

Getting **your** Scholarships and Bursaries





Introduction

- Scholarships and Bursaries are not granted!
- Applications are necessary
- Remember that this is a competition





Vocabulary

- ◉ Scholarship: money awarded based on achievements
- ◉ Bursary: money awarded based on financial needs
- ◉ Award: money recognizing outstanding achievements
- ◉ Loan: financial help that must be repaid

They all start with an application!



What's the **Competition** like?

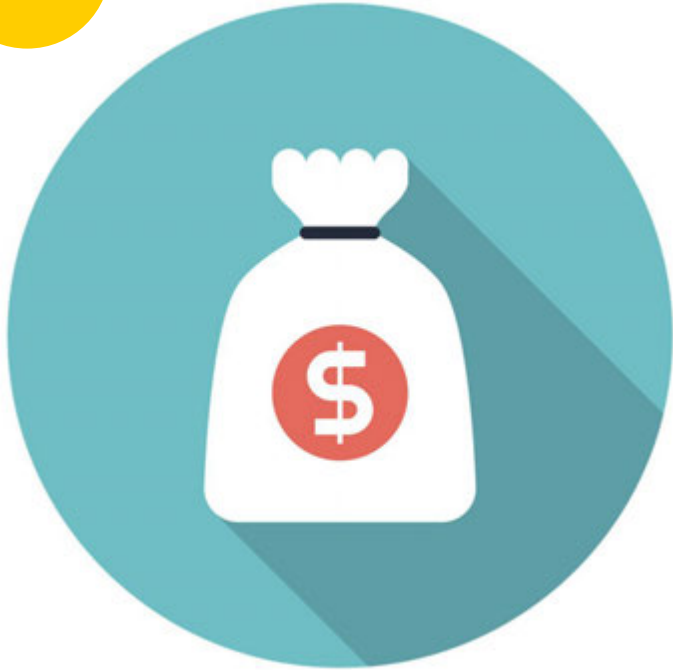


- ◎ Many scholarships are based off academic achievements, however there are many that award creativity and other attributes
- ◎ If you don't apply, you can't win!

**“Originality is the essence of true
scholarships. Creativity is the soul of the
true scholar” - Nnamdi Azikiwe**



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Do I have **Enough** Money?

Money available - Total School costs =

Surplus or Deficit



Do your **Research**

School Resources

- ⊙ School website
- ⊙ Bulletin Boards
- ⊙ Announcements
- ⊙ University View-Books (in career centre)
- ⊙

Online

- ⊙ www.scholarshipscanada.com
- ⊙ www.studentawards.com
- ⊙ www.tvdsb.ca
- ⊙ www.canlearn.ca
- ⊙ <https://yconic.com/>
- ⊙ College and university websites that you plan on attending

Other

- ⊙ Employers & unions
- ⊙ Parents & relatives
- ⊙ Community associations (church, service clubs, Legion)



How to **Prepare** for Applications

① Have your Social Insurance Number (SIN#)

② Track Activities

- Awards (honour roll)
- Extra-curricular activities
- Co-op experience
- International or educational exchanges
- Part-time jobs
- Scholastic achievement (aim for >85%)
- School clubs, sports teams, and associations
- Student council (GABAA, music council, Prefect)
- Volunteer work at school or in the community





Types of Scholarships

Entrance

Scholarships

- ⦿ Automatic; based off admission average

University

Scholarships

- ⦿ Provided by University and must be applied for

Foundation

Scholarship

- ⦿ Awarded to individuals with outstanding leadership or community services





How to Become a **Candidate** ...

- ① Get Involved in School and the community
 - Become active, have fun, be creative, work to your potential
- ② Keep a folder/portfolio:
 - Clubs, teams, band, school productions
 - Community services
 - Leadership positions
 - Potential references (educators, employers)
- ③ Maintain an updated resume & get your SIN#



**KEEP
CALM
AND
APPLY FOR
SCHOLARSHIPS**



Steps to Applying for Scholarships

Be Honest and Accurate!



The Process is as **Easy** as 1, 2, 3





1) Qualifications

Do I **Qualify**?

- ⦿ Check Criteria and research
- ⦿ Are nomination needed?
- ⦿ Are there a number limit from each school?

Watch the **Due Date**!

- ⦿ Plan to do everything 1 week early





2) Application Process

Reference Statements

- Ask someone in position of responsibility
- Give ample time
- Give necessary info (resume, scholarship, criteria)
- Review letter

Personal Statements (essay)

- Usually an essay instead of an interview
- Address criteria
- Write formally and accurately

Apply Now





3) Assembling the Final Product



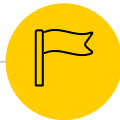
Application Package

- ⦿ Is original or criteria required?
- ⦿ Type where possible, or write neatly in ink

Whole Package

- ⦿ Should be ready and in 1 week early
- ⦿ Check to have all pages
- ⦿ Make a copy of everything
- ⦿ Check order and put in envelope

The **Effort** you
put in now will
Pay Off!





Thanks!

Any **questions** ?

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