

SDSS

Scholarship Workshop

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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)



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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.
- Scholarship information and timelines can be found [here](#)



Getting Prepared - Start NOW !!

Have you:

- updated your resume?
- made contact with potential references?
- asked your employer if they offer scholarships?
- checked the **SDSS Guidance 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

