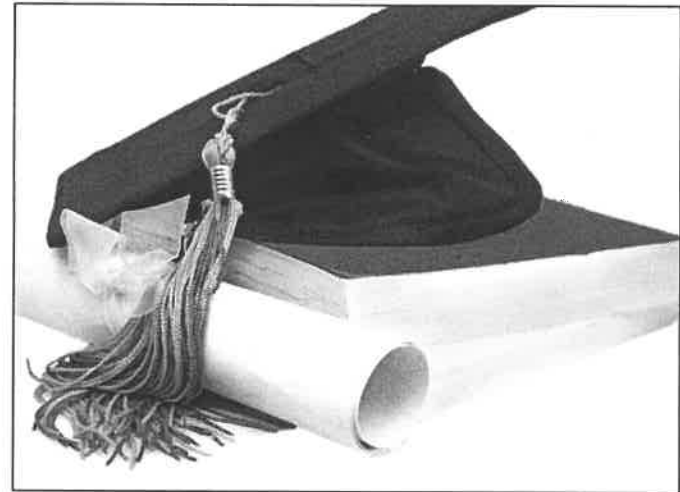




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***Scholarships  
Bursaries & Awards***

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## SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

### SCHOLARSHIPS:

Refer to Frank Hurt list of Financial Awards available in the Career Centre

#### **Yconic Student Awards**

<https://yconic.com/>

#### **Scholarships Canada**

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

#### **Provincial Scholarships Program**

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships>

#### **Canadian Merit Scholarship**

<http://mail.loranaward.ca/>

#### **Association of Universities & Colleges**

<https://univcan.ca/programs-and-scholarships>

### FINANCIAL AID/STUDENT LOANS:

#### **Ministry of Advanced Education**

<https://studentaidbc.ca/>

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST



- Read over the application
- Make sure you qualify for the scholarship (meet the eligibility criteria)
- Know the deadline
- Find out if you need transcripts and provide enough notice to your school Counsellor
- Answer *all* questions
- If you need a reference, give people at least one weeks notice
- Have someone proof-read your work
- Make sure all documents are included (transcripts, references, essays, resume, letters of nomination, etc.) Re-read the application instructions
- Make a photocopy of the completed application
- If you have to mail it, make sure you have sufficient postage. The package may be heavier than you think
- Mail the application in time for the deadline
- Keep your fingers crossed!

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## DEFINITIONS:

**SCHOLARSHIP:** a monetary award made on the basis of academic achievement. Some scholarships may also include consideration of school and community activities, quality of leadership or other criteria, but not financial need. An **entrance scholarship** is one that is offered by a post-secondary institution. Students who apply for admission may qualify for an entrance scholarship.

**AWARD:** a financial award or other recognition (plaque/medal) to recognize volunteer or leadership contributions or some specific accomplishment. The focus of these awards is not primarily on rewarding the highest marks, but rather the students' initiative in making a meaningful difference in his or her school or community.

**BURSARY:** a modest award made on the basis of financial need. Some bursaries may also include consideration of other criteria. Evidence of need may be required.

**GRANT:** a form of government financial aid that does not need to be repaid. Grants are typically given to people who demonstrate financial need or who have completed specified requirements of a program.

**STUDENT LOAN:** a loan, originated by the government or a private bank, to help with educational expenses. Student loans have to be re-paid. As part of the student loan application process, all students are assessed for eligibility for government grants (students with disabilities / low or medium income families). Grants do NOT have to be repaid.



## OBTAINING A LETTER OF SUPPORT

Unless it is specified, try to get a mix of supporting letters (a teacher / coach, a boss, someone from the community).

Make sure the people you choose will speak positively about you. A good tip is to ask "Do you feel you know me well enough to write me a reference or letter of support?" That way, your reference writer has an easy out if they are not comfortable writing a letter and you can be assured that those who say "yes" will be enthusiastic about your performance and will write a positive letter.



Make sure they have the information they need to be able to compose the letter:

- ◆ if known, the name and address of the scholarship donor (or: To The Scholarship Selection Committee)
- ◆ a copy of the scholarship criteria
- ◆ a summary of details about yourself. Even if they don't use all the information, it will help them to make general statements about you.

It is common courtesy to provide as much information as possible to the person writing the letter of support and to request, as early as possible, any documentation or reference letters you may require.

## TIPS FOR WRITING A SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

### **CHOOSE A FOCUS**

It's always better to go for quality rather than quantity. Describe one event or experience in depth, rather than trying to squeeze many stories into one essay. Be reflective. Creativity and originality are always a plus, since the readers will probably have read several similar essays.

### **START OFF WITH A BANG!**

Draw your reader into the essay by starting off in an interesting way. Your introduction needs to make you stand out and make the judge want to read more. Lead with your best sentence.

### **BE CLEAR AND CONCISE**

Answer the essay question and only provide relevant information. Do not go over the word limit. Do not re-write your resume in essay form or provide a simple list of your achievements. Make it personal. Expand on your experience and tailor your application to the scholarship requirements.

### **REVIEW AND EDIT**

Read your essay several times, then put it away for a couple of days and re-read it. Make sure you haven't used jargon or slang words. Have others proof-read it and offer suggestions. Make it a team project with friends to get good input and feedback. Never rely on spell-check.

seemed forced.



*Essays that win scholarships are those from applicants who are able to stand out and impress the judges with their passion and conviction, without boasting or making it seem forced.*

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## SOURCES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

### **POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Each post-secondary institute has a financial aid program that includes scholarships and bursaries. You have to apply directly to the post-secondary institution. Check out their website for information & application deadlines. Universities have deadlines from December to March.

### **AFFILIATION SCHOLARSHIPS:**

There are many different affiliation scholarships. Eligibility for these awards is usually determined by connection to a sports association, demographic group, trade union or company. Ask your parents to ask at work! The Military also offers scholarships. You have to apply directly to the organization offering the scholarship.



### **FINANCIAL AWARDS PROGRAM:**

The Frank Hurt Secondary School Financial Awards Committee administers the school's scholarship and bursary program for eligible Grade 12 students. The program includes the District / Authority Awards, Partners 36 Scholarships, District Scholarship Awards and Frank Hurt scholarships and awards.

### **PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM:**

To qualify for a BC Excellence, BC Achievement or Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship, you must achieve at least a "B" final mark in one of the Language Arts 12 plus meet the other requirements specified for each of the award categories. See the eligibility criteria at:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/provincial-scholarships>

## GETTING STARTED

### GET ORGANIZED

- Start a 'scholarship binder' to include reference letters, certificates and other relevant material

### GET INVOLVED

- Volunteer, play a sport. Where possible, show initiative and develop your leadership skills.
- Become active in your school and community. Not only is this fun, but is something that most scholarship committees look for when awarding scholarships.
- Visit your school Career Centre for information & advice



**Volunteer  
Services**

### UPDATE YOUR RESUME

- Include such items as your achievements, academic and extra-curricular activities, volunteer work, hobbies, special abilities, etc.

### DO YOUR RESEARCH

- Explore the websites of those post-secondary institutions to which you might apply. Look at both Admissions and Financial Aid for information, requirements and deadlines
- Check out other scholarship websites. See the list of sites listed in the back of this brochure

### HAVE A SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER

- Several of the major scholarships require one. Do not include this information unless specifically requested

[www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/sin/index.shtml](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/sin/index.shtml)

## TIPS FOR WRITING A SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

### READ THE DIRECTIONS

No one is going to award a scholarship to someone who can't follow directions. Carefully read all the instructions. Pay attention to word length (500 words means 500 words) and type style (single-spaced or double-spaced). Check the website and get information on rules and deadlines. Watch the language surrounding deadlines: some specify the date as "postmarked" or "received by". Avoid disqualification and mail your application early.



### ANALYZE THE TOPIC & THE ORGANIZATION

Be sure you understand the purpose of the essay-writing and the motivation of the askers. Why have the judges asked this question or posed this topic? What is the scholarship about? What is the mission of the organization? Is the scholarship named in someone's honour? If so, do you demonstrate personal qualities that are similar to the person for whom the scholarship is named? Understanding the motivation of the judges will help you tailor your essay to meet the award requirements.