

Monday December 11, 2023

GRADE 12 WEEKLY LETTER 12

Hi there Grade 12s!

- Hour Republic... keep those hours coming!
- Scholarship Report / Trades Report
- Calendar: plot the end of sem 1

COMING UP THIS WEEK:

- Individual appointments with your guidance counsellor if you do not have your 40 community involvement hours entered and approved yet

You're doing a great job getting your hours in by the target deadline of December 31st! We are extending the deadline to the first day back from Winter break to accommodate those students who told us they were going to complete hours in the first week of January.

Attached to this email...

The **Scholarship Report**
NOVEMBER 2023
for Ontario high school students

TOP TIPS FOR WRITING A SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- Top Tips for Writing a Scholarship Essay
- Postsecondary Events
- Open House Updates
- 5 Reasons Why You Should Attend an Open House
- November-December Checklist for Senior Students
- Applying to University and College

Scholarship providers receive hundreds of applications each year. How can you make YOUR essay stand out from the crowd?

Know your audience. Before you begin to write your essay, be sure to familiarize yourself with the school or scholarship sponsor's website. Read their mission / vision / About page. Make note of any key words and repeated phrases such as *citizenship, leadership, community, service, volunteerism*, etc. These words reveal what the organization values. Address these themes in your responses or essay.

Take note of the specific criteria for the scholarship candidate. There will often be a list of traits that describe the ideal candidate. You may see adjectives such as *leadership, integrity, humanitarian*, etc. In your essay, *demonstrate (with examples)* how you possess these qualities. And be sure to read

The **TRADES Report**
NOVEMBER 2023
for Ontario high schools

EXPLORE SKILLED TRADES AND APPRENTICESHIP THROUGH OYAP

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- EXPLORE SKILLED TRADES AND APPRENTICESHIP THROUGH OYAP
- 8 WAYS TO EXPLORE TRADES
- EVENTS
- TRADES FROM THE FOUR TRADE SECTORS
- CONTESTS, COMPETITIONS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

"Apprenticeship is the most common pathway to a career in the trades. Apprenticeship is a work-based, post-secondary pathway, combining on-the-job learning and time in class to develop skills." (Canadian Apprenticeship Forum)

There are 140+ skilled trades in Ontario and four categories of skilled trades:

- Construction
- Industrial
- Motive Power
- Service

APPRENTICESHIP IS POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.

The first step in exploring an apprenticeship in high school, generally starting in Grade 11 or 12, is to test out a trade by taking a Cooperative Education (co-op) course. When you take a coop, you are learning outside of the school by working under the direction of experienced workers, while completing credits towards your Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) (to graduate!) at the same time.

When your co-op placement is within one of the 140+ skilled trades, you are a participant in OYAP—the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP).

With OYAP, students can:

- Explore and gain training in apprenticeship/skilled trade occupations.
- Earn credits for your high school diploma.

This checklist from “The Scholarship Report” looks helpful!

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER CHECKLIST for SENIOR STUDENTS

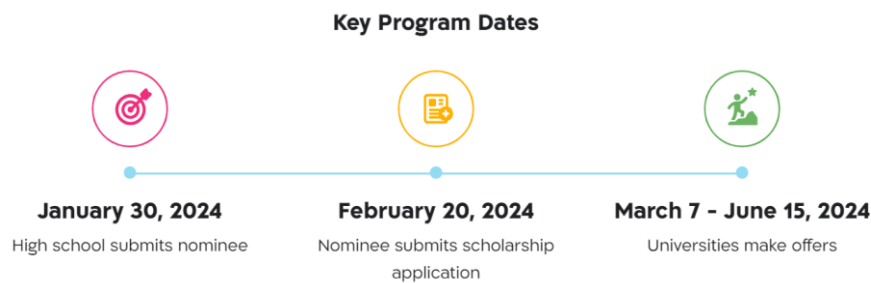
- Continue to research careers. Take free career quizzes online.
- Don't forget to check out the Open House Schedules.
- Narrow down the schools and programs that you are interested in. Research universities and their programs and scholarships at [OUInfo](#). Research colleges and programs at [ontariocolleges.ca](#). Compare costs of tuition, residence fees, and automatic awards at each school. Look into entrance scholarships. If you are looking for an apprenticeship, check out the [Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program \(OYAP\)](#).
- Submit applications to the postsecondary institutions of your choice. Submit your university application by January 15. Submit your college application by February 1.
- Focus on your exams. Grade 12 marks continue to matter.
- Set aside an hour or two each week to search and apply for scholarships and bursaries.
- Explore the Student Awards page on the university/college websites of schools you have applied to. Some schools have early application deadlines for Admission Awards. Contact the Financial Aid office at college/university if you need assistance.
- Let your guidance counselor know that you are interested in scholarships. New scholarship information is sent to them regularly.
- Update your resume and begin looking for summer employment mid-January.
- Save as much money as possible from work, gifts, etc.

Are you interested in being our nominee for the Schulich Leadership Scholarship?

Schulich Leader Scholarships are Canada's most coveted undergraduate STEM scholarships.

One hundred are awarded to entrepreneurial-minded high school graduates enrolling in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math program at 20 partner universities across Canada.

Half are valued at \$120,000 for engineering scholarships and half are valued at \$100,000* for science and math scholarships. Every high school in Canada can nominate one graduating student each year to apply for the scholarship.



Contact your guidance counsellor if you are interested!

Note: there will not be a weekly letter next week!



See you again in the New year!



Have a wonderful week!

Your guidance team!

Ms. Warren, Ms. Davidson, Mr. O'Connor,
and Ms. Indelicato

PLAN OUT THE END OF SEMESTER ONE:

Just under 5 weeks of classes to go!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Community Involvement Hours Completed	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS DUE TO OUAC	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Period 1 Exam Day	27
28	29 Period 2 Exam Day	30 Period 3 Exam Day	1 Period 4 Exam Day COLLEGE APPLICATIONS DUE TO OCAS	2 Extra Exam Day in case of Snow Day	3 PA Day	4