

# Scholarships and Bursaries

[www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/student-services/scholarships](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/student-services/scholarships)



Ancaster High School

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# How Much Will School Cost?

- Colleges/universities charge:
  - base tuition
  - supplementary fees (*health services, etc.*)
  - student union fees (*bus pass, dental, etc.*)
  - “other” fees (*administrative fee, building fee, etc.*)
- Students can opt out of some fees
- Varies between institutions & areas of study



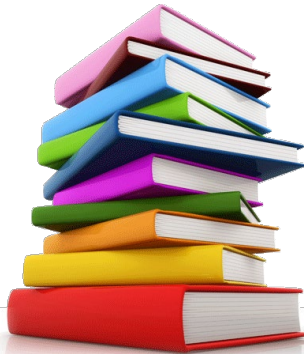
# Costs are variable! 2023 Data

First Year Tuition	Business	Arts & Science
McMaster University	\$11,033	\$7,551
Queen's University	\$17,798	\$7,518

First Year Tuition	Most Programs	Aircraft Maintenance
Mohawk College	\$2,708.08	\$4,421.72



# Don't forget...extra!





# Financial Aid – O.S.A.P.

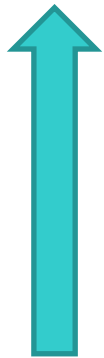
## Ontario Student Assistance Program

- A loan provided by the provincial & federal governments only for the purpose of paying fees associated with your program
- Doesn't accrue interest until a few months after you finish
- Lots of flexibility for repayment
- Lots of special programs if you have trouble repaying



# Aid estimator

1. Accept your offer of admission
2. The financial aid office of your school is your point of contact for help/advice
3. Apply at [osap.gov.on.ca](https://osap.gov.on.ca)



In the spring, google “OSAP Estimator” and see if estimates are ready for programs that start in September 2025 and/or January 2026



# What kind of data do they need?

1. YOUR income in the weeks leading up to September 2025
2. Your guardian(s)' income according to their T4 statement from the 2024 tax year
3. YOUR incoming during the course of study
4. Where will you be living?

***You and your guardians are expected to use assets and income to pay for school where possible according to a formula***



# Scholarships & Bursaries

- Scholarships
  - Marks are important
  - Something you achieve by having a particular average or leadership or volunteer experience
- Bursary
  - Financial need is important
  - It is more like a “gift” for a need





# Types of Scholarships and Bursaries

- Automatic vs. application required
- School nomination vs. direct applications
- Renewable vs. non-renewable
- School based vs. community based
- Merit based vs. financial needs based
- Contests



# Scholarships Based on Merit Requiring an Application

These scholarships are a large focus of this seminar because they require time, planning, and other people



# Step 1

- Build an academic and personal record
  - This process has already begun and should not stop until you are finished with college/university
  - Grades are usually very important
  - Sustained community involvement plays a key role in scholarships
  - Leadership may help you out-compete other more “academic” candidates



# Step 2

- Set timelines and due dates
  - Start researching NOW and don't stop. New opportunities may be just around the corner or they may be just about to expire
  - Mark your calendar WHEN applications are DUE and build in extra time.
  - Talk to potential reference letter writers and give them LOTS of TIME to write a letter (two weeks)



# Step 3

- Complete applications on time - apply early
- Do exactly what the scholarship requires, not more or less!
- Have your application proof read
- Don't allow poor planning to become someone else's emergency!



# Step 4

- Be appreciative
- Say thanks to those who were a part of your application... even if you don't get selected



# HWDSB

[www.hwdsb.on.ca/community/awards](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/community/awards)

WORKAID & ASSOCIATES WORKAID FUND

Deadline to apply: May 30, 2024

This \$1,000 bursary was initiated by the overwhelming need to assist the children of injured workers that need assistance with post secondary studies.

Must be the child of a parent currently or past on WSIB benefits.

<https://workaid.ca/workaid-fund>



# The Scholarship Report

HWDSB has purchased access to this resource for you. Please check your e-mail for the September issue

## TOPICS

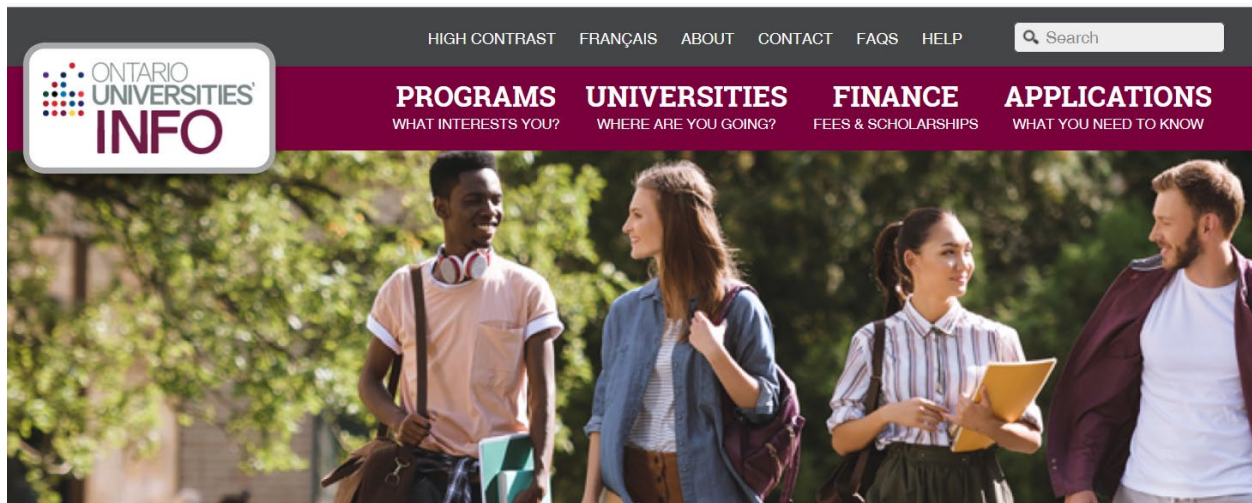
- Scholarship & bursary listings & links to their sites
- Tips, advice
- Video workshops
- Scholarships for black/indigenous students
- OSAP





# How to Find University Scholarships

[www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/scholarships](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/scholarships)



## Scholarships

For specific scholarships, use the Advanced Search options.

Contact the universities directly for more information about their scholarships.

Sort By

### Find a Scholarship

Keyword

Show Advanced Search Options  
For Indigenous Applicants Only



# Great Search Function!

- 85% - 90% admission range
- “Yes” to application required

## Arthur Stephen Memorial Scholarship

### Wilfrid Laurier University

Eligible applicants are full-time undergraduate students entering year 1 of any program at the university, directly from high school, who have a minimum final admission average of 85% (or equivalent).

Eligible candidates must demonstrate a high commitment to athletic activities during high school (in school or in the wider community).

Endowed scholarship; Arthur Stephen (1946–2015) was a dedicated and long-serving member of the Laurier community who made many contributions to the university and to the field of university advancement in Canada and internationally. This scholarship was created in Arthur's memory by his friends, family and colleagues to recognize 2 of Arthur's passions: University recruitment and athletics.



# Student Services' Webpage

## Scholarships

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[Scholarships Assembly September 2019 \(pdf\)](#)

### “THE BIG SIX” 2021-2022

Are you in the Top 50 of Canada's best students? If so, please keep reading! Most of these national scholarships require a nomination by Ar High School in order to apply. Details below.

### [“Big Six” Competitive Scholarship Summary with Due Dates & Eligibility \(pdf\)](#)

#### 1. [LORAN Scholars Foundation Award 2021-2022](#)

- Detailed instructions on how to apply to Mr. Nicholson for the school's nomination are [here \(pdf\)](#)
- Sample LORAN application is [here \(pdf\)](#)

#### 2. [University of Toronto Book Award & University of Toronto National Scholarship 2021-2022](#)

- We are using the criteria for the U of T National Scholarship criteria in order to choose the winner of the U of T Book Award
- [Application for the school's nomination with submission instructions \(pdf\)](#)



# Universities' Financial Aid/Scholarship Page

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the McMaster University website. The page title is 'Scholarships for Students Entering Level I'. The navigation menu includes Home, Government Aid, McMaster Aid, Bursaries, Work Programs, Scholarships, Forms, Important Dates, Contacts, and Site Map. The main content area features a large image of University Hall and a heading 'Scholarships for Students Entering Level I'. Below this, there are sections for 'The Basics' and 'What's New!'. The 'The Basics' section includes a sub-heading 'What types of entrance scholarships are available?' followed by a list of scholarship types: The McMaster Honour Awards (general & named scholarships), Entrance Awards for Indigenous Students, Entrance Awards by Application, Athletic Financial Awards, and Faculty Entrance Awards. It also includes a sub-heading 'What is required to maintain eligibility for my award?' with a list of requirements: Some scholarship offers are made on a conditional basis, Satisfy all eligibility criteria to receive your award in September, Maintain a full-time course load throughout the fall/winter terms, and Further eligibility requirements are outlined in your letter of congratulations. The 'What's New!' section includes a sub-heading 'Part-time OSAP: Funding certificates for OSAP for Part-Time Students will be available at the SFAS office (Gilmour Hall, 120) late this week. Starting this fall, part-time OSAP funding will automatically be redirected to McMaster to pay tuition and fees. Learn more about part-time OSAP.' and a sub-heading 'Fall fee deadline: Fall-term fees are due Sept. 22 for students who receive OSAP. Find full fee deadlines on the Student Accounts and Cashiers website.'

McMaster University  
Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships

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Scholarships / Scholarships for Students Entering Level I

## Scholarships for Students Entering Level I

### The Basics

What types of entrance scholarships are available?

- The McMaster Honour Awards (general & named scholarships)
- Entrance Awards for Indigenous Students
- Entrance Awards by Application
- Athletic Financial Awards
- Faculty Entrance Awards

What is required to maintain eligibility for my award?

- Some scholarship offers are made on a conditional basis
- Satisfy all eligibility criteria to receive your award in September
- Maintain a full-time course load throughout the fall/winter terms
- Further eligibility requirements are outlined in your letter of congratulations

When will I receive my award(s)?

### What's New!

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# How to Find Community-Based Scholarships

- Websites designed for scholarship searches:

Scholarships Canada

<http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>

Yconic

<https://yconic.com/>



# How to Find Community-Based Scholarships

- Ask your parents/guardians
  - Your parent/guardian's employer may offer scholarships
  - Service groups or community organizations may have scholarships for children of members



# School Sponsorship

- Many of the large scholarship funds ask schools to choose a school-sponsored applicant
- Deadlines to seek school sponsorship are weeks before the actual scholarship deadline
- All decisions are made by a committee



# Queen's Major Admission Awards

- There are several Major Admission Awards - the Chancellor's requires school nomination
- Apply to Queen's by November 20 for access
- Application for Ancaster High nomination is due on November 15 by 3 p.m. Please e-mail the application package to Mr. Nicholson with the subject "Chancellor's"
- Queen's deadline is December 8
- Nomination package will be on our website, titled "Queen's Chancellor's Application for Ancaster High Selection Committee"





# Competitive Scholarships

- LORAN Award
  - *unlimited direct pool*
- University of Toronto National Scholarship
  - *Deadline has passed*
- TD Scholarship for Community Leadership
  - *unlimited direct pool*
- Queens' Chancellor's Scholarship
  - *two school sponsored (QuARMS is now separate)*
- Western University National Scholarship
  - *four school sponsored*
- Schulich Leaders Scholarships (STEM)
  - *one school sponsored*



# The Reference Letter

- Make sure the person writing the letter knows the criteria (provide the criteria page for them)
- Match the criteria to the letter writer
  - Subject teacher? Coach? Employer?
- Provide the writer with:
  - a list of your accomplishments
  - a copy of the scholarship application
  - an idea of what you expect in that letter
  - a copy of your resume



# Scholarship Tips

- Please make sure you fit the criteria before applying (*i.e. superior grades*)
- Put in the time!
  - Hourly wage vs scholarship potential
  - How many hours of working at your job would it take to earn the money offered in the scholarship?



# More Scholarship Tips

- Read instructions carefully
- Be exact in the format, quantity of words, presentation of the application
  - extra does not mean better
  - “inch wide, mile deep”
- Make a great impression



# Who Can Help?

- Past scholarship winners
- Scholarship forums
- People in the community (especially those involved with community events/groups)



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# Questions?

<https://bit.ly/AHSmoney>

