

Scholarships, Bursaries, & OSAP **Grade 11 Planning & Grade 12** **Applications**

www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/student-services/scholarships



Ancaster High School
October 2, 2025

Questions?

<https://bit.ly/AHSmoney>



University of Toronto

Please check your HWDSB e-mail if you are choosing a program from the University of Toronto (any campus) as your number one choice in OUAC for the 2026-2027 school year



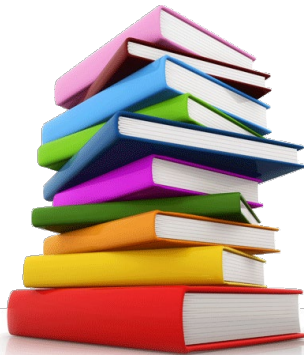
Costs are variable! 2023 Data

First Year Tuition	Business	Arts & Science
McMaster University	\$11,033	\$7,551
Queen's University	\$17,798	\$7,518

First Year Tuition	Most Programs	Aircraft Maintenance
Mohawk College	\$2,708.08	\$4,421.72



Don't forget...extra!





Financial Aid – O.S.A.P.

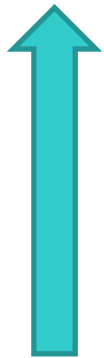
Ontario Student Assistance Program

- A loan provided by the provincial & federal governments only for the purpose of paying fees associated with your program
- Doesn't accrue interest until a few months after you finish
- Lots of flexibility for repayment
- Lots of special programs if you have trouble repaying



Aid estimator

1. Accept your offer of admission
2. The financial aid office of your school is your point of contact for help/advice
3. Apply at osap.gov.on.ca



In the spring, google “OSAP Estimator” and see if estimates are ready for programs that start in September 2026 and/or January 2027



What kind of data do they need?

1. YOUR income in the weeks leading up to September 2026
2. Your guardian(s)' income according to their T4 statement from the 2025 tax year
3. YOUR incoming during the course of study
4. Where will you be living?

You and your guardians are expected to use assets and income to pay for school where possible according to a formula



Scholarships & Bursaries

- 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



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 a large 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 usually very important
 - 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 someone read your application
- 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



HWDSB

www.hwdsb.on.ca/community/awards

WORKAID & ASSOCIATES WORKAID FUND

Deadline to apply: May 30, 2024

This \$1,000 bursary was initiated by the overwhelming need to assist the children of injured workers that need assistance with post secondary studies.

Must be the child of a parent currently or past on WSIB benefits.

<https://workaid.ca/workaid-fund>



The Scholarship Report

HWDSB has purchased access to this resource for you. Please check your e-mail monthly.

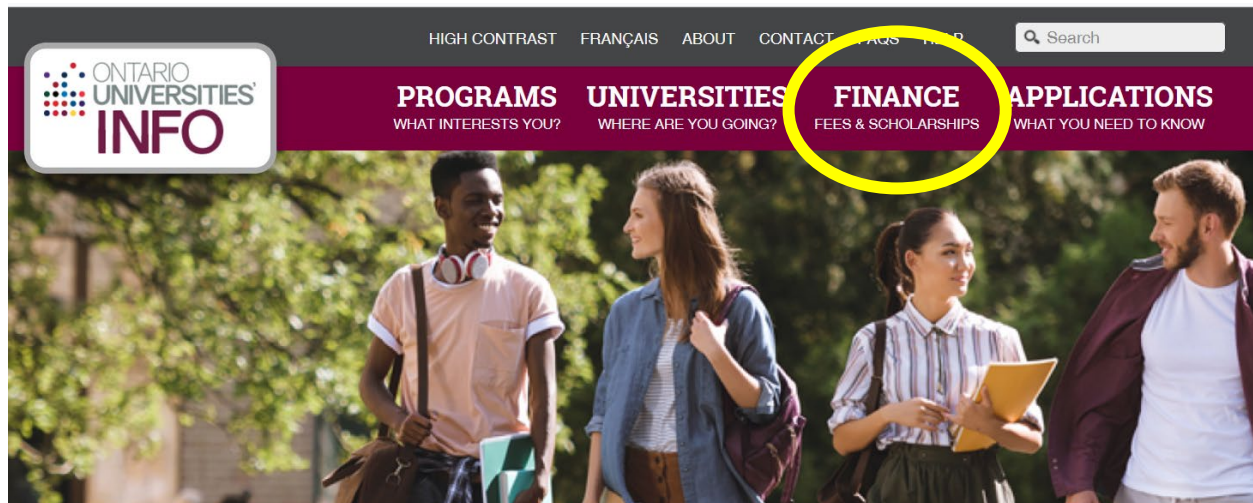
TOPICS

- Scholarship & bursary listings & links to their sites
- Tips, advice
- Video workshops
- Scholarships for black/indigenous students
- OSAP



How to Find University Scholarships

www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/scholarships



Scholarships

For specific scholarships, use the Advanced Search options.

[Contact the universities directly](#) for more information about their scholarships.

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Find a Scholarship

Keyword

☒ Show Advanced Search Options
For Indigenous Applicants Only



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 Anishinabe 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](#)

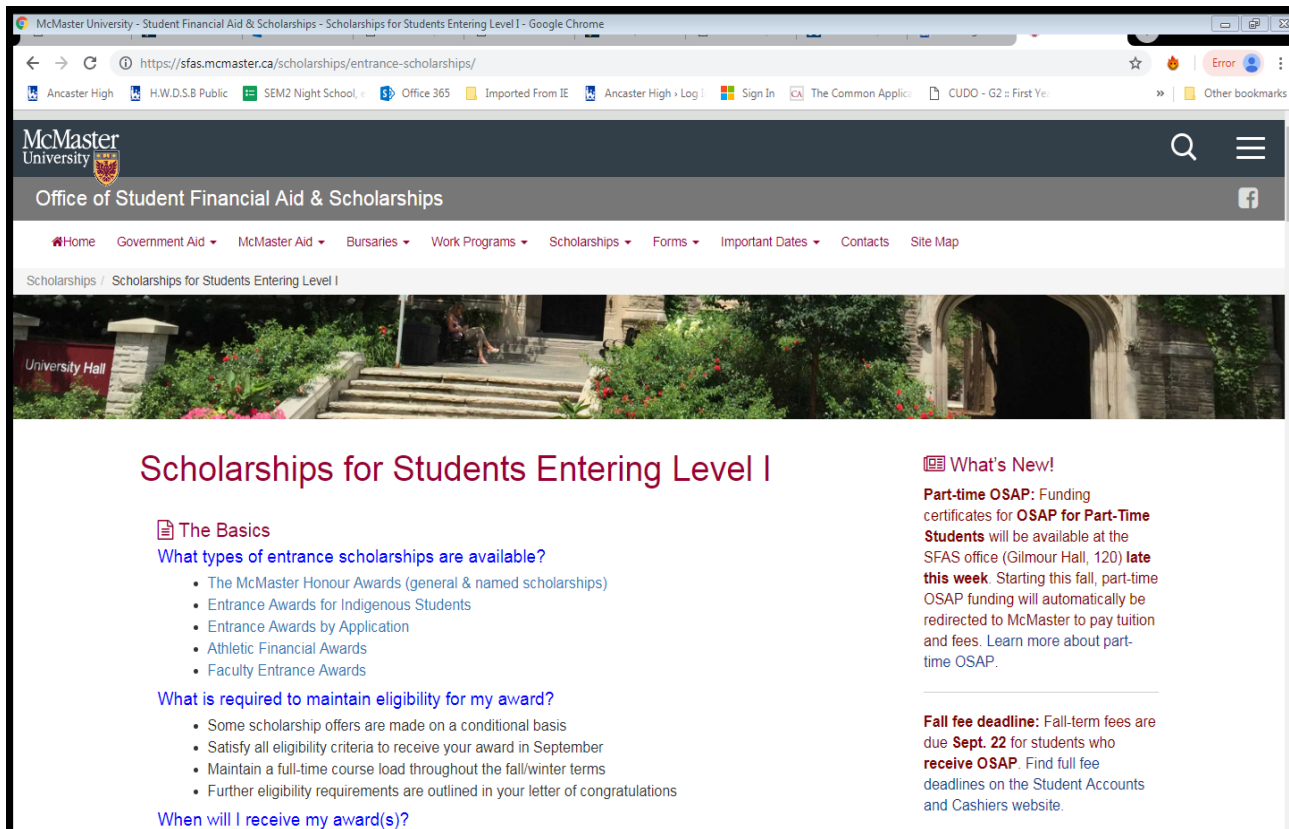
- Detailed instructions on how to apply to Mr. Nicholson for the school's nomination are [here \(pdf\)](#).
- Sample LORAN application is [here \(pdf\)](#).

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



McMaster University - Student Financial Aid & Scholarships - Scholarships for Students Entering Level I - Google Chrome

https://sfas.mcmaster.ca/scholarships/entrance-scholarships/

McMaster University

Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships

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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

- Many 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



Queen's Major Admission Awards

- There are several Major Admission Awards - the Chancellor's requires school nomination
- Apply to Queen's by November 20, 2025 for access
- Application for Ancaster High nomination is due on November 14 by 3 p.m. Please e-mail the application package to Mr. Nicholson with the subject "Chancellor's"
- Queen's deadline is December 8, 2025
- Nomination package will be on our website, titled "Queen's Chancellor's Application for Ancaster High Selection Committee"



Competitive National Scholarships

- LORAN Award
 - *unlimited direct pool*
- University of Toronto National Scholarship
 - *only open to the recipient of the Book Award*
- TD Scholarship for Community Leadership
 - *unlimited direct pool*
- Queens' Chancellor's Scholarship
 - *two school sponsored*
- Western University National Scholarship
 - *four school sponsored*
- Schulich Leaders Scholarships (STEM)
 - *one school sponsored*



****NEW****



- **Full tuition scholarship and a meaningful living stipend**
- Enrichment program (critical thinking, intellectual curiosity, preparation to tackle the challenges facing your generation)
- Funded travel, leadership experiences
- To be eligible for **Wolf Scholars**, you must apply to the **University of Toronto (St. George)** through OUAC by November 7, 2025
- Ancaster High School can nominate three students
- Direct pool applicants are now allowed



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 (include paid employment)
 - a copy of the scholarship application
 - an idea of what you expect in that letter



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?

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



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