



## Scholarship Information

There are so many sources of information for scholarships that we could not possibly list them all here; however, this information sheet will be a good starting place for you to begin your research.

### Types of Scholarships

**Post-secondary Institution Scholarships:** Most universities, colleges and private institutions have admission scholarships for first year students. Some of these are for one year only and others are renewable. The institution's calendar will give you information about the scholarships available.

It is important to take note that some institutions award scholarships automatically, but for the most part, you must complete an application. Some scholarships require a nomination from your school principal. For the latter, you should register your interest in being nominated with your guidance counsellor.

**Community-based Scholarships:** Businesses and/or organizations quite often offer these scholarships. These scholarships tend to target specific groups within society, for example; ethno-cultural or racial groups, religious groups, students living within a specific community. Some community-based scholarships recognize specific achievements like academics, leadership skills, or community involvement. The nomination process for these scholarships can vary greatly so it is very important to read the selection criteria carefully.

**Employer-based/Union-based Scholarships:** Some larger corporations, business and employee unions offer scholarships to the children of their employees/members.

### Application Process

For most scholarships you apply directly yourself by completing and mailing the application package to the institution. Important things to watch for will be:

- **Deadlines** - Some scholarships mention the deadline as the date it must be received by the institutions. Others will indicate the deadline is the date which the package must be postmarked.
- **References** - Make sure to request reference letters well in advance of the deadline. Teachers, counsellors, and employers will not be impressed by last minute requests for letters. Also make note of whether or not the letter of reference must be mailed separately or with your package. If it must be mailed separately, it is a good idea to provide a stamped envelope with the address and information about the deadline. It is also helpful for you to provide the referee with a recent resume.
- **Transcripts** - These must be ordered at least one week in advance from the guidance secretary.

## School Nominated Scholarships

Some organizations will require that the school principal or designate, nominate a student or students for a particular scholarship. At Cardinal Carter C.H.S. there is a nomination committee for this purpose. The process involves the following steps:

1. Join the Google Classroom.
2. Check your k12 emails for new information on scholarships.
3. Check to make sure you fit the criteria for the scholarship.
4. Complete the requirements posted in the Classroom by the deadline.
4. A guidance counsellor will contact the successful nominees individually either in person or through the k12 email.
5. If you are nominated you will be required to complete the scholarship package including collecting letters of reference, transcripts and preparing the application itself. It will be mailed from the Guidance Office if it is a school nominated award. The applicant should mail all other scholarship applications.

## Sources of Information about Scholarships

The school has some information about scholarships, but not all institutions and organizations send their information to the school. It will be important for you to do a great deal of research on your own.

**School-based resources-** The guidance staff will post and announce all scholarship information they receive. Check the bulletin board regularly to keep up with new information, listen to announcements and check your k12 email accounts.

**Internet Resources-** The Internet is the best source of information for scholarship information. Some helpful websites:

[www.osca.ca](http://www.osca.ca) (click "Students" then click "Scholarships and Financial Assistance")

Scholarship Directories      [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)  
   [www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)  
   <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/universities>

Government Loans/Grants    <https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>

**Parents-** Parents/guardians often belong to or are employed by organizations that offer scholarships. Get your parents/guardians to make a list of these organizations and check to see if they offer scholarships.

**Local Community Organization-** Local churches, Optimist clubs or Chambers of Commerce will often offer small scholarships. Check out your community organizations for opportunities.