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The Scholarship Report

TOP TIPS: How to Increase your Chances of Winning a Scholarship



In the next few months, there will be scholarships that you can apply for – most scholarship deadlines are within the months from February to June. So, what can you do in the meantime to increase your odds of winning one? Check out these top tips:

Volunteer in the community – volunteering at an organization that is in line with your career aspirations or is one of your primary passions is a good idea. Consistently devoting your time and effort to one or two organizations makes a distinct impression. Volunteerism speaks to the fact that you care about your community. It may be one of the most important elements of your scholarship application.

Get the best grades that you can – this goes without saying. Although not every scholarship requires high marks, most require at the very least a ‘B’ average. As an aside, keep in mind that Grade 11 marks matter too. Generally speaking, universities and colleges will use your Grade 11 marks for admission purposes – these marks are used to “predict” your Grade 12 marks.

Participate in school – sports, clubs, committees, etc. Choose activities that you will want to stay with long-term. This will lead to opportunities to move up to leadership roles. If leadership isn’t your strong suit, try engaging in an extra-curricular activity that fosters leadership skills. If you like the idea of leading, consider starting your own club or initiative.

Find excellent references – a teacher, a coach, a guidance counselor, an employer, a pastor — someone who can speak to your character and who has seen you “in action.” Connect regularly with them and let them know of your goals and plans. You will need these recommendations for your scholarship applications. When all else is equal, a strong letter of recommendation can make all the difference.

Seize other opportunities – activities that will strengthen and enhance your application *and* your skills. Participating in a student exchange, sitting on a Youth Advisory Council, starting a summer business, attending conferences, etc. Talk to your Guidance Counselor about potential opportunities.

Consider the scholarships with small award amounts – they have fewer applicants, so the odds of receiving an award are that much greater. Find a scholarship that “fits” you!

Although there are no guarantees that you will win a scholarship even if you *do* follow these tips, there are distinct benefits in doing so. They will enrich your life *AND* enhance your resumé—a win-win situation (but then again, a scholarship **would** be a great bonus!).

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FOR SENIOR STUDENTS



* Have you narrowed down the list of postsecondary institutions that interest you? If so, it may be a good idea to attend their respective Open Houses. At the very least, be sure to attend the university and college presentations that come to your school. Ask your guidance counselor for dates of presentations. If you ARE interested in a specific school, be sure to check out the Financial Aid / Student Awards page on the website.

*High school guidance counselors know a lot about scholarships and new scholarship information is sent to them

frequently. Let them know you are interested. They are one of your best resources!

*Clean up your social media profiles. First impressions matter – a lot!

*Continue to search and add to your list of scholarships. Check community clubs, large civic organizations, charitable foundations, religious institutions, local employers, and professional organizations. Apply for those that are available now! †



Ontario College Information Fair
October 24-25, Toronto
Creative Futures Expo
November 9-10, Toronto

IMPORTANT DATES

October 15, 2017

Ontario Colleges begin receiving applications.

October & November

If you miss(ed) the Ontario Universities' Fair in September, or the Ontario College Information Fair, check out the University Information Program (UIP) or the College Information Program (CIP) as they continue to travel across Ontario.

End-November

You will receive your Application Access Code Letter (your school & student number & PIN for OUAC application) from your Guidance Counsellor

“What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.”
- Henry David Thoreau

Upcoming UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

University of Toronto National Scholarship Program

Award: *National Scholars*--tuition and incidental fees for four years, provides full residence support in first year, and includes an additional, renewable monetary award based on individual financial circumstances. *Arbor Scholars*--value of \$7,500 in the first year and \$1,500 per year for three additional years of undergraduate study. Recipients are those students who “excel in academic pursuits, demonstrate enthusiasm for intellectual exploration and have a strong involvement in the lives of their schools and communities.” **Deadline: November 3.** See also University of Toronto National Book Award Program

Queen's University Major Admission Awards

Apply for admission to Queen's through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) **by November 15** to ensure access to the Major Admission Award Application and have it completed by the deadline. Recipients are those “students who demonstrate superior academic ability, creative and original thinking, involvement in school / community activities, and proven leadership.” Financial need may also be a consideration. **Award:** several scholarships of varying amounts. **Deadline: December 1.**

University of Guelph – three separate awards for students with a min. 90% average who have made significant leadership contributions to their schools and/or communities. Lincoln Alexander Chancellor's Scholarships: students must be: Aboriginal (First Nations, Inuit, and Métis); or a person with a disability; or a racialized person; President's Scholarships; Chancellor's Scholarships: leadership roles in activities that “demonstrate an interest in international relations and development, or leadership roles in activities relating to arts and culture and demonstrate the potential to become a leader in society.” **Award:** varying – see specific award. **Deadline: January 25**

If you attend an Open House or Fall Preview day at a university or college, be sure to ask about entrance scholarships, bursaries, and awards!
Make note of any application deadlines.





The Sleep Judge State of Sleep Scholarship

Award: Canadian students--\$2000
Deadline: October 30

Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships, and Awards

Various scholarships for First Nation, Inuit, and Métis students
Deadline: November 1

Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF/FEESO) Student Achievement Awards

Deadline: School must submit entry by November 17

SHAD

Deadline: Submissions due Nov. 20

SCHOLARSHIPS

Province-Wide Scholarships: December

David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility / Youth Leadership Award

For a young Ontario (16-24) who shows leadership and commitment to developing the potential of people with disabilities. Must be nominated.

Award: \$5000

Deadline: December 3

The W. Garfield Weston Foundation Fellowship

For students entering Skilled Trades programs at Loyalist College; demonstrated passion and motivation to build career in the skilled trades; commitment to maintaining a min. 60% average; willingness to provide mentorship

Awards: up to \$4,000 in bursaries from The W. Garfield Weston Foundation and tuition credits from the College.

Deadline: For students beginning postsecondary programs during the 2018 Winter semester (January start) --December 15. The deadline is August 24, 2018 for postsecondary students beginning their studies in 2018 Fall

Young Scholar Award

For high school students in Ontario who plan to pursue post-secondary education and who demonstrate exemplary leadership qualities; made a significant contribution to school and community.

Award: \$500

Deadline: December 23

Canada-Wide Scholarships: December

RBC Black History Month Student Essay Competition

Open to Grade 12 students who are applying to college / university; essay (750 words or less) on how black Canadians have helped to define Canada's diverse heritage and identity through their achievements and contributions to the broader society

Awards: thirty scholarships: 1st prize: \$5000, 2nd prize: \$2500, 3rd prize: \$1500; twenty-seven \$500 scholarships

Deadline: December 1

Allied Van Lines / North American Van Lines Logistics Scholarship

Enrolled (or enrolling) as fulltime student of college/university within a Canadian province for degree in Logistics, Business, or equivalent field; 400- 800-word essay on why logistics / supply chain management is important within your college major of choice

Awards: four \$1,000 awards

Deadline: December 15

BURGER KINGSM Scholars Program

For high school seniors planning on attending a 2- or 4-year program at university, college or vocational-technical school, BURGER KING[®] employees, or child of an employee. Selected based on average (min. 65%), work experience, extracurricular activities, and community service.

Awards: \$1,000 to \$50,000.

Deadline: December 15

French for the Future National Essay Contest

Open to students in Grades 10-12 who wish to pursue their postsecondary studies partially or completely in French; 750-word essay in French: an original portrait of your city

Awards: \$1,000-\$12,000 offered in partnership with eight postsecondary institutions (see website)

Deadline: December 22

Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE) Bursaries

For students who have registered in a 1-, 2- or 3-year Occupational Health & Safety (OHSE) program at university or college; grades (80% +); letter from a high school Guidance Counsellor.

Bursaries will be awarded on a regional basis (BC, AB, SK) and (MB, ON) and (QC, NB, PEI, NS, NL).

Awards: up to a maximum of \$500

Deadline: December 31

Lives That Make a Difference Essay Contest (2016): A&E Canadian Classroom

Students in Grades 5-12. See Official Rules. Essay (300 words or less) based on someone who made the biggest impact on Canadian society in 2017.

Awards: Prizes awarded in two grade levels: GRAND PRIZE: Student: \$3000. Classroom of Teacher/Dept.: \$1000. FIRST PRIZE: Student: \$2000. Classroom of Teacher/Dept.: \$1000
Deadline: Postmarked by Dec. 31

United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Canada Migrant Workers Scholarships

For the children, grandchildren, sisters, brothers, nieces, or nephews of migrant workers in Canada; only those persons who entered Canada to work under the Temporary Foreign Workers Program such as a live-in caregiver, a seasonal agriculture worker, or a temporary foreign worker in any industry are eligible to apply. The Nominee Child must be between 4-25 years of age, and must attend, or hope to attend, an educational institution.

Awards: twenty \$500 scholarships
Deadline: December 31, 5 p.m.

Province-Wide Scholarships: January

CPAC Foundation Awards and Scholarships

The CPAC Awards: For Ontario high school students of all ethnic backgrounds pursuing higher education; must demonstrate community involvement, leadership, and outstanding academic achievements.

Awards: Six \$1,000 awards for students who have completed Grades 10-12 studies; two awards for each grade.

Deadline: January 15

Federation of Portuguese Canadian Business & Professionals (FPCBP) Scholarships

To recognize the outstanding achievement of Luso-Canadian youth; residents of Ontario; must meet the Portuguese descendant requirements listed at the end of the application

Awards: \$1,000-\$2,500

Deadline: Usually, the FPCBP

Scholarship Application is available in November and has a deadline of January 31 every academic year.

Canada-Wide Scholarships: January

Canadian Angus Foundation / Foundation Legacy Scholarship

For Canadian Junior Angus Association (JAA) members (18+) recognizing overall academic achievement, leadership and community involvement, and industry knowledge. Top five applicants selected must be present at [GOAL Conference](#) for an interview and panel discussion. See [bursaries](#) for GOAL (Bursary app. deadline: Jan. 1).

Awards: Three awards: \$2,000-\$5,000.

Deadline: January 15

CPAC Foundation Awards and Scholarship

For an outstanding student who studies at a high school/postsecondary institution in Canada; who played leading role in a project/initiative related to community or social development, humanitarian improvement, environment, etc.

Award: \$3000

Deadline: January 15

STEAM Horizon Awards

For students (ages 16-18) recognized for STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math)-related accomplishments in a formal or informal way; 85% average; preparing to enroll in first year of postsecondary education in a STEAM field.

Award: Five \$25,000 prizes; two of the five prizes will go to Indigenous youth.

Deadline: January 16

Homer Fund Orange Scholars Scholarship Program

For a high school senior, etc. planning to enroll as a fulltime undergraduate student at college/university; a dependent of a full- or part-time associate of Home Depot; scholarships based on financial need, academic performance, community involvement and leadership.

Awards: \$2500 scholarships

Deadline: January 18 in 2017. Check website for updates.



Canadian Women in Municipal Government Scholarship

Open to women students enrolled in secondary school who are contributing to their school's leadership team or student council; research paper (min. 1000 words) related to how women make a difference in community service, leadership positions, or politics

Award: five \$1000 awards to be presented in five regions of Canada

Deadline: January 31; keep checking website for application.

LOUD (Leadership, Opportunity, Unity and Diversity) Foundation Scholarship

Open to a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, conventional refugee or refugee claimant enrolled and about to begin studies, currently studying, or have completed your program in the last 12 months in a Canadian postsecondary education institution; letter of intent (max. 1000 words) detailing why you

should be the recipient of this award (all media accepted) including your financial need and how scholarship would address that need.

Award: several scholarships

Deadline: January 31 in 2016; check website for updates.

Minimum wage is now \$10.90 per hour for

Ontario students under 18 who work in summer, during breaks, or during the school year. A \$1000 scholarship is equal to almost 92 hours of work!

OPPORTUNITY

House of Commons Page Program

Forty students from high schools across Canada go to Ottawa to work as Pages in the House of Commons. Those hired as Pages work on a part-time basis during their first year of study at one of the local [Ottawa universities](#). Pages are paid \$16,088 as well as a sum of \$1,200 paid at the end of the employment period. The House of Commons will pay for transportation between the Page's permanent residence and Ottawa at the beginning, and end, of the term of employment. Pages who come from outside the National Capital Region usually obtain rooms in the university residences.

Deadline: December 4

AWARD

Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers

Nominees for this medal must be between 15 and 24, live in Ontario and must have donated a large amount of time to a charity, a not-for-profit organization, or a person, and be a role model and inspire other young people to volunteer.

Deadline: January 15
