



2024 SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY INFORMATION

Dear Student,

Getting scholarships and bursaries is a relatively easy process, but time-consuming. Unfortunately there is NO magic scholarship fairy...if you want someone to give you money than you have to do some work. The work though, isn't particularly hard, and can be very rewarding. I suggest getting your parents to help out. Besides a parent's legitimate desire to help you find money (since that's less they'll have to pay☺), it's also a good way to discuss your future. You will need to:

- spend time cruising this internet and looking over scholarships from various sources (see below)
- read over each scholarship's details to see if it applies to you and your circumstances
- complete the application form, letter, or essay as instructed.

It's that simple, but surprisingly lots of people can't be bothered. Oh well, their laziness is your gain...let the money flow to the ones with work for it! If you're still interested then read on and follow my advice below. Please see me if you have any questions.

Good luck!
Mr. Archibald

FYI -- Scholarships, Bursaries & Loans:

- 1. Scholarships/Awards** -are based on school/community involvement and/or academic merit.
- 2. Bursaries** -are based on financial need and do not need to be paid back.
- 3. Student Loans** -are provided by the Federal and Provincial Governments, Banks, such as the Bank of Montreal and Royal Bank, and other financial institutions. Loans DO need to be paid back, usually on a monthly installment, starting about six months after the completion of your program.

MY ADVICE

1. Start with ScholarshipsCanada.com. and StudentAwards.com. These are great resources with THOUSANDS of scholarship possibilities. You have to create a profile (it's easy, even I could do it) and then they send you dozens of potential scholarship opportunities (based on your profile) which you have to read through and decide whether they fit and/or you're willing to do what's required to apply. Here are the links:
Scholarships Canada: <http://www.scholarshipscanada.com>
Student Awards: <http://www.studentawards.com/>
2. Once you've applied for a couple scholarships keep copies of your application letters to reuse for the next application. They often follow a similar format and want similar information so why invent the wheel. Remember, work smart...not hard.



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3. Check out the specific university/college you've applied to attend. You can try for entrance scholarships when you apply to the university, and once you're accepted (and have a student number) then you can apply to ALL the scholarships available at that school. You'll find this on the post secondary school website under "Financial Aid" or "Scholarships, Awards or Bursaries".
4. I get scholarships sent to me from various agencies then I send the information out to students so regularly check your school email account or check out the Grad Zone section on the GSS website.
5. In March/April I'll have the Golden scholarships organized and you can go through those and apply. For a small town there's a surprising amount of money available so do take advantage of our community's generosity.
6. Check out some of these links below depending on where you're going to school.
BC Government Student Scholarships: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards/>
Student Scholarships: <http://www.studentscholarships.org/>
Scholarships For Aboriginal Students: [Indigenous Scholarship Finder \(sac-isc.gc.ca\)](http://www.sac-isc.gc.ca)
Scholarships for USA: <http://www.edupass.org/finaid/databases.phtml>
7. **MOST IMPORTANTLY -- If you do happen to receive a bursary or scholarship don't forget to write a thank-you letter. Besides being the polite and respectful thing to do, you might be surprised to see that you can win the same scholarship the next year...I know, it worked for me back in my university days! Once again it's surprising how many people skip this step...don't be one of them!**

Other Info

Can Learn Canada: [A - Z Index - CanLearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca)

Student Aid B.C.: www.StudentAidBC.ca

Financial Aid For students With Permanent Disabilities:

<http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/adultspecaled/directory.htm>

Canada – BC integrated Student Loans

- Apply for Canada - BC integrated student financial assistance through StudentAid BC. www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/apply/welcome.htm
- If you're approved for funding, you'll receive a Master Student Financial Assistance Agreement (MSFAA). www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/receiveyourloan/cashyourloan/mastersfaa.htm
- Sign and submit the MSFAA to a designated Canada Post outlet.
- You will receive and manage your funding through the National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC).

For more information visit: www.StudentAidBC.ca or call: 604-660-2610 (have your Social Insurance number available).