# SDSS Scholarship Presentation

Fall 2020

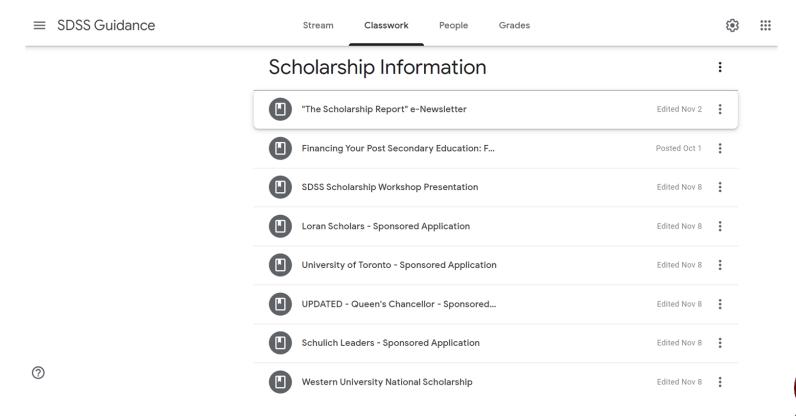


#### Where Students can find Information



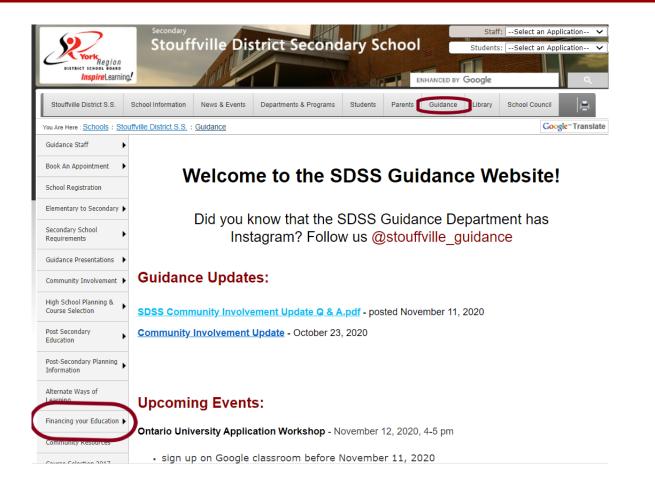


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#### Where Parents can find Information



## **How Much does Post-Secondary Education Cost?**

- According to <u>Statistics Canada</u>, students in undergraduate programs paid, on average, \$6,463 for a full year of study in 2019/2020. The average cost of <u>college tuition</u> for one academic year in a diploma program is \$2,400 while bachelor degree programs at colleges 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 or off-campus housing and food; and miscellaneous items, e.g., cell phone, clothing, recreation, transportation, etc.



## **How Can Students Pay for Their Education?**

- Family Assistance
- Government Funding (OSAP)
- Part-time Jobs/Summer Jobs
- RESP's
- Savings
- Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards



## Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

- Scholarships based on merit (criteria varies) application required
- Bursaries based on financial need applied to after you have accepted an offer of admission or graduated high school; do not need to pay back
- Awards given for outstanding achievement application required (available in April)



### 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
- 1. 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.

## **School Nominated Scholarships**

- These scholarships call upon the Stouffville District Secondary School Scholarship Committee to submit one or more candidates for consideration.
- Based on academic achievement (85%+), creative and original thinking and ongoing leadership
- 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.

## **School Nominated Scholarships**

- Scholarship information and timelines can be found Here
- Loran Scholarship October
- U of T Book Award & National Scholarship October
- Queen's Chancellor Scholarship November 20, 2020
- Schulich Leader Scholarship January 15, 2021
- Western University National Scholarship January 25, 2021



## **Self-Nominated Scholarships**

- Students apply directly for these scholarships and do not need "endorsement" or nomination from the school
- However, it is highly recommended students meet with their counsellor or a teacher to help them review their Scholarship application



#### Where to Start the Search:

- The Scholarship Report available on the Guidance Google Classroom. Contains scholarship listings with descriptions and submission deadlines
- <u>Scholarships Canada</u> and <u>Scholar Tree</u> Scholarships, bursaries, awards, tips
- Ontario Universities Info



#### The Scholarship Report

Paying for School: Scholarships, Bursaries, & Awards Not every student will have access to all of the listed options. However, you may want to consider your eligibility for scholarships, bursaries, and awards.





#### 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 extracurricular 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.

#### **Other Considerations**

- It's never too early to start thinking about scholarships!
- Be aware of your social media presence.
- Students are encouraged to keep track of their participation and leadership at school and in their community as well as any certificates of achievement, recognition, and awards they receive during high school
- Where possible (and safe during these times) get involved
- Complete as many scholarships as you can and remember to incorporate your experiences in your responses - don't re-write your resume in the answer section



### **Sample Questions**

- How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected you and what have you done in response to the pandemic?
- Describe your most significant volunteer contribution. Why did you do it? How did it affect others?
- Describe a time when you took the initiative to address an unmet need at school or in the community. What was the need? What did you do? What was the impact?
- Describe a leadership role that was meaningful to you. How did you establish a goal? Describe the steps you took to reach the goal. What were the results? What challenges did you face within your group and how did you resolve them? Overall, what did you learn about leading others through this experience?

#### Thank You!



