



What You Need to Know... Scholarships

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Estimated Costs for University

Tuition	9,200
Books	1,500
Living on Campus	6,700-9,700
Living Off Campus	6,000-9,000
Living At Home	0

*Taken from Mount Royal website

<https://www.mtroyal.ca/Admission/FinancingYourEducation/CostsofEducation/index.htm>

***Keep in mind this does not include food, transportation or entertainment costs..

Key take away message here is that you need to budget.

Check out this budgeting tool from UBC

<https://you.ubc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/ubc-budget-planning-worksheet.pdf>



Scholarships: The Benefits of Applying

- reduce overall current costs
- fewer student loans upon completion of your degree
- looks great on a resume/cv
- many scholarships, not always many applicants
- happier parents



Where to find information

- Guidance office: bulleting board, updated monthly
- WCHS Website/ Scholarship page
- WCHS Weekly Newsletter
- TV Screens
- University(ies) of choice (website)
- Various websites:
 - Scholarship Canada <https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>
 - ScholarTree <https://scholartree.ca/>
 - Yconic <https://yconic.com/>
 - StudentAward <https://studentawards.com/>
 - EducationMatters <https://www.educationmatters.ca/>
 - ScholarAb <https://www.scholarab.ca/>
- * New site by grade 12 student in Medicine Hat





Scholarship Links for Students





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Scholarships

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There are many opportunities for students to earn and achieve financial support for post-secondary studies.

Students should actively seek out and research all available financial support. They can see their guidance counselor for more details. As scholarships and bursaries have firm guidelines and application deadlines, students should leave themselves ample time to complete the application process. Students should make note of all deadlines and ensure they have all documentation on time. There are many opportunities available for scholarships outside of grade 12 as well. It is never too soon to begin seeking opportunities and applying.

A scholarship is awarded first based on academic achievement, while a bursary is awarded primarily based on financial need. Neither has to be repaid. More Information is available from [Student Services](#).

Many post-secondary institutes and scholarship-granting agencies require references. Teachers and administration write many letters for students. Being specific in the purpose of the reference letter and ensuring students are given ample time to complete the letter is always very helpful and makes for a stronger reference.

Western Canada High School-Specific Awards

Related Information

- [Education Matters](#)
- [Student Services](#)
- [Alberta Student Aid](#)
- [Alexander Rutherford Scholarship](#)
- [Scholarships - Useful Links for Students](#)
- [September 2026 - Scholarship Info Update](#)



Awards &
Scholarships
at the
CHS

Deadlines/Timelines and Tips...



- Start early. **Do your research.** This process requires time and effort.
- Majority of award application processes are online –create a profile
- Give yourself and your **References (teacher, coach)** time to complete Applications
- Late/incomplete applications will never be accepted
- Make sure you know the deadline(s)
- Review criteria – Some go through a nomination process from the WCHS Scholarship Committee - (Essays; we want to know who you are; your time to shine!)



Example:

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- **The University of Toronto National Book Award Program** recognizes and rewards the very best Canadian secondary school students, regardless of which university they choose to attend. Western Canada can nominate one student on the basis of superior academic performance (90% average and above), original and creative thought, demonstration of enthusiasm for intellectual exploration and for having a strong involvement in both their school and broader community. Please tell us in a 300-500 word essay and a resume if you are that student. Students nominated for the National Book Award should consider applying for the ***National Scholarship Program***, a tremendous scholarship that covers tuition, residence, books and all incidentals for four years.
 - Due date for the **National Book Award Program**: submission to Mme Plante is **October 1st, 2026**
 - send your essay and resume to Ms. Plante— maplante@cbe.ab.ca
 - Students must apply for admission to U of T by **October 16, 2026**



What are they looking for?

- academic achievement
- employment
- projects
- special awards
- community involvement
- athletics
- humanitarian efforts
- leadership
- volunteerism
- school associations
- creative endeavors
- unique skills
- financial need

Some main ones – General deadlines



- U of T National Book Award – **October**
- U of T National Scholarship (must be selected for the book award) – **October**
- U of T Wolf Scholar Program – **October**
- U of T Lester B Pearson International Scholarship **October**
- Loran Award – **October**
- Queen's University Chancellor Scholarship – **November**
- Terry Fox Humanitarian Award – **December**
- Schulich Leader Scholarship – **January**
- Western University National Scholarship – **February**
- WCHS Alumni Foundation - **April**



Provincial/Calgary Scholarships



Rutherford Scholarship

- Academic awards for Grade 10, 11 and 12 value upwards of \$2,500
- apply after successful admission to your post-secondary institution – usually July/August of your Grade 12 year
<http://studentaid.alberta.ca>



Education Matters/Calgary Foundation

- Local and school specific awards – must apply for them in your graduating year
- Most deadlines are May 1 or 31st
- www.educationmatters.ca
- www.calgaryfoundation.ca





Other Scholarship Opportunities

- Parents' workplaces
- Community Associations/Clubs
- Athletic Associations
- Post-Secondary Institutions





Last, but not least...



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