

# Scholarships and Bursaries



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# What is the Difference?

- 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

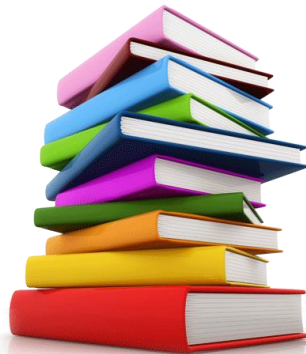


# How Much Will School Cost?

- 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



# Don't forget...extra!



# Costs are variable!

First Year Tuition	Business	Arts & Science
McMaster University	\$10,700.00	\$7,450.00
Queen's University	\$18,000.00	\$7,500.00

First Year Tuition	Business	Aviation Engineering Technology
Mohawk College	\$4000	\$5000



# 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 the 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 important in high school, college, and university
  - 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 a friend/adult 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



# How to Find University Scholarships

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



## Scholarships

These scholarships are primarily available to high school students from Ontario, Canada, applying to first-year university.

Most universities offer scholarships to applicants from outside Ontario and from outside Canada, as well as upper-year and mature students, but these scholarships are not listed on OUInfo. Contact the universities directly for further information.

### Sort By

University

### Find a Scholarship

Keyword

Show Advanced Search Options

University

Dollar Range

Location

Application Required?



# 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](#)

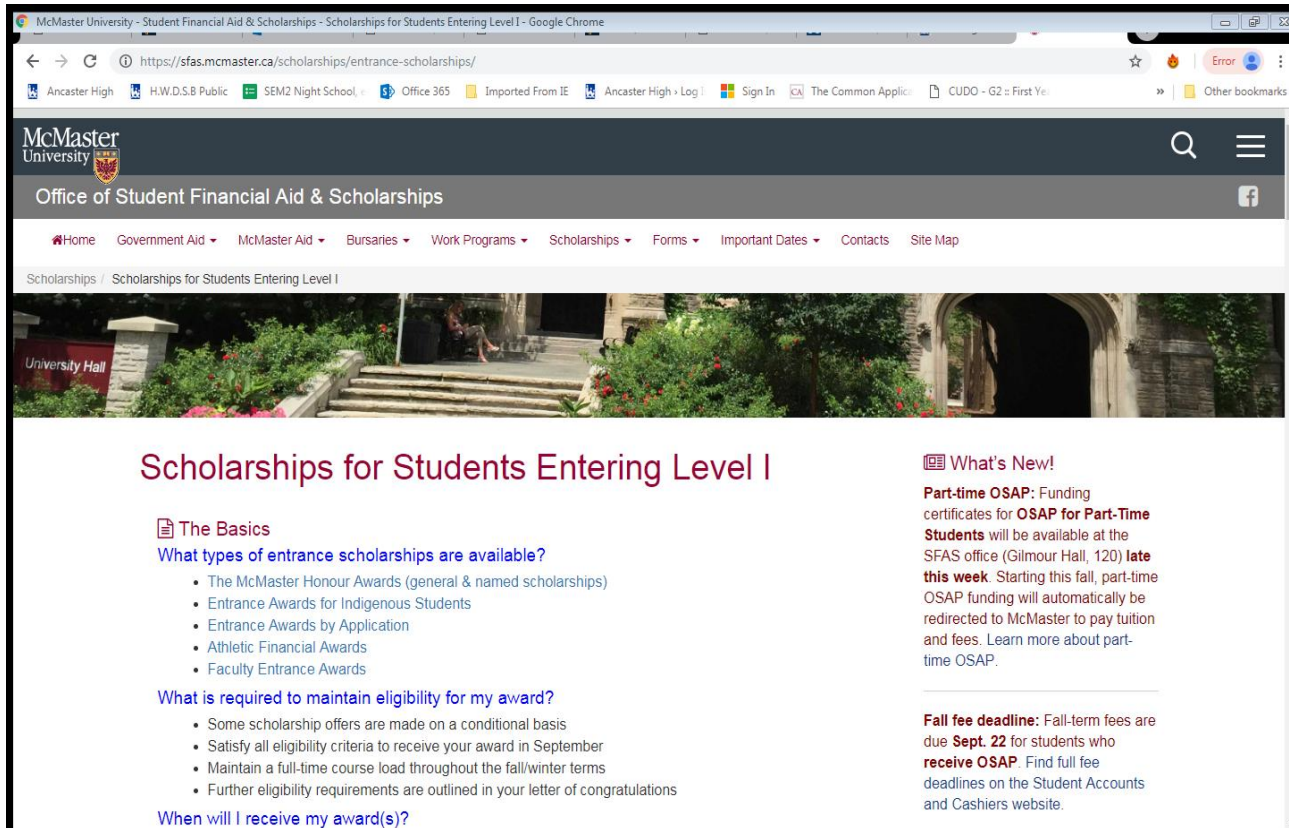
- Detailed instructions on how to apply to Mr. Nicholson for the school's nomination are [here \(pdf\)](#)
- Sample LORAN application is [here \(pdf\)](#)

#### 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!".

## 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!

**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.

**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.



# 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

- Most 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



# Competitive Scholarships

- LORAN Award
  - *three school sponsored, unlimited direct pool*
- University of Toronto National Scholarship
  - *one school sponsored, unlimited direct pool*
- TD Scholarship for Community Leader
  - *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*



# October 5 & 6 at 3:00 p.m.

**Loran Award** and **University of Toronto Book Award** Applications are Due to Mr. Nicholson on October 5 and 6 respectively at 3:00 p.m.

No late submissions, e-mail only

All instructions and applications are uploaded to the Student Services website and in The Hub

**<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/student-services/scholarships/>**



# 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?

- Your guidance counsellor
- Other teachers, coaches, group leaders
- Friends, family





# Who Can Help?

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



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