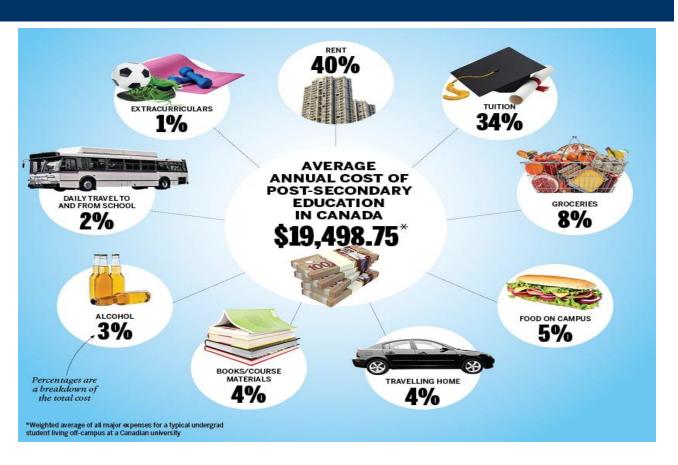
# **Bursary and Scholarship Tips Fall 2023 Presentation**





## How much does post-secondary cost?

Source: 2022 Maclean's Education



Note: Students living at home spend \$9,300 per year on average.

## How will you pay for everything?

# Savings & Work / Family & Parents / Loans / Scholarships & Bursaries

Scholarships and bursaries are FREE money to help you pay for next year's expenses. They can be as much work or as little work as you are willing to put forth.

More work = more money

More work = less competition

Myth #1 "I don't have the marks!"

 Many scholarships reward volunteerism, participation in clubs or teams, leadership experiences, and special circumstances!

# Myth #2 "There is a lot of competition!"

- 59% of scholarship administrators would like more applications.
  - 3% of scholarships received no applications at all!

Source: ScholarshipsCanada

Myth #3
"Only schools give scholarships!"

 1000's of scholarships are awarded by non-educational administrators (corporations, associations, trade unions, religious organizations, etc.)

Myth #4
"Scholarship Deadlines are in the Spring!"

 Scholarship, bursary and contest deadlines are throughout the year!

Myth #5
"I'm not in financial need!"

 Only 1/3 of scholarships require you to be in financial need

Source: ScholarshipsCanada

### **SO...**

- There is an award for you! There is over \$50 million in entrance scholarships available.
- You don't always need high marks!
- You don't have to be in financial need!
- Awards have deadlines throughout the year (you need to be searching all year long!)
- You can't win an award if you don't try!

### **Terms You Should Know**

- Award: given in recognition of outstanding achievement (i.e. books, plaques, subscriptions, money)
- Bursary: non-repayable grant of money based on financial need (academic achievement is also considered)
- Scholarship: non-repayable sum of money awarded to a student to help finance further education, based on merit

## **More Important Terms**

- Entrance Award/Scholarship: given to a student entering their first year at a postsecondary institution. (i.e. Admission Award)
- In-Course Award Scholarship: given to a student already enrolled in post-secondary studies beyond the first year level.

## **Types of Awards**

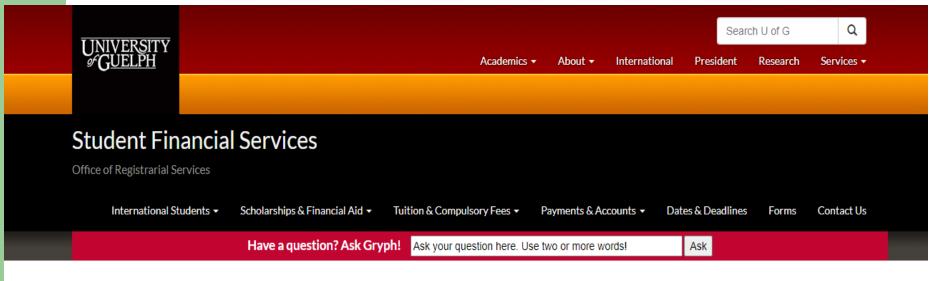
School Specific Awards

(are offered by individual colleges and universities to qualified applicants who meet set criteria)

 Private Non-Educational Organization Awards

(Corporations, associations, trade unions, religious organizations, etc.)

# School Specific - U of Guelph



### Undergraduate Award Search

#### A total of 151 awards were found.

You can browse the results, narrow your search, return to the previous results (back button) or start a new search.

Full award details are available by clicking on the award name.

If you are unsure of your college, view the list of colleges by major.

Note about "Citizenship" search options: PR refers to Permanent Residents and PP refers to Protected Persons.

| Narrow My Search |          |
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https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/studentfinance/apps/awards?class=Entering#

## School Specific – U of Windsor



**FUTURE STUDENTS** 

Student Awards and Financial Aid

UWindsor Home > Student Awards and Financial Aid

#### **Awards Search Results**

Showing 281 results. Go back and search again.

# School Specific – Georgian College



By the numbers

\$3 million

in bursaries awarded to Georgian students annually

650+

awards and scholarships available to students each year

\$750,000+

of donor-funded student awards, scholarships and bursaries annually

# **Private Organizations**



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#### **Bursaries**



#### Post-secondary education is expensive. Let us help!

Since its inception in 1994, \$1,291,000 has been awarded to 1,287 students across Canada. The amount disbursed in any one year depends on the balance of the Hal Rogers Endowment Fund and its governing laws.

#### **Bursary Recipient Feedback**

"Thank you for the opportunity to share my gratitude for the Kin Canada Bursary! It was a load off my shoulders worrying less about my tuition because of this scholarship. I'm able to fully concentrate on my final year's studies. The time this scholarship saved from working allowed me to volunteer with the local science centre, the Alberta Children's Hospital, the Women's Resource Centre at the university, and as a peer helper."

# **Private Organizations**







Barrie May Court Club Scholarship Program

The Barrie May Court Club helps students build for their future

All applications must be EMAILED by APRIL 30th. Applications must be emailed to vp@MayCourtClubofBarrie.com

The Barrie May Court Club helps students build for their future by providing annual scholarships for those students who want to continue on to post-secondary education.

To qualify for a May Court Scholarship students must:

- 1. Demonstrate a commitment to their school and community in volunteer hours
- 2. Qualify for OSAP
- 3. Attain excellent academic standing

All qualified applicants will be safely interviewed.

# Important: National/President's Scholarships

For individual school awards where Eastview can only nominate 1-3 students (i.e. The Chancellor's Scholarship at Queen's University):

• Interested Eastview students that demonstrate superior academic ability (90% + average), creative and original thinking, and have proven leadership qualities should contact Mr. Wilson in Guidance in order to have their name on the candidacy list at least 1 month ahead of the scholarship's deadline.

# National/President's Scholarships Continued

Using the Queen's example, 50 scholarships at an annual value of \$9,000 (\$36,000 over 4 years) are available; the deadline for application to Queen's is December 8, 2023. We would need all interested Eastview candidates to have self-identified by Wednesday, November 8 to afford our Award Committee sufficient time to make their selection and submit our support.

# Factors to Consider (in addition to academics)

There are 1000's of scholarships and awards that reward students for non-academic attributes:

- Special circumstances (i.e. injury, living status, etc.)
- Financial need (based on ?)
- Heritage (Indigenous, Polish, Chinese, etc.)
- Field of study (Business, Engineering, etc.)
- Affiliation (Companies, Religious Groups, Unions, etc.)
- Volunteering (Community Involvement, Religious, etc.)
- Activities (Sports, Clubs, etc.)

# Starting Your Scholarship Search Setting Up Your Account

You need to be registered at

www.scholarshipscanada.com

www.studentawards.com

www.scholartree.ca

# Additional Scholarship and Financing Resources (to consider in doing your scholarship search):

www.myblueprint.ca – Career education resource

<u>www.ontario.ca</u> – A link to all the provincial student loan websites.

<u>www.canada.ca</u> – The Government of Canada website.

Canadian Banks – For bank loans and lines of credit.

<u>www.iefa.org</u> – Scholarships for international schools

<u>The Ontario Learn and Stay Grant</u> – FREE Tuition / Books / Equipment to study Nursing, Medical Laboratory Technologist, Paramedic in designated regions of Ontario.

# **Putting Your Application Together**

- Your goal should be to not get eliminated.
   You want to make it to the final round.
- PROOFREAD! PROOFREAD!
- Ensure you meet the criteria
- Judging can be subjective; you need to express who you are so you stand out

# More on Putting it Together!

- Match your writing to your audience!
- Do the appropriate background work and find out exactly what the specific scholarship is looking for.
- Complete every requirement and make sure you have collected and provided all the requested materials

## More on Putting it Together...

- Don't Procrastinate give yourself plenty of time
- No Exceptions don't expect an extension.
- Proofread!
- Watch out what you post online.... You can be sure you will be "Googled" by scholarship administrators!

## Putting Your Application Together –

- Cover Letters these are often not asked for but when included can set your application apart from the competition
- Put the package together in the order the components were listed on the application
- Keep a record of everything you send!
- Use 8 ½ X 11 or 8 ½ X 14 envelope

# **Transcript**

 Most applications will require an official transcript however you might also want to consider submitting an up-to-date Status Sheet if applicable.

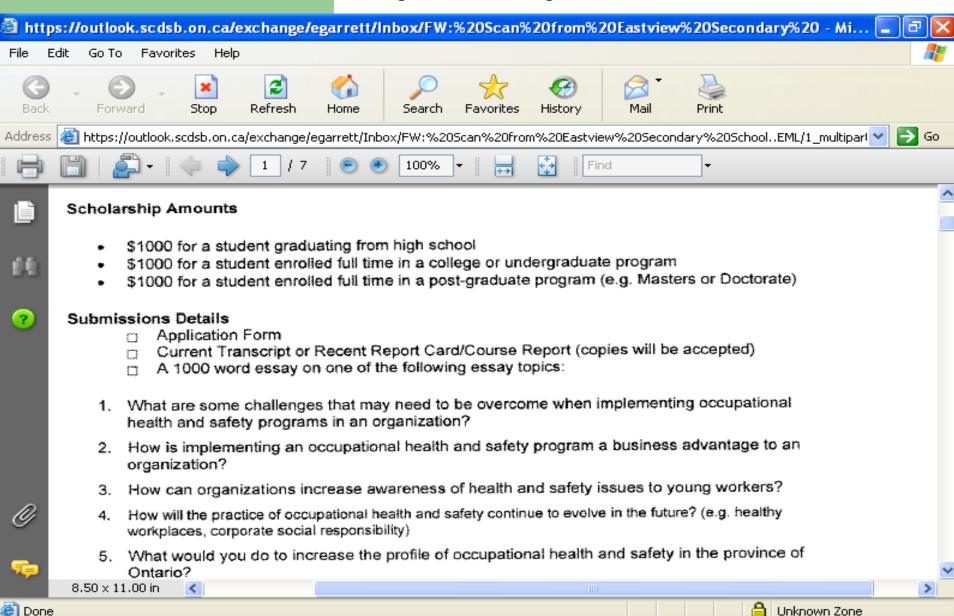
### **Forms**

- Make copies and do multiple drafts
- Type in simple font
- Make it look professional
- Avoid typos get a PROOFREADER!

## **Essay Applications**

- More work = more anxiety
- Can you kill two birds with one stone?
   (i.e. use <u>one</u> essay for both your ISU <u>and</u> your scholarship application)
- Analyze the <u>question</u> at hand; there are many different questions with different expectations of effort
- Analyze the <u>organization</u> (sponsor)

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## Letters of Recommendation

- Choose someone who knows you well!
- Choose someone who writes well!
- Choose someone who meets deadlines!
- If you need a letter from the Principal, please ask your Guidance Counselor!

## Letters of Recommendation

- Think ahead! The same letter can be used for more than one application.
- When you make a request, give the writer ample time and a list of activities to work with.

## **Interviews**

- Preparation is the key!
- Guidance is happy to help!
- i.e. May Court Club of Barrie

### Renewal

- Some awards automatically renew
- Some need new applications or require that you meet criteria in order to be renewed
- Know how to stay eligible!

## **In-Course Awards**

- Once you're in first year, the volume of scholarship applications drop off (your competition declines!)
- Keep researching, continue to check websites

### **Fear Not!**

- Keep your academics the main focus
- Start researching now
- Save all your work
- Pay attention to due dates
- Believe in yourself
- Apply, Apply, Apply

## **Good Luck!**

 Remember, FREE money is the BEST kind of money!!

