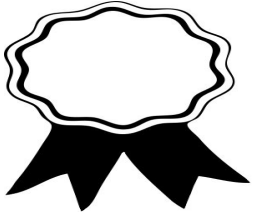


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Too many people apply I will never win!

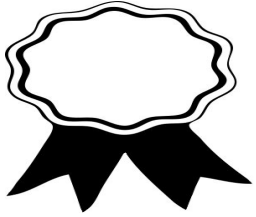
Not. So. Fast! You can't win the lottery if you don't buy a ticket! Not all scholarships are very competitive. Lots of money often goes unclaimed!

BUSTED



Scholarships are for brainiacs!

Scholarships aren't just for geniuses, star athletes and those in deep financial need. In fact, half of all scholarships have no connection to academics, sports or financial need.



BUSTED

Scholarships are only for people attending university

Absolutely not! Scholarships are offered to those intending to go to college as well as university. Don't count yourself out!

Eligibility for Scholarships

- Many are program based and/or are specific to the post-secondary school
- A few require athletic involvement
- Many require extra-curricular activity
- Some require leadership roles
- Most require school or community involvement
- A few require a disability
- Some are based on your ethnicity and/or religion



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 / ESP● 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

- There are many scholarship opportunities available for students pursuing Post-Secondary Studies in the Fall of 2025.
- 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.
- Be mindful of requirements and deadlines for each scholarship. You must meet internal deadlines set at SDSS to be considered. If you have any questions, please book an appointment to speak with a guidance counsellor

[SDSS School-Nominated Scholarships](#)



U of T Book Award/National Scholarship - Oct 6

- Find more information [here](#).
- 1 school nominated Book Award recipient/National Scholarship applicant
- **The internal deadline to submit to SDSS guidance is October 6th, 2024 by 3:30 p.m. Complete this [GOOGLE FORM](#) as the application**
- This is a non-monetary award; however, being nominated for this award grants the nominee exclusive access to apply to the National Scholarship Program which does grant a monetary award.
- 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
- If you are selected, you will be sent an application with instructions to apply for the National Scholarship. by **11:59pm Thursday, October 17, 2024.**



Queen's Chancellor Scholarship - Nov 20

- Find more information [here](#).
- 3 nominees will be chosen
- 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)
- Submit a completed [practice application](#) to Ms. Marinis by **4pm November 17, 2024** for consideration by the SDSS Scholarship Committee (internal deadline)
- Must apply to Queen's University on OUAC by **November 20, 2024** at the latest.
- Nominated students must complete the Major Admission Award Application on SOLUS **December 8, 2024**



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Schulich Leaders Scholarship - Jan. 10

- 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 (ex. Doctor, Dentist, Nurse, Psychologist, Pharmacist, Optometrist etc.)
- Must be applying to one of [20 partner universities](#) in an eligible STEM program
- Complete the [SDSS Schulich Leader Application](#) by **4pm on Friday, January 10, 2025** for review by the SDSS Scholarship Committee.
- SDSS must submit the name of the school nominee by January 29th, 2025



Western University National Scholarship - TBD

- 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. Marinis for review by the SDSS Scholarship Committee by **TBD** (has not been released yet)

The internal deadline will most likely be in **early February**

Stay tuned!



Schulich Builders Scholarship for Skilled Trades

- ★ Five nominees can be chosen.
- ★ Nominees must be enrolling in a full-time skilled trade one-year certificate or two-year diploma program at a participating college starting in Fall 2025. Check to see which colleges are eligible [here](#)
- ★ **Internal deadline: is early April.** Nominees selected from our school will receive an email invitation from Schulich Builders to apply for the scholarship.
- ★ Application requirements may vary at each college.
- ★ If successful, you will be notified by **July 31, 2025.**



TD SCHOLARSHIP FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: OCT. 13

- Apply [HERE](#)
- Open to First Nation, Metis and Inuit who are members / citizens of a First Nation, Metis or Inuit community. Applicants must be permanent residents of Canada.
- Eligibility: Applicants must have applied for a full-time
- minimum two-year program with an approved post-secondary institution for the next year of study; or are enrolled in, or accepted to, a full-time minimum two-year program with an approved post-secondary institution for the next year of study.
- Award: Twenty-five scholarships up to \$60,000 over four years.
- Deadline: **October 13, 2024.**



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/\$20000
- Criteria:
 - Be entering university for the first time in September 2025
 - Present a minimum cumulative average of 85%.
 - Hold Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status.
 - Be born between January 1, 2003 and September 1, 2009.
 - Must attend one of [25 partner universities](#).
- Apply [here](#).
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)



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 2025 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.



Scholarship Advice

- Such involvement should span a considerable period of time
- In addition to this, leadership experience is strongly recommended, as scholarship committees view this as an asset, and in some cases, as a requirement.
- Check out the school's website for webinars you can join or practice questions you can use to prepare
- [6 Common Mistakes When Applying to Scholarships](#)
- In the spring you will have the opportunity to apply for SDSS Graduation Awards. You will be asked to fill out a Google Form and can apply to more than 1.



Questions?

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

