

The Scholarship Report

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for Ontario high school students

8 PLACES TO FIND SCHOLARSHIPS TO FUND YOUR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

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When searching for scholarships, you must know where to look. While many scholarships are listed in *The Scholarship Report*, it is not an exhaustive list. Universities and colleges offer awards, bursaries, and scholarships. But there are other places to consider too. Most scholarship deadlines will be coming up in the next few months. Here are some ideas to get you started on where to find money for university or college:

1 Employers & unions

Many large corporations offer scholarships to employees and their dependents as part of their employee benefits package. They believe in investing in education and one of the ways they do so is by sponsoring scholarships. [Costco](#), for example, offers up to \$2,500 scholarships for tuition and fees to employees and their children. Ask your parents/guardians to check out their employee handbook. If they belong to a union, there may be scholarships available there as well. If you are working part-time, ask your manager about scholarships.

EXAMPLE OF AN EMPLOYER SCHOLARSHIP:

The [Bright Futures Scholarship Program](#) awards scholarships to children of Kimberly-Clark employees in the United States and Canada. Each scholarship is worth up to \$20,000 (\$5,000 per year for up to four years) for full-time students studying at accredited colleges and universities. In 2024, the Foundation received just **under 250 applications and awarded 62 scholarships**.

2 Sports, Clubs, and Youth Programs

Do you or your parents/guardians participate in any extra-curricular activities outside of school? [Curling Canada](#), [Golf Ontario](#), [Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Education Foundation](#) — all of these organizations offer scholarships. Look at your areas of activity and inquire about awards for students.

3 Civic organizations and service clubs

The local and provincial chapters of many national organizations and clubs often sponsor scholarships as a way of serving their community, e.g., [Kin Canada](#), [Kiwanis Foundation of Canada](#), etc. Ask your parents if they are involved in any local chapters of national organizations. Contact the local branches / chapters in your area for more information on any scholarships or bursaries they may offer.

4 Professional associations

What program do you plan to enroll in? Beginning with your program of interest is a good place to start the search. Chemistry? [The Chemical Institute of Canada](#) offers a high school scholarship. Horticulture? Check out the [Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation](#). Scope out scholarships in your area of study.

5 Banks, Credit Unions, and Insurance Companies

You may be aware of the national scholarships sponsored by banks that have large award amounts – the [TD Scholarships for Community Leadership](#) is just one example. Many credit unions give substantial awards for postsecondary education based on your service to the community as well, e.g., [Libro Students Awards](#). Also, insurance companies may offer scholarships to the children (or even grandchildren) of their policyholders, e.g., [belairdirect Insurance](#).

6 Heritage

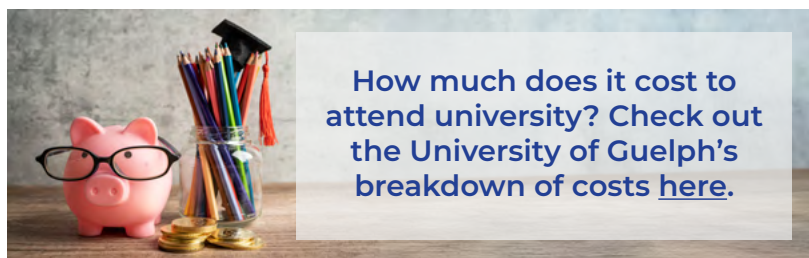
Many organizations offer scholarships to those who share the same background. There are scholarships for [Portuguese](#) students and [Muslim](#) students, for example. Look at your family background and search accordingly.

7 Specific to you

There are awards specifically for female students ([Zonta International](#)), students with disabilities ([disabilityawards.ca](#)), and students who have experienced obstacles and yet persevered ([The Terry Fox Humanitarian Award](#)). Financial hardship is a main consideration for other awards, e.g., bursaries. There are scholarships for students who are involved in leadership, volunteerism, and sports. And there are always scholarships for those who demonstrate academic excellence.

8 Provincial government

The Ontario government provides financial assistance for “[under-represented learners](#)” in the form of grants or bursaries to help pay for postsecondary education. There are grants for Indigenous students, Individuals in or formerly in society care (previously known as Crown wards), first-generation students, students with disabilities, students who are Deaf or hard of hearing, and students who receive financial support through the Ontario Disability Support Program or Ontario Works.



Interested in a CO-OP Program?

Co-operative Education combines traditional, in-class education with hands-on experience. Co-operative Education is the opportunity to get a head start on a career. Co-op work terms allow for the development of key employability skills, exploration of career options and graduation with tangible, workplace experience—giving students a competitive edge in the job market after graduation. – [Carleton University](#).

ONE ADDED BONUS: You get paid (generally) when you are enrolled in a co-op program!

Search the co-op programs offered at many universities and colleges by exploring their websites.



UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE INFORMATION

ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES' INFORMATION SESSIONS

Virtual university presentations and Q&A sessions.

- November 21, 5-7 p.m.

The event will be divided up into four 30-minute sessions, where students can learn about the universities of their choice and ask questions. This event is an opportunity to get answers about programs, admission requirements, student life and much more.

*Some universities will offer presentations in French.

The University of Waterloo has articles such as “[How to find the university that's right for you](#)” and “[How to choose a university program](#).” Check out their tips [here](#).

*This is not an endorsement of the University of Waterloo.



UNIVERSITY APPLICATION DEADLINE:



January 15, 2025: The deadline to submit your completed applications to the [Ontario Universities' Application Centre \(OUAC\)](#).

Note: The OUAC will continue to process applications received after this date and distribute them to the Ontario universities; however, specific university deadlines will apply.

Question: I already submitted my application, but I made some mistakes. I am not able to get back into my application. What should I do?



Answer: Once your fee is received at the OUAC and your application has been processed (which may take 1–3 business days), you can make changes or corrections to your application online. You will need your username and password to access your application.

– sourced from the [OUAC website](#)

COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINE:



February 1, 2025: Equal Consideration Date

Apply on or before this date to receive equal consideration for admission to programs starting the following fall. After this date, colleges consider applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until programs are full.

Note that applications to [Highly Competitive Programs](#) must be received by this date in order to be considered. Applicants are encouraged to complete their applications well before the Equal Consideration Date, as website volumes on the online application are at their highest at this time.

Many programs continue to accept applicants after February 1.

See the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) for more information.

If interested in out-of-province schools, you must check the website of each individual school.



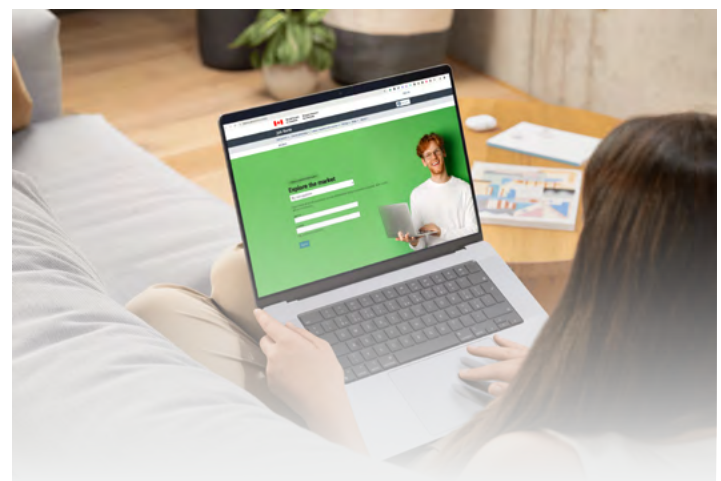
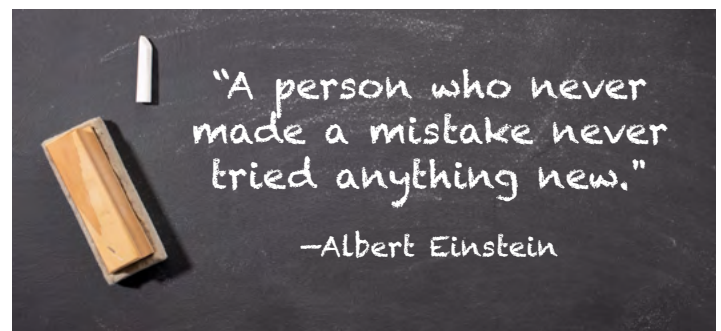
Studying in the U.S?
[CollegeBoard](#) is a good place to start!

RESOURCES

[ONTransfer.ca](#): A resource to help Ontario students understand their options. This free online tool explains how academic pathways work and identifies potential postsecondary options. ONTransfer.ca can also identify alternate entry points into programs or schools, which can be especially beneficial for students who may not initially meet admission criteria.

[Studyonline.ca by Contact North | Contact Nord](#) is "Ontario's community-based bilingual distance education and training network, helping underserved residents in 1,300+ small, rural, remote, Indigenous and Francophone communities access education and training without leaving their communities."


- Resources for Francophone students [here](#).
- Resources for Indigenous students [here](#).
- Resources for Students with Disabilities [here](#).



Learn about an occupation you are interested in by exploring Labour Market Information (LMI) on the Government of Canada's [Job Bank](#) page, or on [Ontario's labour market](#) page. You can learn about the wages, job outlook, education and skills needed for different occupations.

The Ontario Learn and Stay Grant

Students will be eligible to receive full, upfront funding for tuition, books, and other direct educational costs in exchange for years of service in specific professions and specific priority communities. **Eligible programs:** nursing programs, medical laboratory technologist / medical laboratory science programs, or paramedic programs in parts of northern, eastern, and southwestern Ontario.

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Summer Job Search?

Many municipalities (townships, villages, towns, cities) post their summer jobs for 2025 in December! Job application deadlines may be early in the year. Check your local government website.

For tips on how to write a high school resume, see [High School Student Resume Template](#).



NOVEMBER–DECEMBER CHECKLIST FOR SENIOR STUDENTS

- ☑ Continue to research careers, e.g., See Career Planning and Career quizzes (under Career Planning tab) [here](#).
- ☑ Don't forget to check out the Open House Schedules at your school. Contact Guidance for access.
- ☑ Narrow down the schools and programs that you are interested in. Research universities and their programs and scholarships at [Ontario Universities' Info](#). 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 to the [Ontario Universities' Application Centre](#) by **January 15**. Submit [college applications](#) by **February 1**.
- ☑ Focus on your exams. Grade 12 marks continue to matter.
- ☑ 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.
- ☑ Check your school's bulletin boards, Award binders, social media, etc., regularly for information on scholarships.
- ☑ Set aside an hour or two each week to search and apply for scholarships and bursaries. Begin by looking at the scholarships listed in this issue.
- ☑ Update your resume and begin looking for summer employment mid-January.
- ☑ Save as much money as possible from work, gifts, etc.



SPOTLIGHT: SCHULICH LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS



- entrepreneurial mindset
- academic excellence
- pursuing careers in technology, engineering, entrepreneurship and business enterprise, and applied scientific research

Nomination required. Every high school in Canada can select one graduating student. *Strong consideration will be given to students with financial need.*

300,000+ High school candidates
1,500 Nominees

One hundred scholarships:

- \$120,000 scholarships are designated for students pursuing an engineering degree
- \$100,000 scholarships are designated for students pursuing a science, technology, or math degree.

Eligibility:

- Graduating high school or CÉGEP in Canada in the 2024/2025 academic year.
- Canadian citizen.
- Plan to enroll in an [eligible STEM program](#) at one of the partner universities.

See [FAQs](#). If you are interested in this scholarship, speak to a guidance counsellor. Apply [here](#).

Nomination deadline: January 29.

Nominee submits scholarship application: February 19.

Inquiries: [Here](#).

QUESTION:

WHAT ARE YOUR TIPS FOR WINNING A SCHOLARSHIP?

Today we welcome Pooria Ahmadi, 2024 Schulich Leader, to *The Scholarship Report*. Here are Pooria's 5 tips for winning a scholarship:

- 1 Start Early:** Begin building your academic and extracurricular profile as soon as possible. To write a compelling essay, you need a strong foundation of achievements, leadership roles, and volunteer work. This helps create a standout resume and differentiates you from other applicants.
- 2 Showcase Leadership and Initiative:** Get involved in leadership positions in clubs, sports teams, or community organizations. Showing that you can take the initiative, lead others, and handle conflicts effectively is essential for success.
- 3 More Than Just Academics:** While doing well academically is crucial, being involved in extracurricular activities is equally important. Aim for a balance of around 60% of your focus on academics and 40% on extracurriculars. Remember that how you spend your free time is valuable, so use it wisely and engage in activities that matter to you. Additionally, academic success is priority so, if necessary, all the focus should temporarily be shifted there.
- 4 Networking:** Seek advice and guidance from mentors, teachers, and counsellors. They can provide valuable feedback on your essays, help you make important decisions, and support your mental well-being under the pressure of all the work.
- 5 Focus on Impact:** Completing a project or creating an app is good, but its impact is what truly matters. Make sure your projects reach and benefit others. If you're leading an initiative, ensure it has a meaningful effect on your community. Success starts small but can grow as more people notice and engage with your work.



Pooria Ahmadi is an 18-year-old recipient of the 2024 Schulich Leader Scholarship. He volunteers as a Control Systems Advisor (CSA) at First Robotics Competitions (FRC) and as a Field Tech Advisor (FTA) at First Tech Challenge (FTC) competitions.

A passionate programmer, he enjoys working with AI and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Computing with a focus on Artificial Intelligence at Queen's University.



8 Scholarship Application Tips

Scholarship providers can receive hundreds of applications. How can you make your application stand out from the crowd? The following tips will boost your chances of moving on to the next stage in the application process.

1 Make sure you meet the eligibility criteria laid out in the application before you begin applying, e.g., area of study, volunteerism, leadership experience, minimum grade percentage, etc.

2 Take the time to learn about the organization. Read their mission statement and discover their values. Address these values in your essay by applying them to your experiences. If an experience has very little to do with what the scholarship and organization values, do not include it.

3 Be meticulous in following the rules and regulations. For example, if a 500- 600-word essay is required, remain within those limits. If you are asked to list your involvement in leadership at school, do not list your leadership in the *community*. The scholarship committee will expect you to be able to adhere to simple instructions. If not, your application could be excluded from consideration.

4 Engage and inspire the reader in your essay. Tell a story of who you are and bring the reader into your personal story. Emphasize your most meaningful and impactful experiences rather than listing a summary of all your activities. Be specific and give concrete examples. Explain the purpose – the *why* – that inspires you to do what you do.

5 Get it right! A well-written application, free of errors, is an important factor that is looked at when all applications are first reviewed. That is why it is imperative to have someone proofread your application and spot any errors that you may have overlooked.

6 Make sure you meet the requirements of financial need. Provide as much detail as you can about your (and your family's) finances. Be thorough. Otherwise, it can be very difficult to evaluate the student's need of a bursary.

7 Include a reference letter, if it is required, from someone who knows you well. Give your referee the details of what the scholarship committee is looking for in a candidate. Ask them to tailor the letter to the award specifications, and to give concrete examples of the characteristics that clearly articulate your strengths and achievements. Provide them with a copy of your resume in case they need additional information.

8 Ensure the application is complete and submitted by the deadline. A student should make sure that all the questions have been answered, and that required documents such as forms, letters, and transcripts, as well as contact information, are included in the application package. Also, submitting your application by the required deadline is a must – late or incomplete applications are generally immediately eliminated from the competition.



GRADES 9, 10, 11 OPPORTUNITIES & AWARDS

🔗 OSSTF (Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation)/FEESO: Student Achievement Awards in Honour of Marion Drysdale

A writing and creative arts competition open to all public secondary school students in Ontario.

Amount: \$1,000.

Number of awards: 8.

Deadline: The school must select one entry per category (eight categories) to submit to their local OSSTF/FEESO District office no later than November 15.

🔗 Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada (AFOA): Nutrien Indigenous Youth Financial Management Awards

Open to youth of Indigenous ancestry in Grades 11 and 12 pursuing postsecondary in areas of finance, management, commerce, accounting, or related fields.

Award: Three recipients will receive a five-year scholarship package valued at over \$5,000; complimentary travel to the next AFOA National Conference in Halifax, NS, in February 2025; prize package valued at \$200.

Deadline: November 25.

🔗 Shad Canada

ShadOnCampus (live in residence) and ShadAnywhere (digital campus—Athabasca University).

Open to Grades 10 and 11 students who are community-minded, creative, engaged, curious and want to make an impact in Canada and the world. Shad is a month-long summer program focused on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) and entrepreneurship. Students stay in residence at one of twenty-five Canadian universities. Click [here](#) for information on fees and financial support opportunities and ideas.

Deadline: December 1.

🔗 The Bronfman Fellowship

The Bronfman Fellowship is open to students who are in the 11th Grade in the fall of 2024, who self-identify as Jewish, and who are from the United States or Canada. *You do not need to be a top student to be a Bronfman Fellow; innovative thinking and creativity are valued more than a high GPA.* Every year, twenty-six intellectually curious North American teenagers are selected as Bronfman Fellows. The Fellowship begins with a free, immersive summer program in Israel and the U.S., and continues with monthly virtual experiences and a winter and spring seminar in the U.S..

Deadline: December 2.

Deadline for receipt of letters of recommendation and

transcript: December 6.

***Q&A Session: November 12, Tuesday, 8 pm.** Register [here](#). Watch the Oct. 10 info call recording [here](#).

🔗 The Launchpad Scholarship by Tundra Technical

Open to Grades 10-12 students and postsecondary students (in STEM programs) who identify as women or non-binary.

Required: A 1,500- 2000-word essay or project plan to create an innovative solution to a national problem for the Government of Canada.

Minimum: 75%.

Award: Five \$1,000 scholarships.

Deadline: December 3.

🔗 French for the Future National Essay Contest

Open to students in Grades 10-12 who are registered in a French program. Students who took a gap year after their high school graduation may be eligible to participate.

Amount: \$1,000 to \$28,000.

Number of awards: 102 scholarships to study at one of the [sixteen post-secondary institutions](#) listed on the website.

Deadline: December 20.

🔗 SOS Safety Scholarship

Open to legal residents of Canada and U.S. ages 13-19 who plan to apply to post-secondary after graduating high school.

Amount: \$5,000.

Number of awards: 1.

Deadline: All entries must be received by December 31.

🔗 RBC Future Launch Scholarship for Indigenous Youth

Open to students between 15-29 years old who are Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Inuit, or Métis. The applicant must be a permanent resident or citizen of Canada.

For full description, see [Scholarships & Awards for Indigenous Youth](#).

Award: Twenty \$10,000 scholarships over four years.

Deadline: February 7.

🔗 Horatio Alger Association of Canada Undergraduate Scholarships

Open to students in Grade 11 with financial need (family income under \$65,000) who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, a commitment to pursue a post-secondary education, a desire to contribute to society, and a good academic record.

Award: 150+ scholarships up to \$10,000 each.

Deadline: March 15 in 2023. Check the website for updates.

Government of Ontario's David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility: Youth Leadership Award

*Scroll down website page for info.

Nomination required.

Open to a young person (16-24) who shows leadership and commitment to developing the potential of people with disabilities.

Award: \$5,000.

Deadline: Check website for updates.

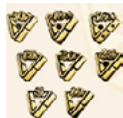


There are other opportunities for all high school students in the [Opportunities & Awards, Contests & Competitions, and Travel & Exchange Programs](#) sections, and the [Government of Ontario Awards for all High School Students](#) (see below).

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO AWARDS FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Ontario Volunteer Service Awards

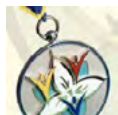
Nomination required.



Organizations that have been in existence for a minimum of five years may submit a nomination. This award recognizes volunteers for providing committed and dedicated service to an organization. Youth (24 years old and under) are recognized for two or more years of continuous service. The nominee must be a resident and volunteer in Ontario. **Award:** Recipients receive a personalized certificate and lapel pin acknowledging their years of service at a local award recognition ceremony. **Deadline:** November 15.

Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers

Nomination required.



This medal program honours outstanding contributions made by exceptional youth volunteers across the province. It is the highest honour a young person can achieve for their contributions to the province. The person you nominate (the nominee) must be between 15 and 24 years old, be a resident of Ontario, have volunteered for a significant amount of time with a charity, not-for-profit or person, and be a role model for other young people and inspire them to volunteer. **Deadline:** January 15.

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Award: \$5,000.

Deadline: Check website for updates.

UPCOMING ONTARIO UNIVERSITY AWARD DEADLINES

University of Toronto: The Lester B. Pearson International Student Scholarships

The Lester B. Pearson International Student Scholarships will cover tuition, books, incidental fees, and full residence support for four years. Each year approximately thirty-seven students will be named Lester B. Pearson Scholars.

The deadline for nominees to apply for the Pearson Scholarship is November 8.

Queen's University Major Admission Awards (MAA)

The MAAs (\$48,000-\$72,000) are available to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada.

Note: To be considered for the *Chancellor's Scholarship*, the applicant must receive a nomination from the high school where they most recently attended full-time study. The number of nominations per high school is based on graduating class size: Less than 250: One nominee. 250-499: Up to two nominees. 500 or greater: Up to three nominees.

Apply for admission to Queen's via the [Ontario Universities Application Centre \(OUAC\)](#) no later than **November 20** to ensure that you gain access to Queen's [Solus Student Centre](#) to submit your **Major Admission Award Application on SOLUS by December 8.**

University of Guelph

U of G's Top Scholarships are worth \$42,500 each. You must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada to be eligible to apply.

[The President's Scholarship](#) (seven awards) and [The Lincoln Alexander Chancellor's Scholarships](#) (two awards) recognize students entering a degree program with a minimum 90% admission average who have made significant leadership and innovative contributions to their schools and/or communities and demonstrate the potential to become a leader in society. In addition, to be eligible to apply for [The Lincoln Alexander Chancellor's Scholarships](#), students must be Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit and Métis); or a person with a disability; or a person of colour/[racialized person](#).

The application deadline for both scholarships is January 25.

* See also the [Dr. Franco J. Vaccarino President's Scholarship](#) for INTERNATIONAL students. Deadline: January 27, 4 p.m.

Be sure to check out The Scholarship Report's document: Major University & College Awards on December 1. Contact the Guidance Department for access.



SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH

Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada (AFOA): Nutrien Indigenous Youth Financial Management Awards

Open to youth of Indigenous ancestry in Grades 11 and 12 pursuing postsecondary in areas of finance, management, commerce, accounting, or related fields.

Award: Three recipients will receive a five-year scholarship package valued at over \$5,000; complimentary travel to the next AFOA National Conference in Halifax, NS, in February 2025; prize package valued at \$200.

Deadline: November 25.

University of Guelph: The Lincoln Alexander Chancellor's Scholarships

Two scholarships worth \$42,500 each. To be eligible to apply, students must be: Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit and Métis); or a person with a disability; or a person of colour/[racialized person](#).

Deadline: January 25.

For full description, see section: [Upcoming Ontario University Award Deadlines](#).

First Canada: Canadian Women in STEM Scholarship

Open to young women in robotics who demonstrate a deep *dedication to the advancement of equity, diversity and inclusion in STEM*.

Eligibility: Be currently enrolled, or have been enrolled, in a Canadian high school; participated on a *FIRST* Robotics Competition (FRC) or *FIRST* Tech Challenge (FTC) team in Canada. They must be eligible to enroll, and agree to enroll, as a full-time student in an accredited college or university.

Award: One \$10,000 award.

Deadline: January 31 in 2024.

Required: Completed application form, letter of recommendation from a high school instructor, a brief essay (500 words) and an official high school transcript.

Inquiries: joanna.whitney@firstroboticscanada.org.

Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada: Diversity Scholarships

Open to new and returning students living in CHF Canada member housing co-ops in Southwestern Ontario (from Woodstock west to Windsor).

Eligibility: Young members aged 35 and under will be prioritized in the selection process.

Award: First year: Up to \$2,000. Subsequent years: Up to \$1,000.

Number of awards: Varies.

Deadline: TBA.

*Diversity scholarships are also available through the following regional federations: CHFT, PHCHF, GHCHF,

COCHF, and CHASEO. Make sure you apply with your local co-op housing federation and that your co-op is a member.

RBC Future Launch Scholarship for Indigenous Youth

Open to students between 15-29 years old who are Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Inuit, or Métis. The applicant must be a permanent resident or citizen of Canada.

Eligibility: The applicant must have applied or is currently attending an accredited post-secondary institution in Canada. They must maintain a full course load that leads to a recognized degree, certificate, or diploma. They must demonstrate strong academic performance and community involvement, and financial need.

Award: Twenty \$10,000 scholarships over four years.

Deadline: February 7 in 2023. Check website for updates.

First Robotics Canada Indigenous Scholarship

Open to First Nation (status and non-status), Inuit, and Métis students from an Indigenous community and enrolled full-time in a high school. They must have participated on a FIRST Robotics Competition, FIRST Tech Challenge, or FIRST LEGO League team in Canada. They must be eligible to enroll, and agree to enroll, as a fulltime student in an accredited college or university, or apprenticeship starting no later than the fall semester of 2025. The applicant must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada, or have protected person status.

Award: One \$5,000 scholarship.

Deadline: February 15.

Inquiries: joanna.whitney@firstroboticscanada.org.

Queen's University: Commitment Scholars Award/Bursary

Ten renewable awards of \$12,000 per year. Must self-identify as a member of an underserved or underrepresented group, including Black, Indigenous* and other racialized students, Persons with Disabilities, and 2SLGBTQ+ individuals. The Commitment Scholars Award celebrates and recognizes demonstrated leadership in, and commitment to, racial justice, social justice, or diversity initiatives by a student in their high school or in their community.

Application deadline: February 15.

Export Development Canada (EDC) Indigenous Community Leader Scholarship

Open to Indigenous students (First Nations status or non-status, Métis, or Inuit) pursuing studies at a Canadian college, university, or CÉGEP in a field related to EDC's work, including one of the following: Business and

Finance; Operations and Administration; Information Technology; or a field related to the support of Indigenous Peoples.

Award: One \$5,000 scholarship.

Deadline: March 1.

Telesat Scholarships

Open to those who identify as female. Telesat strongly encourages Indigenous, visible minority students, and students with disabilities to apply. They must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident entering or already enrolled in full-time studies in an undergraduate STEM degree program in the 2025 academic year in an accredited Canadian university or technical college.

Minimum grade/GPA: 75%

Amount: 8 \$5,000 awards.

Deadline: March 26 in 2024.

Inquiries: awards@univcan.ca.

First Nations Child & Family Caring Society: Shannen's Dream Scholarship

Open to First Nations youth 30 years and under.

Applicants must be enrolled in a post secondary program at a Canadian institution with a duration of no less than 13 weeks. The recipient contributes to their First Nations community (urban or rural) and demonstrates academic or extracurricular accomplishments at school, such as taking part in clubs or sports teams.

Amount: 4 \$10,000 scholarships.

Deadline: March 31 in 2024.

Inquiries: info@fncaringsociety.com.

Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information Program (APSIP) In-Person Tours

APSIP will be touring across Ontario from September through December 2024 offering students the opportunity to connect with Indigenous recruiters and explore opportunities. Tour dates [here](#).



Government of Canada: Indigenous Leadership Opportunity Year (ILOY)

The ILOY Program is an educational and leadership experience at the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) in Kingston, Ontario. As part of the program, you will be enrolled at the RMC for one academic year as an Officer Cadet in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). You will be paid at your rank level and receive free tuition and books. You may request to leave the program at any time.

The ILOY program includes:

- Sports
- Field trips
- Leadership development
- Military training
- Cultural support activities

At the end of the academic year, provided you meet the academic requirements, you will be given the opportunity to apply to continue at RMC in a degree program as a member of the CAF, under the Regular Officer Training Plan (ROTP) or you can apply to become a Non-Commissioned member (NCM) of the CAF. Submit your application before the end of February to ensure that all the arrangements can be made for the beginning of the school year.

Studyonline.ca by Contact North | Contact Nord is "Ontario's community-based bilingual distance education and training network, helping underserved residents in 1,300+ small, rural, remote, Indigenous and Francophone communities access education and training without leaving their communities. Resources for Indigenous students [here](#).



BGC Canada (BGCC) Youth of the Year

Club youth ages 15-21 are encouraged to apply for Youth of the Year by submitting written responses and a video showcasing their achievements, service, and leadership to their Club, school, and community. From the first round of evaluation, six youth are selected as Youth of the Year and one youth is selected for **Indigenous Youth of the Year**. All youth will receive media, leadership, and public speaking training. A second and final round of evaluation will take place to determine one final winner to receive special recognition as BGC Canada's National Youth of the Year. All seven youth will be awarded their respective prizes, including scholarship funds for postsecondary education. Youth of the Year winners will make a 1.5-year commitment to serve as BGC ambassadors on a local and national level, which includes digital and in-person participation in speaking engagements, media interviews, and networking opportunities.

Deadline: March 4. Speak to your Club staff if you're interested in applying!

Western University: National Indigenous Scholarship Program

Five awards at \$50,000 each to Indigenous students applying from Canadian high schools or applying from a postsecondary institution.

Application deadline: March TBA.

*Also see Western's Admission Scholarships for Black Students and for Indigenous Students [here](#).

There are other opportunities for Indigenous Youth in the [Opportunities & Awards, Contests & Competitions](#), and [Travel & Exchange Programs](#) sections.



SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS FOR BLACK YOUTH

🔗 Congress of Black Women of Canada (Ontario Region)

Open to graduating Grade 12 students who self-identify as Black.

Eligibility: Pursuing full-time post-secondary studies in the fall semester of the upcoming academic year.

Number of awards: Scholarships are available through the regional chapters. Check your local chapter for scholarship information on the amount and number of awards available.

Deadline: Varies with each local chapter.

Inquiries: Click [here](#).

🔗 University of Guelph: The Lincoln Alexander Chancellor's Scholarships

Two scholarships worth \$42,500 each. To be eligible to apply, students must be: Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit and Métis); or a person with a disability; or a person of colour/[racialized](#) person.

Deadline: January 25.

For full description, see section: [Upcoming Ontario University Award Deadlines](#).

🔗 First Canada: Canadian Women in STEM Scholarship

Open to young women in robotics who demonstrate a deep *dedication to the advancement of equity, diversity and inclusion in STEM*.

Eligibility: Be currently enrolled, or have been enrolled, in a Canadian high school; participated on a *FIRST* Robotics Competition (FRC) or *FIRST* Tech Challenge (FTC) team in Canada. They must be eligible to enroll, and agree to enroll, as a full-time student in an accredited college or university.

Award: One \$10,000 award.

Deadline: January 31 in 2024.

Required: Completed application form, letter of recommendation from a high school instructor, a brief essay (500 words) and an official high school transcript.

Inquiries: joanna.whitney@firstroboticscanada.org.



🔗 Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada: Diversity Scholarships

Open to new and returning students living in CHF Canada member housing co-ops in Southwestern Ontario (from Woodstock west to Windsor).

Eligibility: Young members aged 35 and under will be prioritized in the selection process.

Award: First year: Up to \$2,000. Subsequent years: Up to \$1,000.

Number of awards: Varies.

Deadline: TBA.

*Diversity scholarships are also available through the following regional federations: CHFT, PHCHF, GHCHF, COCHF, and CHASEO. Make sure you apply with your local co-op housing federation and that your co-op is a member.

🔗 Western University: National Scholarship Program

James Jenkins President's Entrance Scholarship for Black Students: 5 at \$50,000 (\$20,000 for year one, \$10,000 annually for years two to four).

Application deadline: February TBA.

*Also see Western's Admission Scholarships for Black Students and for Indigenous Students [here](#).

🔗 Queen's University: Commitment Scholars Award/Bursary

Ten renewable awards of \$12,000 per year. Must self-identify as a member of an underserved or underrepresented group, including Black, Indigenous* and other racialized students, Persons with Disabilities, and 2SLGBTQ+ individuals. The Commitment Scholars Award celebrates and recognizes demonstrated leadership in, and commitment to, racial justice, social justice, or diversity initiatives by a student in their high school or in their community.

Application deadline: February 15.

🔗 McMaster University Aid & Awards for Black Students

Black Student Aid & Awards (various): Entrance Scholarships.

Application deadline: February 19.

🔗 Export Development Canada (EDC) Black Community Leader Scholarship

Open to Black students pursuing studies at a Canadian college, university, or CÉGEP in a field related to EDC's work, including one of the following: Business and Finance; Operations and Administration; Information

Technology; or a field related to the support of the Black community in Canada or abroad.

Award: One \$5,000 scholarship.

Deadline: March 1.

Telesat Scholarships

Open to those who identify as female. Telesat strongly *encourages Indigenous, visible minority students, and students with disabilities to apply*. They must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident entering or already enrolled in full-time studies in an undergraduate STEM degree program in the 2025 academic year in an accredited Canadian university or technical college.

Minimum grade/GPA: 75%

Amount: \$5,000.

Number of awards: 8.

Deadline: March 26 in 2024.

Inquiries: awards@univcan.ca.



There are other opportunities for Black Youth in the [Opportunities & Awards, Contests & Competitions](#), and [Travel & Exchange Programs](#) sections.

UPDATES: NOVEMBER–DECEMBER DEADLINES

NOTES:

- Scholarships are in order of application deadline.
- Scholarships that require a nomination are tagged as such.
- Continue to check the websites for the most current information.

TD Scholarships for Community Leadership

Minimum grade: 75%.

Amount: \$70,000 over four years.

Number of awards: 20.

Deadline: November 13.

OSSTF (Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation)/FEESO: Student Achievement Awards in Honour of Marion Drysdale

A writing and creative arts competition open to all public secondary school students in Ontario.

Amount: \$1,000.

Number of awards: 8.

Deadline: The school must select one entry per category

(eight categories) to submit to their local OSSTF/FEESO District office no later than November 15.

Terry Fox Humanitarian Award

Amount: \$28,000 dispersed over four years.

Number of awards: Up to 20.

Deadline: December 1.

The Launchpad Scholarship by Tundra Technical

Open to Grades 10-12 students and postsecondary students (in STEM programs) who identify as women or non-binary.

Required: A 1,500- 2000-word essay or project plan to create an innovative solution to a national problem for the Government of Canada.

Minimum: 75%.

Award: Five \$1,000 scholarships.

Deadline: December 3.

Nordiq Canada Ski to School Scholarship

*Search *scholarship* in the search bar.

Applicants must be a licensed racer and member of a ski club in Canada.

Amount: \$500.

Number of awards: 1.

Deadline: December 15 in 2023.

Contact: info@nordiqcanada.ca

Burger King Scholars Program

Various awards open to employees, and/or dependent children of employees, and/or students graduating from Grade 12. Applicant submissions will be capped at 50,000.

Amount: \$1,000 to \$60,000 (U.S. currency).

Deadline: December 16.

French for the Future National Essay Contest

Open to students in Grades 10-12 who are registered in a French program. Students who took a gap year after their high school graduation may be eligible to participate.

Amount: \$1,000 to \$28,000.

Number of awards: 102 scholarships to study at one of the sixteen post-secondary institutions listed on the website.

Deadline: December 20.

International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE): Walsh/Di Tolla/Spivak Scholarship

Open to the child (a high school senior) of a member in good standing of the IATSE.

Amount: \$10,000 over four years.

Number of awards: 10.

Deadline: Postmarked by December 31. The application must be mailed in.

SOS Safety Scholarship

Open to legal residents of Canada and U.S. ages 13-19 who plan to apply to post-secondary after graduating high school.

Amount: \$5,000.

Number of awards: 1.

Deadline: All entries must be received by December 31.



Use a calendar or Scholarship Tracker (see [here](#)) to list scholarships by application deadline. Note the requirements of each, e.g., transcript, recommendation letter, essay, etc.

JANUARY DEADLINES

Canadian Angus Foundation Legacy Scholarship

Open to members of the Canadian Junior Angus Association. Applicants must be in their final year of high school/enrolled in college or post-secondary. Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

Eligibility: The top five applicants are selected based on academic achievement, leadership, community involvement and industry knowledge.

Amount: \$500-\$5,000.

Number of awards: 5.

Deadline: January 5.

Required: Resume/Transcripts/250-500-word essay.

Inquiries: cdnangus@cdnangus.ca.

Federation of Portuguese Canadian Business and Professionals (FPCBP) Scholarships

Open to students who are a Canadian citizen or Permanent resident of Portuguese descent.

Eligibility: The applicant must be enrolled in a Canadian high school (Grade 12), College or University. Scholarships are selected based on academic merit and community involvement.

Amount: \$1,000-\$4,000.

Number of awards: Varies.

Deadline: January 19 in 2024.

Required: Applicants are required to submit the online form which includes a current resume, short bio, transcript, one reference letter and a head shot photograph.

Inquiries: scholarship@fpcpb.com

Home Depot: Homer Fund Orange Scholars Scholarship

Open to a current high school senior planning to enroll as a fulltime student in a two- or four-year college/university or trade school in the fall of 2025.

Eligibility: Applicant must be the dependent of a full- or part-time hourly associate of The Home Depot at the time of the application.

Amount: \$5,000.

Number of awards: 1.

Deadline: January 19.

Required: Applicants must submit a completed application form including a letter of recommendation from a high school instructor, a brief (no more than 500 word) essay and an official high school transcript.

Inquiries: joanna.whitney@firstroboticscanada.org.

Children's Aid Foundation of Canada

Eligibility for scholarships and bursaries: Have been or will be in the temporary or permanent care of the Ministry or Department responsible for child protection services up until your age of majority birthday or had been in permanent care of the Ministry or Department responsible for child protection services for at least 12 months.

Scholarships: \$2,500-\$5,000. You must be planning to attend a postsecondary institution either full time, or on a reduced schedule due to an accommodation, for a full academic year. **Deadline:** TBA.

Inquiries: aball@cafdn.org.

Schulich Leader Scholarships

See full description in [Spotlight](#) section.

Target applicant: Open to students who are nominated by their high school. Every high school in Canada can select one graduating student. The student must be graduating high school in the 2024/2025 academic year and must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. Nominees must be enrolling in an eligible STEM program at a [Schulich partner university](#).

Amount: \$100,000 - \$120,000.

Number of awards: 100.

Deadline: Nomination deadline is January 29. The deadline for the scholarship application, including reference letters, is February 19.

First Canada: Canadian Women in STEM Scholarship

Open to young women in robotics who demonstrate a deep *dedication to the advancement of equity, diversity and inclusion in STEM*.

Eligibility: Be currently enrolled, or have been enrolled, in a Canadian high school; participated on a *FIRST* Robotics Competition (FRC) or *FIRST* Tech Challenge (FTC) team in Canada. They must be eligible to enroll, and agree to enroll, as a full-time student in an accredited college or university.

Award: One \$10,000 award.

Deadline: January 31.

Required: Completed application form, letter of recommendation from a high school instructor, a brief essay (500 words) and an official high school transcript.
Inquiries: joanna.whitney@firstroboticscanada.org.

🔗 **First Canada: Don Bossi Leadership and Innovation Canadian Scholarship**

Open to students currently enrolled or who have been enrolled in a Canadian high school.

Eligibility: Applicants must be eligible to enroll and agree to enroll as a full-time student in an accredited college or university. They must have participated in a *FIRST* Robotics Competition or a *FIRST* Tech Challenge team.

Amount: \$5,000.

Number of awards: 1.

Deadline: January 31.

Required: Applicants must submit a completed application form including a letter of recommendation from a high school instructor, a brief (no more than 500 word) essay and an official high school transcript.

Inquiries: joanna.whitney@firstroboticscanada.org.

🔗 **PPAO (Police Pensioners Association of Ontario) Memorial Scholarship**

Open to a child, grandchild or great grandchild of a PPAO member.

Eligibility: The scholarship is awarded based on the applicant's academic achievements; community service; leadership; other degrees, diplomas, certificates; personal awards and achievements.

Amount: \$2,000 - \$3,000.

Number of awards: 8.

Deadline: January 31.

Required: A 300- 400-word essay is required as part of the application process.

Inquiries: scholarships@ppao.ca.

🔗 **Union Plus Scholarship Program**

Open to current and retired members of participating unions, their spouses and their dependent children.

Eligibility: Members of participating unions from the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada are eligible. The applicant must be accepted into a U.S. accredited college, university, community college, technical or trade school at the time awards are issued. Awards must be used for the 2025-2026 school year. Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply.

Minimum grade/GPA: 3.0.

Amount: \$500-\$4,000.

Number of awards: Varies.

Renewable: No, but students may reapply each year.

Deadline: January 31, noon.

Required: Included with the online application are: One reference letter; Two required essays of approximately 350 words each; Union information.

FEBRUARY DEADLINES

🔗 **Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada: Diversity Scholarships**

Open to new and returning students living in CHF Canada member housing co-ops in Southwestern Ontario (from Woodstock west to Windsor).

Eligibility: Young members aged 35 and under will be prioritized in the selection process.

Award: First year: Up to \$2,000. Subsequent years: Up to \$1,000.

Number of awards: Varies.

Deadline: TBA.

*Diversity scholarships are also available through the following regional federations: CHFT, PHCHF, GHCHF, COCHF, and CHASEO. Make sure you apply with your local co-op housing federation and that your co-op is a member.

🔗 **IAFF (International Association of Fire Fighters) W. H. "Howie" McClennan Scholarship**

Open to children of fallen IAFF members.

Eligibility: Applicants must be planning to attend a university, accredited college or other institution of higher learning. Awards are based on financial need, aptitude promise and demonstrated academic achievement.

Amount: \$2,500

Number of awards: Varies.

Renewable: Yes.

Deadline: February 1.

Required: Application materials include a completed scholarship application, an official high school transcript, a brief statement (about 200 words) indicating the reasons for wanting to continue their education and two letters of recommendation.

Inquiries: scholarships@iaff.org.

🔗 **Kin Canada Bursary**

Open to a full-time student in the process of graduating from high school or currently studying or registered at a post-secondary institution. They must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

Eligibility: Applicants will be evaluated on their community and school involvement, knowledge of Kin Canada and financial need.

Amount: \$1,000.

Number of awards: Varies.

Renewable: No.

Deadline: February 1.

Inquiries: bursary@kincanada.ca or 800-742-5546.

SME Education Foundation

Open to graduating high school seniors and current college/university students pursuing an associate or bachelor's degree in manufacturing, engineering or related discipline. Applicants must be a permanent resident or citizen of the United States, Canada, or possess a student visa.

Minimum grade/GPA: 2.0.

Amount: \$2,500 - \$20,000.

Number of awards: Varies.

Deadline: February 1.

Required: An academic transcript, resume, list of completed STEM courses and two references for letters of recommendation are required.

Inquiries: foundation@sme.org.

PepsiCo Foundation Family Scholars (formerly the ExCEL Scholarship)

Open to children of PepsiCo associates.

Eligibility: Students must be in their final year of high school, high school graduates, or current college/university undergraduates who will be enrolled in fulltime undergraduate study at an accredited college, university, or vocational-technical school for the 2025-26 academic year. Scholarship recipients are selected based on financial need, academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, work experience, a statement of goals, unusual personal or family circumstances and an outside appraisal. Financial need must be demonstrated.

Award: 400 scholarships up to \$5,000 (USD); renewable.

Deadline: February 7 in 2024.

Required: Students must send copies of their official final grades from the past three or four years of high school and copies of their end-of-year exam results if applicable.

Inquiries: studentsupport@scholarshipamerica.org or pepsico@scholarshipamerica.org.

SMART (formerly SMWIA - Sheet Metal Workers International Association) Scholarships

Open to SMART members and their dependents.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a full-time student or be accepted to be a full-time student at an accredited college or university.

Required: An official transcript, proof of membership, a one- to two- page essay and a letter of recommendation on behalf of the applicant must be enclosed with the application.

SMWI Scholarship Fund

Amount: \$6,000 per year for up to four years for full-time undergraduate study at any accredited college or university.

Number of awards: 34.

Renewable: Yes.

The Mechanical Engineering and Architecture Scholarship

Amount: \$6,000 for the first year and \$12,000 per year

for years two through five, for a total scholarship of \$54,000.

Number of awards: 2.

Renewable: Yes.

SMWI Scholarship Foundation

Amount: \$4,000-\$5,000.

Number of Awards: 20 one-year \$4,000 scholarships and 2 one-year \$5,000 awards.

Deadlines: Obtain an Application Request Form by February 15. Completed applications and materials must be postmarked no later than March 1.

Inquiries: scholarship@smart-union.org.

SPIE Scholarships

Open to students located anywhere in the world who are studying optics, photonics, or related fields.

Eligibility: Applicants must be a student member of SPIE, enrolled in a program related to the field of optics and photonics and be in school for the full academic year beginning Fall 2025.

Amount: \$3,000 - \$11,000 US.

Number of awards: Varies.

Deadline: February 15.

Required: An unofficial transcript, resume, an essay/personal statement (400 words or less) and two recommendations are required.

Inquiries: scholarships@spie.org.

Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA): Dairy Farmers of Ontario (DFO) and Wally Scott Bursaries

Open to active players aged up to 20 years who have been a registered player in the OMHA for a minimum of five years.

Eligibility: Applicants must be attending a post-secondary institution for their first year during the 2025/2026 year, maintain a high standard of academic excellence and be active in their local community programs (any community sport or social program).

Amount: \$1,250-\$5,000.

Number of awards: 10.

Deadline: February 18 in 2024.

Inquiries: mitchell.machttinger@omha.net.

Children of Deaf Adults (CODA) International: Millie Brother Scholarship

Open to hearing children of deaf adults to help them pursue their post-secondary education. The scholarship can be used for undergraduates at any accredited institution of higher education in the world.

Amount: \$3,000.

Number of awards: Varies.

Deadline: February 28.

Required: A complete online application, a two-page double-spaced essay, an academic transcript and two references from teachers are required.

Inquiries: scholarships@codainternational.org.

Ottawa-Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OCAPDD): Silver Spring Farm Scholarship Award

Open to students pursuing a degree or diploma in the field of social sciences or human services at any of the six educational institutions in Eastern Ontario listed [here](#).

Eligibility: The successful recipients will be selected based upon a written application.

Amount: \$2,500.

Number of awards: 2.

Deadline: February 28.

Required: All applicants are required to provide information on the following areas: Volunteer experience, academic performance, personal commentary with respect to the reason for their career selection and two written & signed references.

Inquiries: ocapdd@ocapdd.on.ca.

MARCH DEADLINES

Export Development Canada (EDC) Various Scholarships

Open to students who are pursuing post-secondary studies at college or university in a field related to EDC's work.

Eligibility: Applicants must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

Amount: \$5,000.

Number of awards: 20.

Deadline: March TBA.

Required: A personal statement/letter of intent, academic transcript, a resume or portfolio and a reference letter are all required for the application process.

Canadian Association of Principals (CAP): Student Leadership Award

Nomination required.

Open to graduating students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership.

Eligibility: Applicants must be nominated by their principal. Nominees should be in the top 20% of their class.

Amount: \$250.

Number of awards: 7.

Deadline: March 1 in 2024.

Required: Applicants must demonstrate leadership in school activities, community, academic achievement and are required to submit an essay.

Inquiries: info@cdnprincipals.com.

Chemical Institute of Canada Student Scholarships: Lionel Chemistry Scholarships

Open to high school students who show an interest in studying chemistry, biochemistry or chemical engineering at a postsecondary institution.

Eligibility: Applicants must plan to enroll in a BSc

program at a Canadian university, or diploma program at a college. They must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

Minimum grade/GPA: 75%

Amount: \$4,000 per year/four years.

Number of awards: Varies.

Deadline: March 1.

Required: Application; Letter outlining future goals and plans to achieve them; Official High School Transcripts; At least one Letter of Recommendation; Demonstrated need for financial assistance. Provide names of other scholarships received.

Inquiries: awards@cheminst.ca.

International Brotherhood of Boilermakers

Open to high school seniors who are dependents of Boilermaker members in good standing.

Eligibility: Applicants must be entering their first year of academic study at a degree-granting, accredited college or university within one year of their high school graduation.

Amount: \$1,000-\$5,000.

Number of awards: Varies.

Deadline: March 1 in 2024.

Required: Candidates must submit the online application form, proof of relationship to a Boilermaker member, high school transcript and a 350- 500-word essay.

James R. Hoffa Memorial Academic Scholarship

Open to outstanding high school seniors.

Eligibility: Applicants must be the son, daughter or financial dependent (this does not include spouses) of a Teamster member.

Minimum grade/GPA: 3.0.

Amount: \$1,000 or \$10,000.

Number of awards: Varies.

Renewable: The winners of the \$10,000 award of the Academic Scholarship will have their scholarship renewed each year up to four years at \$1,250 per semester.

Deadline: March 1 in 2024.

James R. Hoffa Memorial Training and Vocational Programs Scholarship

Open to high school seniors.

Eligibility: Applicants must be the son, daughter or financial dependent (this does not include spouses) of a Teamster member. Training or vocational programs must be in a Teamster-represented industry.

Amount: \$2,000.

Number of awards: Varies.

Deadline: March 1 in 2024.

Diabetes Hope Foundation (DHF) Scholarships

Open to students who have been living with type 1 diabetes for a minimum of one year at the time of application. Canadian Citizen or permanent resident.

Eligibility: This is a combined merit and needs based

scholarship that celebrates the resiliency of youth with type 1 diabetes. Applicants must be in their final year of high school and entering an accredited post-secondary institution in September 2025.

Amount: \$3,000.

Number of awards: 30+.

Deadline: March 3 in 2024.

Required: Applicants must be registered with a Canadian Diabetes Pediatric program and in their transition year to adult diabetes care. A valid SIN number, an essay of 500 (maximum) words, references and a high school transcript are required.

Inquiries: heather@diabeteshopefoundation.com.

CWA CANADA John Belcarz / Dan Zeidler Memorial Scholarships

Open to current members of the CWA Canada union, their spouse/partner, children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled or about to enter a full-time program at a government-recognized institution of higher learning or training (college, CEGEP, university or technical/vocational institute) and working toward a degree, diploma or certificate.

Amount: \$1,000.

Number of awards: 2.

Deadline: March 5 in 2024.

Required: Applicants must include an essay of up to 1,000 words or a video, audio or multimedia presentation up to five minutes in length.

Inquiries: info@cwacanada.ca.

RE/MAX 2024 Quest for Excellence

Open to Grade 12 students attending high school in Canada in the September 2025 - June 2026 academic year.

Amount: \$1,000.

Number of awards: 40.

Deadline: March 9.

How to apply: Submit Essay online.

Required: To apply for the Quest for Excellence scholarship, eligible students are invited to write and submit an online essay that is a minimum of 500 words in length, answering one of the following questions:

1. What does a "bright future" look like for you? 2. How have you demonstrated leadership or charity within your community to make it a better place? Or 3. How can we ensure fair and affordable housing for all Canadians?

Inquiries: questforexcellence@remax.ca.

Canadian Right of Way Education Foundation High School Scholarship

Open to a graduating high school student entering studies impacting the right of way profession including (but not limited to) law, surveying, engineering, planning, real property appraisal, public administration, or environmental studies.

Eligibility: The applicant must have a 75%/B+ average in the most recent three years of study. A 250- 500-word essay is required.

Award: \$2,500 (The scholarship amount may be awarded to one applicant or split among more than one applicant.).

Deadline: March 13.

COPA (Canadian Owners and Pilots Association): Neil J. Armstrong Ab-Initio Scholarship

Open to Canadians between the ages of 15 and 21 who are considering flight training or a career in aviation. Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

Eligibility: Applicants must demonstrate an interest in aviation, community involvement, academic achievements, ability to set and achieve goals, and commitment to completing flight training. A COPA membership is not necessary.

Amount: \$14,000 toward eligible training costs associated with obtaining a Private Pilot License (PPL).

Number of awards: 1.

Deadline: March 14 in 2024.

Required: See website.

Inquiries: copa@copanational.org.

Ronnen Harary Click Foundation: Full Potential Scholarship

Open to Canadian students with a documented learning disability.

Eligibility: Applicants are graduating high school students applying to be a full-time student in a post-secondary institution in Ontario.

Minimum grade/GPA: 2.7.

Amount: \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year for four years).

Number of awards: Varies.

Renewable: Yes.

Deadline: March 14 in 2024.

Required: Proof of application to a post-secondary institution, followed by proof of acceptance/enrollment along with essays/videos and personal statements, letter of support and documented learning disability and gift.

Inquiries: info@fullpotentialscholarship.ca.

Knights of Columbus Canadian Undergraduate Scholarship

Open to a member in good standing of the Knights of Columbus in Canada, or the son or daughter of such a member or deceased member.

Eligibility: The applicant must be entering freshman year, for a four-year, undergraduate program, leading to a bachelor's degree, at a Canadian college or university. The scholarship is awarded based on academic excellence.

Award: Four \$1,500 scholarships; renewable.

Deadline: March 15 in 2024.

Required: Supplementary documents and recommendations.

Inquiries: ContactUs@applyISTS.com.

🔗 **St. John Ambulance (SJA) National Bursary Program**

Open to SJA volunteers who have vision, goals and a commitment to serving their community.

Eligibility: Applicants must demonstrate academic achievement, financial need, leadership qualities and a commitment to high standards in their chosen field of study dedicated to upholding the ideals of SJA.

Amount: Varies.

Number of awards: Varies.

Deadline: March 15.

How to apply: Application forms are available after January 1st of each year. Please reach out to your local [Council or Branch office](#) if you are interested in applying to get an application form.

Inquiries: info@sja.ca.

🔗 **Girl Guides of Canada's (GGC) National Scholarship Program**

Open to students who are currently registered members of GGC.

Eligibility: Applicant must be pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited college, university or vocational program.

Amount: \$500-\$5,000.

Number of awards: Varies.

Deadline: March 25 in 2024.

Inquiries: scholarship@girlguides.ca.

🔗 **Telesat Scholarships**

Open to those who identify as female. Telesat strongly *encourages Indigenous, visible minority students, and students with disabilities to apply*. They must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident entering or already enrolled in full-time studies in an undergraduate STEM degree program in the 2025 academic year in an accredited Canadian university or technical college.

Minimum grade/GPA: 75%

Amount: 8 \$5,000 awards.

Deadline: March 26 in 2024.

Inquiries: awards@univcan.ca.

🔗 **TRREB's (Toronto Regional Real Estate Board's) Past Presidents Scholarship**

Open to students in their final year at an Ontario secondary school who are pursuing post-secondary education after graduation. Applicants must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

Eligibility: Applicants are students pursuing higher learning who show an interest in a field related to the real estate industry while possessing leadership qualities and community service experience and/or volunteerism.

Amount: \$1,500-\$5,000.

Number of awards: 8.

Deadline: March 27 in 2024.

Required: A written essay (minimum 1,500, maximum

1,800 words), academic transcript, resume, two references and the offer of admission are required.

Inquiries: Christine.Shallhorn@trreb.ca.

🔗 **Teamsters Scholarship Awards**

Open to high school seniors who are the sons, daughters, or financial dependents of eligible Teamster members.

Award: 600 \$2,000 scholarships.

Deadline: March 29 in 2024. Register at Teamsters.org.

Inquiries: ScholarshipFund@Teamster.org.

🔗 **Government of Ontario's David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility: Youth Leadership Award**

*Scroll down website page for info.

Nomination required.

Open to a young person (16-24) who shows leadership and commitment to developing the potential of people with disabilities. They must be a resident of Ontario.

Award: \$5,000.

Deadline: Check website for updates.

🔗 **Desjardins Foundation Scholarships**

Open to a member of the Desjardins Ontario Credit Union. Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled in a part-time or full-time vocational school, college/CEGEP or university (undergrad, master's or doctoral) program at a recognized educational institution for the fall semester and be 30 years of age or younger on December 31.

Amount: \$1,000-\$5,000.

Number of awards: Varies.

Deadline: March 31.

Required: An online application must be submitted.

Upon submission, applicants will automatically be considered for other scholarships they may be eligible for.

Inquiries: 1-866-388-3373.

🔗 **First Nations Child & Family Caring Society: Shannen's Dream Scholarship**

Open to First Nations youth 30 years and under. For a full description, see section: *Scholarships & Awards for Indigenous Youth*.

Amount: Four \$10,000 scholarships.

Deadline: March 31 in 2024.

Inquiries: info@fncaringsociety.com.



🔗 **JA (Junior Achievement) Canada National Scholarships and Awards**

Open to students that participate in Junior Achievement programs.

Eligibility: Each award has specific eligibility requirements.

Amount: \$1,000 - \$3,000.

Number of awards: Varies.

Deadline: March 31 in 2024.

Required: Applicants must submit an application form, a 500-word essay, two letters of recommendation and a video introduction (60-90 seconds).

🔗 **Leonard Foundation Financial Assistance Program**

Nomination required.

Open to students enrolled or enrolling in an accredited undergraduate degree program in a College or University in Canada. The institutions must be open to all without restriction except for an academic standard. Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents.

Eligibility: Applicants must exhibit true financial need. Preference may be given to children of ordained clergy, licensed teachers, Canadian military personnel, graduates of a Canadian Military College, members of the Engineering Institute of Canada and members of the Mining and Metallurgical Institute of Canada.

Amount: \$1,000-\$1,500.

Number of awards: Amount varies (approximately 100).

Deadline: March 31.

How to apply: Application available online. The application form is to be submitted through a Nominator. A list of Nominators can be found [here](#). Select one nearest you and contact them for an appointment/interview. This must be done before March 31. The earlier the better, but not before January 2.

Inquiries: pamsauro@gmail.com.

🔗 **Manulife Life Lessons Scholarship**

Open to students who are between 17-24 years of age at the time of application and have experienced the death of a parent or legal guardian who had little or no life insurance coverage. Permanent resident of Canada.

Eligibility: The applicant must be currently enrolled in or have been accepted to a college, university or trade school within Canada and will be attending full-time post-secondary in September.

Amount: \$10,000.

Number of awards: Varies.

Deadline: March 31.

Required: A 500-word essay or three-minute video is required.

Inquiries: ManulifeLifeLessons@manulife.ca.

🔗 **State of Kindness Scholarship**

Open to students in their final year of high school. They must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident and a resident of Ontario.

Eligibility: Applicants must be entering into full-time post-secondary studies in either a bachelor degree or diploma/certificate program.

Minimum grade/GPA: 75%.

Amount: Up to \$15,000.

Number of awards: Varies.

Deadline: March 31.

Required: Two letters of reference, updated resume, most recent high school transcripts and a 750-word *About me* essay.

Inquiries: info@stateofkindness.ca.

🔗 **Ukrainian Credit Union (UCU) Scholarships**

Open to students who have been a member of UCU for at least two years.

Minimum grade/GPA: 80%.

Amount: \$1,000 - \$2,500.

Number of awards: Varies.

Deadline: March 31 in 2024.

Required: Applications are only accepted online. UCU offers six different scholarship options. All scholarships require volunteer experience.

Inquiries: marketing@ukrainiancu.com.



OPPORTUNITIES & AWARDS

The NCWIT (National Center for Women & Information Technology): Aspirations in Computing High School Award (Canada)

Open to Canadian high school students in Grades 9-12 who self-identify as women, genderqueer, or non-binary.
Deadline: November 8.

House of Commons Page Program



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The Page Program is open to forty students graduating, or have graduated, from high schools across Ontario.

These students must be starting fulltime or part-time studies in September 2025 at one of [the eligible post-secondary institutions in the national capital region](#). The applicant must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident. They must be able to orally communicate fluently in both official languages. More eligibility requirements are listed [here](#). Successful applicants go to Ottawa to work as Pages in the House of Commons. Pages are expected to work a minimum of fifteen hours per week during the period when the House is sitting. They must also be available for duty when the House is not sitting or if the House goes into extended hours. Pages are [paid](#) \$18,400 over a twelve-month period as well as a sum of \$1,200 paid at the end of the employment period. Pages who come from outside the National Capital Region usually obtain rooms in the college/university residences. *The Page Program is committed to having a skilled, diversified workforce reflective of Canadian society and to ensuring the equitable representation of women, Indigenous peoples, members of visible minority groups, and persons with disabilities.* Members of these [designated groups](#) are encouraged to self-identify when they apply to the program. See [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
Deadline: November 10.

Inquiries: Click [here](#) for contact information or email pageprog@parl.gc.ca.

Ontario Volunteer Service Awards

Nomination required. Youth (24 years old and under) are recognized for two or more years of continuous service. For a full description, see section: [Government of Ontario Awards](#).

Deadline: November 15.

Vimy Pilgrimage Award (VPA)

Open to students ages 15-17. The program consists of a fully funded week-long educational program in Belgium and France to study Canada's First World War contributions within the context of a global conflict. The application will include contact information, essay

components, your presentation video, your letter of reference and your resume. VPA recipients demonstrate an outstanding commitment to their communities through positive contributions, volunteering, or notable deeds that benefit their peers, family, school, town, province, or country.

Deadline: November 26.

Inquiries: programs@vimyfoundation.ca.

Chartered Professional Accountants (CPA) of Ontario High School Ambassador Program (HAP)

Explore various career paths and develop critical skills through interactive workshops, events, competitions, and networking opportunities. There is no cost to join HAP. Register and get access to the No Limits conference, networking events with post-secondary institutions, skill building and financial literacy workshops, and competitions like Showcase and Write to Ignite.

• [Supplementary Application Workshop](#): December 11, 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. *"This workshop will include an overview of the post-secondary application process, what supplementary applications are, and some insider tips on how to succeed in the application process. There will be representatives from several post-secondary schools to chat with you and give you answers to any questions you might have."*

Vimy Inspires Tomorrow

"History education meets leadership education."

Open to youth ages 13-17 to develop and utilize their leadership skills. Youth can submit an idea for a project that benefits their community to be eligible for history- and project-based leadership training and a \$2,500 project grant. Three grants available.

Deadline: December 11.

Inquiries: programs@vimyfoundation.ca.

Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers

Nomination required. The person you nominate (the nominee) must be between 15 and 24 years old.

For a full description, see section: [Government of Ontario Awards](#).

Deadline: January 15.

Fighting Blindness Canada's (FBC) Young Leaders Mentorship Program

This program is designed to connect Young Leaders living with vision loss with mentors who will offer support in sessions over a nine-month term. The sessions will be designed to help mentees develop their skills, improve confidence, and learn from their mentor's experiences. To participate, you must be between 15-30 years old;

living in Canada; living with vision loss; have access to a computer and internet connection; able to attend nine one-hour sessions over Zoom.

Deadline: Check website for updates.

A.G. Bell Leadership Opportunities for Teens (LOFT) Program

LOFT is a leadership program designed for high school students who are deaf and hard of hearing. LOFT guides teens in developing or strengthening skills in individual leadership, teamwork, group dynamics, public speaking, and self-advocacy. The 2025 LOFT program is in Washington, D.C., July 29-August 2. Attendees will be split into a freshman-sophomore group and a junior-senior group. Applicants must have completed one year of high school (9th grade) to apply. Fee: \$949.00. See LOFT scholarship information [here](#).

Deadline for LOFT Scholarship application: February 23.

Deadline for LOFT Program application: March 6.

BGC Canada (BGCC) Youth of the Year

Club youth ages 15-21 are encouraged to apply for Youth of the Year by submitting written responses and a video showcasing their achievements, service, and leadership to their Club, school, and community. From the first round of evaluation, six youth are selected as **Youth of the Year** and one youth is selected as **Indigenous Youth of the Year**. All youth will receive media, leadership, and public speaking training. A second and final round of evaluation will take place to determine one final winner to receive special recognition as BGC Canada's **National Youth of the Year**. All seven youth will be awarded their respective prizes, including scholarship funds for postsecondary education. Youth of the Year winners will make a 1.5-year commitment to serve as BGC ambassadors on a local and national level, which includes digital and in-person participation in speaking engagements, media interviews, and networking opportunities. **Application deadline:** March 4. Speak to your Club staff if you're interested in applying.

Canada Service Corps service placements



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service placements are

volunteer opportunities offered to youth aged 15 to 30 through CSC-funded national and regional organizations across Canada. You gain valuable skills and experiences while contributing to your community.

Canada Service Corps: Ships2Shores

Ships2Shores' goal is to reduce barriers to sail training enabling youth to experience the many benefits associated with sailing experience such as pre-employment training, teamwork, resiliency, confidence and caring for oneself and each other. Participants aged 12 to 30 come from diverse under-represented communities. See other programs [here](#).

ER (Earth Rangers) Teens

Are you looking for ways to earn your volunteer hours? ER Teens, a volunteer program for youth aged 13-18, gives teens the opportunity to design an environmental stewardship project in their community with support from an Earth Rangers mentor.

Young Canada Works (YCW)

Looking for a part-time job during the school year? YCW offers short-term jobs and paid internships to students and graduates, including part-time opportunities during the school year. Through job and internship programs, students and graduates can put their skills to the test, build career equity, earn an income, and get started on the right career path. The YCW program creates approximately 2,300 job opportunities per year in the fields of heritage, arts, culture and official languages. Apply [here](#).

CONTESTS & COMPETITIONS

CBC Books: The First Page student writing challenge



CBCBOOKS

The First Page is a
national writing contest

based on the current year's theme and open to all Canadian residents who are full time students enrolled in Grades 7 to 12. Entries will be judged in two age categories: Grades 7 to 9 and Grades 10 to 12. The winner of each category will receive a one-year subscription to [OwlCrate](#), which sends fresh boxes of books to young readers monthly. **Deadline:** See website for 2025 updates.

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Ontario: Concours d'art oratoire – Canada's French Public Speaking Contest

2025 Concours d'art oratoire will be held on Saturday, May 3, at Glendon Campus, York University, in Toronto. The event is open to students in Grades 9-12 who are studying French as a Second Language in Ontario schools in the following four categories: Core, Extended, Immersion and Francophone. Students participate in the competitive Traditional or Impromptu Concours format for cash prizes and scholarships. Only 1st place Grade 11-12 winners from the Traditional Division will move up to the National competition in June. Overview [here](#). FAQs [here](#).

Deadlines:

Step 1: [School Board Registration](#): Online submissions must be received by November 29.

Step 2: [List of Finalists from School Board](#): Online submissions must be received by April 1.

Step 3: [Parent registration for student participants](#): Students under the age of 18 that have won at their school board regional competition and are moving on to the provincial Concours on May 3rd in Toronto must

complete the registration form by April 4.

Inquiries: For additional information, please get in touch with Stéphanie Filippi at projects@on.cpf.ca.

✂ Royal Canadian Legion National Youth Remembrance Contests



Canadian youth and children honour Canada's Veterans and foster the tradition of Remembrance through visual art, writing, and video. The

contests include multiple levels of competition. Cash prizes.

- **Poster Contest and Rabbi Bulka Literary Contest:** Participants compete first at the Legion Branch local level with winning entries moving forward until they reach the provincial level. All entries are to be submitted to the local Legion Branch. Deadline varies by location. Please contact the [Legion Branch nearest you](#) for their specific deadline date for entries.

- **Video Contest:** Participants compete first at the Legion Command provincial level. **Deadline:** December 15.

Provincial finalists of all contests then move forward for final judging by the Legion National Foundation to determine the national winners.

✂ French for the Future National Essay Contest

Open to students in Grades 10-12 who are registered in a French program. Students who took a gap year after their high school graduation may be eligible to participate. Amount: \$1,000 to \$28,000.

Number of awards: 102 scholarships to study at one of the sixteen post-secondary institutions listed on the website.

Deadline: December 20.

✂ Lance ton balado Contest – practicing oral French by creating a podcast

Students between 12 and 18 years old are invited to come together in groups of up to three people and create a podcast in their preferred style. There are many prizes to be won: travel to, and participate in, the [Salon du livre de l'Outaouais](#), podcast production with an expert, etc.

Deadline: January 6, 4 p.m.

✂ Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Canadian National Brain Bee Competition

A neuroscience competition for high school students, Grades 9--12. Students study brain and neuroscience research topics including memory, sleep, intelligence, emotion, perception, stress, aging, brain imaging, neurology, neurotransmitters, genetics, brain disease, and more. The Brain Bee is open to high school students from Grades 9 through 12. The first step to participating in the Canadian National Brain Bee is to find a Local Brain Bee near you. Please check your [local Brain Bee](#) page to find information about registration, date, location, and

study materials. If your local Brain Bee page is not yet updated, you can send an email to your local organizers at the email address listed on the local Brain Bee page. The first-place champion of each local Brain Bee is invited to compete at the Canadian National Brain Bee. The first place champion of the National Bee will go on to represent Canada at the [International Brain Bee \(IBB\)](#).

Prizes for the Canadian National Brain Bee: Cash prizes (\$1500, \$1000, and \$500 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively) and trophies for the top three competitors, as well as engraved medals for all competitors. The top place National champion will also receive an opportunity for an internship in a neuroscience lab.

✂ Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE) Canada

This national competition is open to entrants in two categories: ages 11-14, and ages 15-18. Article, photo, or video submissions must meet a few criteria. Pieces should:

- Investigate solutions to a local environmental issue/problem based on this year's themes of pollution, loss of biodiversity, ecosystem restoration, or climate change that have to be linked to a chosen [Sustainable Development Goal \(SDG\)](#).
- Report on the chosen issue through an article, photo or video.

Students may submit more than one piece and can work individually or in groups of up to three people. Please note, the winners in each category and age group will be publicly displayed and promoted on EcoSchools Canada's social media and website. Competition rules [here](#).

Deadline: March 28.

✂ Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS): Focus on Safety Youth Video Contest



Youth ages 13-19: Use your creativity to develop an original video that can be used

in social media to illustrate the importance of working safely on the job. Ontario is not running youth video contests so Ontario students must enter via the Regional Qualifier Application. You may enter as an individual or as a team. Each individual or team may only enter one submission. The winning individual/team will receive \$1,000 and their school/institution will receive \$1,000. The winning video will also qualify for the national Focus on Safety video contest. The first-place video at the Canadian finals will win \$2,000, second place will receive \$1,500, and third place will receive \$1,000. Check back for details on the 2025 contest.

Deadline: April 17 in 2024.

🔗 Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

Each year, the Barron Prize honors 25 outstanding young leaders ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and the environment. The Barron Prize welcomes applications from public-spirited young people who are, on the April 15 deadline, between the ages of 8 and 18. They must be permanent residents of and currently residing in the U.S.A. or Canada, and currently working on an inspiring service project or have done so within the past twelve months.

Prize: Twenty-five winners are awarded \$10,000 each to be applied to their higher education or to their service project. If there are groups of two on one project, they split the prize.

Deadline: April 15, 5 p.m. MT.

Inquiries: admin@barronprize.org.

TRAVEL & EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

🔗 Experiences Canada Youth Exchange



Experiences Canada offers youth exchanges for participants ages 12-18 years old with groups of ten to thirty young people, and they will cover your travel expenses! Various themes are available including language, sports, music, and history. These reciprocal exchanges offer life-changing experiences that enable young Canadians to build personal skills and self-confidence; form new friendships; deepen their knowledge of a second language, of other histories and cultures, and inspire them to become more actively engaged in their communities. **Apply before December 1 to secure spring travel!**

🔗 Government of Canada: Official Languages Programs (OLP)



Explore: Explore is an intensive, government-funded immersion program offered during the

spring and summer in locations across the country. The sessions are taught at accredited institutions, and students live on campus or with local host families. (See [Sessions](#).) **Cost:** Explore is funded by the Government of Canada allowing most participants to fully engage in the program. The application closing date is **February 4**. It is advisable to apply before this deadline.

🔗 Canada Sports Friendship Exchange Program (CSFEP)

Reciprocal in-person cultural group exchanges for youth between the ages of 12-17. The CSFEP exchanges are aimed at promoting friendship, respect and a better

understanding and appreciation of each other's language, culture, and Canadian heritage. The CSFEP also aims at involving youth exchanges with participants from all walks of life, and encourages underrepresented youth groups, such as youth with disabilities and special needs, visible minorities, and Aboriginal youths to apply. Where local community resources are not available, additional financial support may be requested to ensure accessibility. The group is comprised of a minimum of ten youth participants with one chaperone. Participants must be from a school related group; sport team; or a youth group affiliated with a recognized community organization.

🔗 Outward Bound Canada (OBC)

OBC provides "learning experiences that support physical, social, and emotional skill development and environmental leadership" with a focus on youth underserved with outdoor education. See *Financial Assistance for Youth*, including *Scholarships for BIPOC Youth Leaders*, [here](#).

Inquiries: admissions@outwardbound.ca.

🔗 YMCA's Summer Work Student Exchange (SWSE)

The SWSE program offers youth ages 16 and 17 the opportunity to travel, work, and learn a second official language. Your family must be able to host a youth from another community during the exchange — but if this is a barrier, SWSE will work with you to find a solution. Applications are open!

