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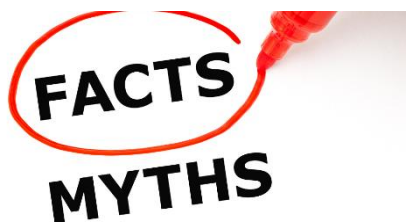
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The Scholarship Report

8 Myths about Scholarships: **BUSTED!**

Welcome back, students! Here's hoping you had a great summer!



And now that you're back in the classroom, it would be a good idea to start thinking about scholarships and bursaries. (See next page for definitions.). Postsecondary education can be expensive. Scholarships may be a source of financial aid for you.

However, you may think you aren't in the running for a scholarship. There are many myths surrounding scholarships that may deter you from searching -- and applying -- for them. ***Let's bust those myths once and for all!***

Myth #1: You must be a high academic achiever, have an amazing talent, or be a student athlete to win scholarships.

While it is true that certain attributes such as high academic achievement will put you in the running for more scholarships, there are many scholarships that reward volunteerism in the community (in fact, community involvement is one of the top eligibility requirements), participation in clubs or sports, or leadership skills. The applicant's heritage may also be considered. There are all types of eligibility

requirements. *Scholarship committees decide who best meets the criteria, and it may not be the person who has the highest average!*

Myth #2: Applying for scholarships with a small award amount is not worth the time and effort.

Applying for "smaller" scholarships is *so* worth it! Winning a scholarship, no matter the amount, can help cover the costs of books, supplies, and the hidden costs of attending a postsecondary institution. Also, scholarships with smaller awards have a lot less competition -- which means a better chance of winning one! And don't minimize the significance of winning a scholarship, no matter how small. Being the recipient of a scholarship looks great on any application -- job, university, or college programs, or other scholarship applications. It's a recognition of your achievements. Also, obtaining multiple scholarships is possible and winning a few small scholarships can really add up!

Myth #3. There is a scholarship season."

While the majority of deadlines are in the spring, there are also awards that are offered throughout the year.

Myth #4. I won't receive a scholarship because I haven't been able to participate in lots of extracurricular activities.

Do not discount anything you have done. Part-time jobs show responsibility and discipline. Being involved in one ongoing activity can show dedication to a cause. Supporting your family in a caregiver role (babysitting) shows devotion. *There are all kinds of scholarships that are looking for all kinds of students.*

Myth #5: Scholarships are only for those students attending university.

Many scholarships are offered to those intending to go to college, trade school, and technical school, as well as university.



Myth #6: Receiving a scholarship means your entire education is fully paid.

The full-ride scholarships are not as plentiful as you might think. Most of the time, students will have to use a variety of strategies to cover their education. Think about a combination of loans, grants, part-time jobs, and summer jobs.

Myth #7. I won't receive a scholarship because I am not a good writer.

Not every scholarship application requires an essay. But if it is a requirement, your story is the most important part of the essay. Of course, it goes without saying that you must follow the instructions for the essay, and that your grammar and spelling must be solid. That is why it would be foolhardy not to have it proofread by someone — no matter how great a writer you are. But if those elements are in place, it is your story that will matter most.

Myth #8: Millions of scholarship dollars go unclaimed.

This claim can lead us to believe there are scholarships out there for the taking. The reality is that the majority of these unclaimed dollars are from scholarships at universities and colleges, and many (not all) of these unclaimed scholarships at postsecondary institutions have narrow eligibility requirements. So,

what does this mean for you? While it SOUNDS good to hear that “millions of dollars go unclaimed,” it still takes time and effort to look for scholarships that fit you. Also, since these unclaimed scholarship dollars are mostly from postsecondary institutions, be sure to spend time on your potential school’s website looking for scholarships that you can apply for as well as setting up a time to meet with the Student Awards Department.

Now that we have busted the myths surrounding scholarships, start your search, find a scholarship that fits you, and apply! **Start NOW!**

SPOTLIGHT



Loran Scholars Foundation Award

For students in final year of uninterrupted fulltime studies in high school who demonstrate character, commitment to service in the community, and leadership potential; 85% min. average. **Contact your guidance counsellor to find out how your school determines which students to sponsor.** A student can also submit a direct pool application without school sponsorship.

Award: up to 35 students will be selected as Loran Scholars; award valued at up to \$100,000 over four years; **tenable at 25 universities**

Other Awards: 103 awards – 53 \$5000 entrance awards (finalists); 50 \$2000 entrance awards (provincial)

Deadline for Sponsored Applications: October 17; Direct Pool Applications: October 24

Financial Aid Terms You Need to Know

ACADEMIC AWARD: An academic award may be granted in monetary or gift form.

BURSARY: A bursary is **FREE MONEY** based on individual financial need and which may include a minimum expectation of academic achievement or other criteria such as leadership, community involvement, etc. Students are generally required to apply for bursaries outlining their need for resources.

SCHOLARSHIP: A scholarship is **FREE MONEY** based on various criteria such as academic achievement, leadership, community involvement, or other earned merit, or a combination of these elements. Financial need may be a consideration as well. The scholarship usually reflects the values of the donor.

STUDENT GRANT: A [Canada Student Grant](#) is **FREE MONEY** from the government based on financial need. When you qualify for student financial assistance, you are automatically assessed for both Canada Student Loans (see below) AND Canada Student Grants. You may be eligible to receive more than one grant: see [here](#).

STUDENT LOAN: A [Canada Student Loan](#) is assessed based on financial need. It is money that must be repaid when you finish school. Interest is charged on the loan amount. ***FYI: YOU CAN EVEN DECLINE THE LOAN AND REQUEST THE GRANT ONLY!**

Note: In most provinces and territories, the [federal and provincial governments work together](#) to provide Integrated Student Loans and Grants. For example, in Ontario, financial assistance is delivered through the [Ontario Student Assistance Program \(OSAP\)](#)

CHECKLIST for **SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER PLANNING**

- ✓ Create a scholarship portfolio containing an up-to-date resumé, list of achievements, volunteerism, club memberships, activities, awards, jobs, etc.
- ✓ Start exploring career options. Meet with your guidance counselor to determine if you have the necessary prerequisites for entry to programs you may be interested in.
- ✓ Begin searching for scholarships. Use a calendar to list scholarships by deadline date. Note the requirements of each.
- ✓ Let your guidance counselor know that you are interested in scholarships.
- ✓ Research postsecondary institutions. Check out the Student Awards page on university and college websites. Go to the university and college presentations at your school. Ask about their financial aid packages. Take note of Open House dates at universities and colleges. Go to their financial aid seminars. For more info, check out [Open House! —And 5 Reasons Why You Should Attend](#).
- ✓ Volunteerism in the community is very important on all types of applications! If possible, volunteer in areas that reflect the career you hope to pursue.
- ✓ Participate at school. Try to engage in one or two activities.
- ✓ Get to know a teacher, a coach, pastor, a guidance counselor, a boss — someone who can attest to how great you are when it comes time to ask for a reference for your scholarship application.
- ✓ Focus on your marks – get the best grades possible!

3 Main Types of Scholarships

- ✚ **Academic:** based on high academic achievement
- ✚ **Merit:** based on specific criteria such as leadership, volunteerism, etc.
- ✚ **Need-based:** based on financial background

*** Scholarships may be a combination of the above.**

Clean up your social media accounts, e.g., Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Delete any inappropriate material. Your online reputation matters!



SCHOLARSHIPS



McDonald's Scholarships

*Scroll down website page to *Education and Scholarships*.

For McDonald's employees; achievements at work, school, and community. Check with manager for award amounts and deadlines.

Ted Rogers Scholarship Fund / Rogers Employee Scholarships

Two types of scholarships:

*The *Ted Rogers Scholarship Fund* partners with 15 national organizations to distribute the scholarships. These scholarships are for youth with any government care experience currently enrolled, or planning to enrol, in their first postsecondary program at a university, college, or trade program. Scroll down to *Our Scholarship Partners* on website to see what organizations offer scholarships and [link to their website](#).

*The *Rogers Employee Scholarships* is for Rogers employees / dependents. Criteria, application information, etc. can be found through Rogers internal employee channels or [speak to your manager](#).

Award: 300 \$2,500 scholarships per year for up to four years at any university, college, or trade program.

4-H Ontario: Bertram and Hazel Stewart Dairy Youth Education Award & Bursary

*Click on *Scholarships for 4-H Members*

Deadline: September 30

Coca-Cola 4-H Post-Secondary Education Scholarship

Eligible to 4-H members who are pursuing postsecondary education; B (73-76%) grade; financial need

Award: 79 \$1000 scholarships

Deadline: September 30

Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada

For a son or daughter of parents or guardians who derive their principal income from pipeline construction; students must be entering postsecondary education programs.

Award: varies each year

Opens September 1. Deadline: October 11

Credit Education Week Canada (CEWC) Essay Contest

Deadline: Applications open September 3-October 15

Loran Scholars Foundation Awards

Deadline for sponsored applicants: October 17, 8:00 p.m. (EST)

Talk to your Guidance Counsellor ASAP if interested.

Deadline for direct pool applications: October 24, 8:00 p.m. (EST)

Ontario Heritage Trust: Young Heritage Leaders Scholarship

Deadline: October 18

Note: Individuals must be nominated for the [Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement](#) to be eligible for this scholarship.

Horatio Alger Association of Canada Scholarship Program

Deadline: October 25, 5:00 p.m.

The Sleep Judge State of Sleep Scholarship

Deadline: October 30

Canadian Junior Limousin Association (CJLA) Scholarships

Deadline: October 31



Provincial Scholarships: November

OSSTF (Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation) / FEESO: Student Achievement Awards in Honour of Marion Drysdale

Writing and creative arts competition for all public secondary school students in Ontario; a student must be supported

by an OSSTF / FEESO member who has worked directly with the student; submit creative work based on the year's theme. Each school may submit one entry per category (eight categories). *See *Student Achievement Awards - Tips for Students*

Award: nine \$1000 awards

Deadline: November. Check website for updates.

Plan your next move because every step contributes towards your goal.

— S. Ratnakar, author

National Scholarships: November

Indspire: Building Brighter Futures Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

For First Nation, Inuit, and Métis students with financial need

2 types of awards:
-Award name: Post-Secondary Education

-Award name: Postsecondary Education – Skilled Trades

Award: \$1,000-\$30,000

Deadlines: November 1, Feb. 1, Aug. 1

TD Scholarships for Community Leadership

For students in last year of high school; demonstrated leadership in improving community, e.g., cleaning up the environment, promoting social justice, fighting child poverty; min. average 75% in recently completed school year. Letter of support from school.

Award: twenty renewable scholarships; up to \$10,000 per academic year; \$7,500 a year for living expenses; max. four years; also, mentorship opportunities, offers of summer employment, etc.

Deadline: TBD. Applications OPEN September 4

***Note:** Each of five regions (Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies/Northwest Territories/Nunavut, and British Columbia/Yukon will have at least two scholarship recipients.).

Automotive Industries Association (AIA) of Canada Arthur Paulin Automotive Scholarship Award

For students enrolled in an automotive aftermarket industry-related program or curriculum (including studies in auto body, hard parts, heavy duty, or motive power (machinists) at college or university; includes students pursuing their studies as an automotive apprentice.

Award: at least five \$700 scholarships awarded annually to students enrolled in an automotive program in each of the following regions: Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Western Canada. One scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing studies at the Canadian Automotive Institute of Georgian College in Barrie, Ontario.

Deadline: November 30

Provincial Scholarships: December

Government of Ontario: David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility: Youth Leadership Award

(Scroll down website page for info.).

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

Award: \$5000

Deadline: December 3

Loyalist College: The Weston Family Scholarship in the Skilled Trades

For students entering Skilled Trades programs at Loyalist College; demonstrated motivation to build career in skilled trades; maintain min. 60% average; willingness to provide mentorship

Award: up to \$4,000 in bursaries during studies, and tuition credits from the College

Deadline for students beginning studies in 2020 winter (January) semester: December 16

National Scholarships: December

RBC Black History Month Student Essay Competition

Open to Grade 12 students who are applying to a postsecondary institution; 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
Award: thirty awards: \$500-\$5000
Deadline: TBD. Check website for updates.



Allied Van Lines Scholarship

Enrolled (or enrolling) as fulltime student in college/university for degree in Logistics or equivalent field; 400-800-word essay on why logistics / supply chain management is important within your college major of choice
Award: four \$1,000 awards
Deadline: December 15

Burger King McLamore Family Foundation: Burger King Scholar

For high school seniors planning on attending a 2- or 4-year program at university, college, or vocational-technical school, BURGER KING® employees, or a child of an employee, etc.; selection based on min. grade of 65%; active leadership role in community service, athletics, and/or similar co-curricular activity
Award: \$1,000 to \$50,000. Most scholarships are awards of up to \$1,000.
Deadline: Application open from October 15-December 15

Canadian Women in Municipal Government Scholarship

Open to female students enrolled in secondary school who are contributing to their school's leadership team or student council
Award: five \$1000 awards to be presented in five regions of Canada (British Columbia, The Prairies and Territories, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada)
Deadline: TBD. Check website for updates.

French for the Future National Essay Contest

Open to students in Grades 10-12 who wish to pursue postsecondary studies partially or completely in French; 750-word essay in French; choose Category 1: French Second Language or Category 2: French First Language
Award: seventy-eight \$1,000-\$12,000 prizes offered in partnership with nine postsecondary institutions (see website)
Deadline: Application opens in October. Deadline TBD.

Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE) Occupational Health & Safety Engineering (OHSE) Bursaries

For students registered in a 1-, 2-, or 3-year OHSE program at university or college; grades (80% +); letter from a high school Guidance Counsellor. Bursaries awarded on a regional basis.
Award: up to a maximum of \$500
Deadline: December 31

TIP: Some schools have early deadlines for Admission Awards. Check the Entrance (Admission) Awards of any school you are interested in. You don't want to miss out on potential financial assistance!

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

Note: Website link may be out-of-date. Do a Google Search for the *2019 Lives that Make a Difference Essay Contest*. For students in Grades 5-12. See Official Rules. Essay (300 words or less).
Award: Prizes awarded in two grade levels: \$2000-\$3000 for students. (Classroom/Department of Teacher wins \$1000.).
Deadline: December 31

SOS Safety Scholarship

For students (ages 13-19) active in their community and in safety initiatives; who plan to attend a Canadian postsecondary institution; must creatively prepare and upload an essay, action plan, or resource guide that outlines prevention of the social issues covered in SOS Safety magazine, i.e.

bullying, suicide, gang/youth violence, drug addiction, etc.

Award: one \$5000 scholarship

Deadline: December 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 may be living in any country, of any nationality; must be between 4-25 years of age, and attending or hoping to attend an educational institution.

Award: twenty \$500 scholarships

Deadline: December 31, 5:00 p.m.



AWARD

Scotiabank Youth Awards

Ages 15-24. Volunteer minimum 100 hours with at least three non-profit or charitable organizations from JAN 31-DEC 31. Prize: \$2,500 to charity of your choice and a tablet computer.

Application deadline: Dec. 31

CONTEST

National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE) Why Unions Matter Contest

Send your songs, videos, creative writing or even interpretive dance and share why unions matter. Prize: \$1,500. Monthly winner.

OPPORTUNITIES

Historica Canada: Encounters With Canada (EWC)

EWC is the country's largest youth forum. Students ages 14-17 can explore career options. Select from one of 13 career-oriented [themes](#). Cost: \$750. Some provincial governments [provide limited subsidies](#). (Ask your local [regional coordinator](#) for more details.). Many schools help participants financially. Participants also collect funds from sponsors, e.g., Tim Hortons, Ford, General Motors, Honda, and other car dealers, and/or approach organizations, e.g., Knights of Columbus, Royal Canadian Legion, etc. **Applications are accepted year-round. First come, first served.**

Prime Minister's Youth Council

Youth ages 16-24 "who provide non-partisan advice to the Prime Minister and the Government of Canada on issues of importance to them and to all Canadians." The Youth Council meets in person up to four times per year. Meetings may take place anywhere in Canada. In addition, there are virtual meetings. On average, Youth Council members spend 15 hours per month on Youth Council-related activities. Members are allocated a fixed remuneration for their time while conducting Youth Council business. Accommodation and travel costs are also covered when Youth Council members attend in-person meetings. The Government of Canada arranges all Youth Council members' travel and accommodation needs, including booking travel, reserving hotel rooms, and providing food during in-person Youth Council meetings. Applying to the Prime Minister's Youth Council is a three-step process: [Create a profile](#), apply, complete the application questionnaire. **Prospective candidates having completed a profile will be notified once a new call for applications is launched**

or keep checking the website for the next call for applications.

Federation of Canadian Secondary Students

Become an Ambassador on the Ambassador Team. Commitment: 4-6 hours per week. **Application opens on September 8, 8:00 P.M.**

Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture (CYSA) Inc.

CYSA is a national competition, open to residents ages of 11-24. Registration fee: \$40 for Senior competition. Each competitor presents a timed 5- to 7-minute speech on a [topic](#) pertaining to Canada's agriculture and agri-food industries. First prize --Senior Category: \$1000. **Deadline: September 30**

Government of Canada #RisingYouth Community Service Grants

Grants for young people (15-30 years old) who are inspired with ideas and ready to take action through youth-led community service grants. [\\$250 grants](#) for simple ideas [\\$1500 grants \(quarterly\)](#) for projects that involve a larger group of people to drive impact. **Submit application by September 30**

Legislative Assembly of Ontario Youth Arts Program

Ontarians aged 12-18 are invited to display works of art throughout the Legislative Building from December through March. Artwork consists of a variety of media including photography; sculptures; ceramics and pottery; drawings in ink, pencil and charcoal; acrylic, oil, and watercolour paintings. **Online applications accepted from September 10-October 15.**

Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement

Recognizes those that have contributed to conserving Ontario's cultural and/or natural heritage.

Criteria for nomination must be met: Be age 24 and under at the time of the nomination submission; has made exceptional volunteer contributions to heritage conservation; demonstrated leadership, commitment, creativity, positive impact on the community, region or province, and good conservation practices. **Deadline: October 18.** Note: Nominees to this Award who do not receive the award can be recognized through [Young Heritage Leaders](#) if both program options are selected on the nomination form.

Legislative Assembly of Ontario Model Parliament

Open to Grades 10-12 students. Attend a 3-day Model Parliament Feb. 26-28, 2020. Essay and a letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal, vice principal, or guidance counselor. *Note: For students who live further than fifty kilometres from Toronto, one return trip will be reimbursed. Train, bus, air, and GO Transit travel will be reimbursed; mileage will not be reimbursed. Must find own accommodation. **Application open September 15-October 20.**

Employment and Social Development Canada—Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) Youth Innovation Component

The EAF is currently looking for youth (15-30) who want to demonstrate leadership and their commitment to their communities. Unique opportunity for young leaders to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities by addressing accessibility barriers in public spaces or workplaces. Work with local organizations to develop solutions such as initiatives like "installing automatic door openers, constructing raised garden beds in a community garden, or acquiring specialized wheelchairs to access sandy beaches."

Deadline: October 31, 2:00 p.m. Eastern time

Government of Canada #RisingYouth Community Service Grants

Grants for young people (15-30 years old) who are inspired with ideas and ready to take action through youth-led community service grants. \$750 grants for ideas that can be implemented with small group of peers. **Submit application by October 31.**

House of Commons Page Program

Forty students from high schools across Canada go to Ottawa to work as Pages in the House of Commons. They must be graduating from high school and starting fulltime studies at one of the four universities in the National Capital Region in September of the year of employment as a Page; have obtained an academic average of at least 80% the previous year (Grade 11) and maintain this average; and be able to orally communicate fluently in both official languages. Those hired as Pages work on a part-time basis during their first year of study. Pages are paid \$16,587 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. **Application deadline: November 11**

Shad Canada

A month-long summer program, in-residence at one of the Canadian host universities, focused on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) for students who are completing Grades 10 or 11; assessed on several factors including creativity/innovation, commitment to excellence, engagement in extracurricular activities, and a strong academic foundation *International baccalaureate students can qualify for the creativity aspect of CAS

through Shad participation. Shad program participants are eligible to compete for a summer internship for the month of August. The fee to attend Shad is \$5,700*. Financial assistance in the form of bursaries is available. Fundraising should be considered as well. (See Fundraising Opportunities on the website.). There are also exclusive scholarships for Shad program graduates. **Deadline November 2019. Check website for updates.**

*See also Shad bursaries for Indigenous Students.

Forum for Young Canadians

Learn and experience the political decision-making process during one week on Parliament Hill. See cost and financing options here. Bursaries available. **Deadline: November 30, 5:00 p.m.**

Ontario Community Newspapers Association Junior Citizen Awards

Any resident of Ontario ages 6-17 is eligible to receive an Ontario Junior Citizen Award. Must be nominated. Supporting Nomination Forms must be completed by at least two individuals other than the primary nominator. Nominees may be involved in worthwhile community service; contributing to their community while living with a physical or psychological limitation; performed acts of heroism or bravery; 'good kids' who show a commitment to make life better for others. Up to 12 individual final recipients may be chosen. Every nominee receives a certificate of recognition from their local community newspaper, and the final recipients are invited to a special ceremony in Toronto. **Deadline: November 30. Nomination Forms will be available in September** (scroll to bottom of website page).

DECA

An international professional development program where members compete and network with like-minded young professionals in every field of business. The program prepares emerging leaders and

entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. Note: Your high school must be registered with DECA in order to participate. See DECA Ontario and DECA Alberta.

RCMP Volunteer Program

Volunteers with the RCMP assist in nearly every aspect of community policing. Must be 16 years of age and up.

SJA Connect Program

SJA Connect is a youth health, safety, and leadership development program for students aged 14 to 19 offered by St. John Ambulance Canada. It is designed to improve the health, safety, confidence, and competencies of youth through training, volunteer service, and leadership opportunities. Three certificate levels.

PLANNING & FUNDING POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Interested in finding out more about Postsecondary Planning and Financial Aid, including scholarships and bursaries? Check out the Postsecondary Information Session for parents and students in September in Toronto and Guelph. Details here.

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DID YOU KNOW . . .
eINFO is now called
ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES
INFO? Check it out here.

SAVE the DATE

Ontario Universities' Fair (OUF)

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
September 27-29, 10 am-5 pm
Tip: Get an OUF Passport. With an OUF Passport, you can provide your contact details once instead of up to 21 times.

Study and Go Abroad Fair

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
October 6
Fair Times: 1 pm – 5 pm
Free Seminars: 12 noon – 5 pm

Ontario College Information Fair (OCIF)

Enercare Centre in Toronto.
October 23, 5:00 pm-9:00 pm,
October 24, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Creative Futures Expo.

Are you a high school student with an interest in visual arts? Or in a post-secondary creative foundations program? Check website for updates on this 2-day Expo in Toronto.

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

University of Toronto National Book Award

For students who demonstrate superior academic performance, original and creative thought, exceptional achievement in a broad context, and a strong involvement in the lives of their schools and communities. It is not necessary that the student intend to apply for admission to the University of Toronto. Award recipients receive a non-monetary National Book Award. Every school across the country is invited to nominate one student. **Ask your school officials if you might be considered.**

Queen's University Major Admission Awards

Apply for admission to Queen's through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) by November 20 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 Toronto National Scholarship Program

For students who have been nominated by their schools as National Book Award recipients, or students who identify themselves as meeting the scholarship criteria without having been nominated for the National Book Award. Each year approximately ten students are named National Scholars (winners) and ten are named Arbor Scholars (runners-up).

Award: Tuition, incidental and residence fees for up to four years of study. Finalists receive Arbor Scholarships at a value of \$7,500 in the first year and \$1,500 per year for three additional years of undergraduate study. The scholarship is tenable only at the University of Toronto.

Deadline: November. Check website for updates.

TIP: Research postsecondary institutions. Attend the OUF and the OCIF. Go to the university and college presentations at your school. Check these websites for more info: Ontario Universities' Info (university), ontariocolleges, and OYAP for apprenticeships (and make note of the Open House dates too!).

Did you miss the Ontario Universities' Fair and/or the Ontario College Information Fair?

Check out the Ontario Universities' Regional Fairs (formerly the University Information Program (UIP)):

Hamilton, Halton, Niagara and Brant:

September 30-October 4

Northwestern Ontario:

September 30-October 4

Muskoka and Grey Bruce Regions:

October 7-11

Northeastern Ontario Region

October 7-11

Kitchener Waterloo and Guelph Region

October 15-18

Southeastern Ontario Region:

October 21-25

Ottawa Region:

October 28-31

Southwestern Ontario Region:

November 4-8

And . . . the College Information Program (CIP) Schedule:

Northwestern Ontario

September 23-26

Northeastern Ontario

September 30-October 4

Eastern Ontario

October 7-11

Southwestern Ontario & Hamilton

October 15-18

Niagara Region & Kitchener

October 21-24

Georgian Bay

October 29-30

