

## **SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS/BURSARIES INFORMATION**

Scholarships, bursaries and awards can be granted based on academics, athletics, leadership, community involvement, creativity, artistic talent, humanitarianism, and financial need.

Different Types:

**Scholarship/Award:** A scholarship is an award based on academic merit (marks) but there may be other considerations as well. An application may or may not be required. It may or may not be renewable, with the award continuing each year if marks are kept up.

**Bursary:** A bursary is a gift based on financial need. No repayment is required. Applications are usually required.

**Entrance Scholarships Offered by the Post-Secondary Institution:** These are offered more by universities than colleges. They often do not require an application; the student is automatically considered when he/she applies to the institution. The amount of the scholarship depends entirely on the admission average achieved. It may or may not be renewable in other years.

**Scholarships Offered by the Post-Secondary Institution requiring an Application:** These are used by universities to attract “superstar” students. In addition to outstanding academic achievement, the applicant must have considerable involvement in extra-curricular activities. Competition for these significant amounts of money is intense. Sometimes a nomination by the school is required.

**Privately-Donated Scholarships:** These are offered by community organizations. Anyone can apply, but they are highly competitive; they require outstanding extra-curricular involvement and usually outstanding marks. Different scholarships value different things. Some may favour sports involvement while others may favour community service. These require an application.

**Step 1:** Register at [scholartree.ca](http://scholartree.ca) and [yconic.com](http://yconic.com) and follow instructions (Create student profile, get matched to scholarships, Apply!)

**Step 2:** Check Grade 12 LMS: All scholarships received will be posted on LMS. Also listen to announcements: all scholarships received will be announced on WRBR.

**Step 3:** Check out your College/University sites and go to the Student Awards section. They will have scholarship information there with applications and deadlines

**Step 4:** Check out the following web sites:

- [www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca) (click “FINANCE” tab)
- [www.osca.ca](http://www.osca.ca) (Go to “Student” and click “Scholarship and Financial Aid”)
- [www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com) (click “RESOURCES” tab)
- [www.ScholarshipsCanada.com](http://www.ScholarshipsCanada.com) (set up an account - recommended)
- [www.StudentAwards.com](http://www.StudentAwards.com) (set up an account - recommended)
- [www.scholartree.ca](http://www.scholartree.ca) (set up an account- recommended)
- [www.yconic.ca](http://www.yconic.ca) (set up an account – recommended)
- [www.disabilityawards.ca](http://www.disabilityawards.ca) (Search by province)
- [www.grantme.ca](http://www.grantme.ca) (Paid scholarship search program)

## **Important Items to Remember:**

- Get the best marks you can in your Grade 12 courses. Entrance scholarships, the most common type of award, are based entirely on marks; the higher the average, the more money awarded.
- Start NOW. Do not leave things to the last minute.
- Please note: very few paper copies of scholarships are sent to BR. The majority of scholarships have on-line applications. You must access the individual web-sites for each of the advertised scholarships.
- Check with your parents to see if their employers, or cultural or community groups to which they belong offer scholarships.
- Be prepared to spend time on the application. Take the task seriously. Don't procrastinate. You will need time to get letters of reference.
- YOU must request transcripts from the secretary in Guidance IN ADVANCE!
- Start gathering reference letters NOW from teachers/coaches/community people without dates so we can use them over and over. Choose people who know your strengths and have witnessed your abilities. These letters written with passion are the best reference letters to get. Please give these people 7 days to write your letter. Look at your Coaches, Supervisors, Priest, etc
- Every scholarship has different criteria. Read the description thoroughly.
- Pay attention to Due dates... MEET THE SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES. Late applications are not accepted.
- We will mail scholarships for you as long as you give proper time for Canada Post
- You do not need an appointment to see us for scholarships, just come in and we will look after you if we are available.
- The amount of work will be worth it! Unlimited!!

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