

SCHOLARSHIPS

There is a lot out there,
you just have to LOOK!



Definitions You Should Know!

Scholarship: a financial award made to support a student's education, based on academic or other achievements.

Scholarships are **EARNED**

Bursary: is a financial award granted to a student on the basis of the student's **FINANCIAL NEED**

Award: a prize or other mark of a recognition given in honour of high academics or an achievement.



What Scholarships and Awards Require



LEADERSHIP



Community Involvement



Entrance Scholarships



Entrance Scholarships are
provided by many
UNIVERSITIES

**YOU must check their Websites! (or attend
those virtual visits and Open Houses)**

Entrance Scholarships vary
from school to school and
program to program

Usually based on your Grade
12 Average (top 6U/M) but
some schools include program
prerequisites

**The higher your average
the more \$\$\$ you get!**

University Specific Scholarships

<https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/search?s=scholarships>



Search Results

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National Scholarships

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Students who have been nominated by their schools as National Book Award recipients may submit applications to the National Scholarship Program. In addition, students who identify themselves as meeting the scholarship criteria are invited to apply directly...

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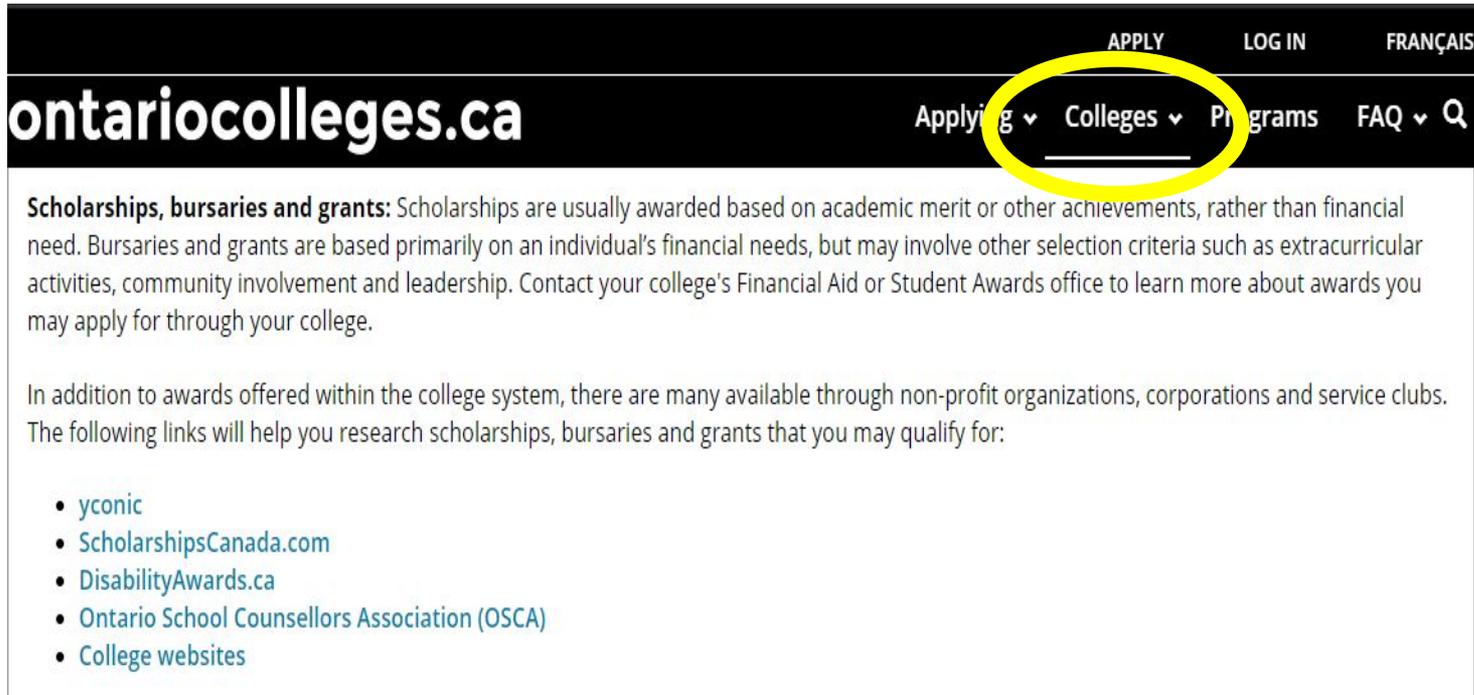
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<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/paying-for-college>



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Scholarships, bursaries and grants: Scholarships are usually awarded based on academic merit or other achievements, rather than financial need. Bursaries and grants are based primarily on an individual's financial needs, but may involve other selection criteria such as extracurricular activities, community involvement and leadership. Contact your college's Financial Aid or Student Awards office to learn more about awards you may apply for through your college.

In addition to awards offered within the college system, there are many available through non-profit organizations, corporations and service clubs. The following links will help you research scholarships, bursaries and grants that you may qualify for:

- [yconic](#)
- [ScholarshipsCanada.com](#)
- [DisabilityAwards.ca](#)
- [Ontario School Counsellors Association \(OSCA\)](#)
- [College websites](#)

SHSM Scholarships have deadlines too, make sure you check your intended school's website to see what you need to do:

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP



Niagara College is offering \$1,000 academic scholarships to Specialist High Skills Major applicants who enrol directly from high school in the correct corresponding program and who confirm their offer of acceptance before **May 1**.

Who's eligible?

- ✓ Direct from secondary school applicants who have received, or are in the process of receiving, a Specialist High Skills Major credential.
- ✓ Eligibility is based on the average of the highest final senior level courses in required subjects as of May 1. Where the Grade 12 course is in progress, the Grade 11 final will be used.
- ✓ A minimum average of 80% in the required subjects must be maintained to receive this award.

Some programs have additional requirements. Visit your [program's website](#) for more information. Meeting minimum criteria for the scholarship *does not* necessarily guarantee entry to the program. Scholarships will be awarded based on grades and SHSM received prior to the scholarship deadline. Scholarships are applied to your Niagara account upon review of final grades and SHSM reconciliation.

How do I apply?

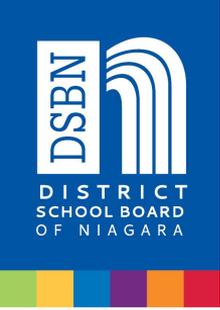


Places to look for Scholarships

Many Scholarships will be posted in the Westlane Google Classroom for the Graduating Class throughout the ENTIRE school year!

Excellent Websites to Search for additional scholarships

- 1) Student Awards: www.studentawards.com
 - 2) Scholarships Canada:
www.scholarshipscanada.com
 - 3) District School Board of Niagara:
<http://dsbn.org/Awards/>
 - 4) Yconic (Iconic plus Youth!): <https://yconic.com>
- Finally, check the website of the college / university you will be attending for their scholarships / bursaries.
- 5) Scholar Tree: <https://scholartree.ca>



DSBN Scholarship Website

Choose the Searchable List and you can locate Scholarships by their Monthly deadlines.
Choose the month, then click on Search Term and click again.



[DSBN Scholarship Website Link](#)



Financial Aid

Ontario Student Assistance Program- “OSAP”

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>

Grant: free money, you do not pay it back

Loan: you must pay it back with interest (*interest free when you are enrolled in school) after graduation

Schools located in smaller areas tend to cost less than schools in BIG cities



Things to Consider for OSAP



OSAP tends to give more money if you travel farther away for school.

The [OSAP ESTIMATOR](#) will help you plan how much you might receive but you will not be given an actual amount until you have paid for an acceptance to a post-secondary institution.

Westlane hosts OSAP presentations in the Spring each year, once the funding criteria are released by the Ministry. It will get posted in Google Classroom once booked.





What do you need to apply for a Scholarship (usually)?

**Bursaries will need
proof of
Financial Need**

- Transcript or Graduation Summary**
- Awards**
- Extra-Curricular and Volunteer Involvement (above the required amount)**
- Leadership Opportunities**
- Employment History**
- Reference Letters**
- Sometimes an essay or personal statement**
- Accomplishments in any other areas**



Reference Letters

Ask **EARLY**

Give at least two weeks
notice, they take some time!

Ask a trusted and responsible
adult who knows you well:
Teacher, Coach, Employer,
Principal (not a relative)

Provide them with:

- A Resume
- List of activities/clubs
- Details about the audience
- Your academic/program goals
- Letter of Reference Request Form

Nomination Process



Some Scholarships/Bursaries require the school to nominate a candidate(s)- these are called **Sponsored Applications ex. Schulich Scholarship.**

Guidance posts information about these scholarships in the Google Classroom and asks to be notified of your interest. Depending on the response, more information may be required from you.

We then coordinate the staff selection process, and notify the sponsored candidate to complete the scholarship.



Nomination Process Continued



- Some Scholarships have a **Direct Pool Application** process. Students may apply on their own and the high school is not involved at all ex. Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarships
- Some Scholarships have a **Sponsored Application** AND a **Direct Pool Application** ex. Schulich Scholarship



Tips and Tricks for Scholarship and Bursary Applications

- **START EARLY:** some close in the fall
- Research
- Review **DEADLINES** and the process for applying
- Read the Criteria to make sure you qualify
- Neatness and clarity are **ESSENTIAL**
- Quality rather than quantity
- Keep a hard copy and backup copy for all applications
- Research past winners for tips on what to include in your application



Post-Secondary School Open Houses and Tours are very helpful with Scholarship Tips.



Good Luck!

