

Scholarships – September 2025 updates

The Loran Award is an exciting opportunity for students considering university studies in fall 2025. The only award of its kind in Canada, the Loran Award is a four-year leadership enrichment program comprised of summer work experiences, mentorship, annual gatherings, an annual living stipend, a tuition waiver at one of 25 university partners, and a community of people working to build a better world.

It is much more than simply a financial scholarship for post-secondary studies. It is an opportunity to build critical skills and capacity for leadership, to expand horizons by taking on new challenges and exploring diverse experiences, and to join a community of purpose-driven peers who are committed to leaving the world better than they found it.

You will need a referee (like a teacher, coach...) and Mme. Plante will forward your transcripts (contact info: maplante@cbe.ab.ca)

Deadline for all applications is **October 16, 12:00 pm**

<https://loranscholar.ca/becoming-a-scholar>

Virtual info sessions:

- [Session 1: Tues., Sept. 16, at 6 p.m. ET](#)
- [Session 2: Thurs., Sept. 18, at 8 p.m. ET](#)

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, 2025**

(send your essay and resume to Ms. Plante– maplante@cbe.ab.ca)

- **Students must apply for admission to U of T by October 17, 2025**

The National Scholarship at the University of Toronto has opened for applicants. National Scholars receive four years of free tuition, residence, books and incidentals. To be eligible, students must intend to study at U of T, be original and creative thinkers, committed to their school and community, high achiever, intellectual and enthusiastic. You have to be nominated by your school to the Book Award before applying. Deadline: **October 31st, 2025**. For more detailed information, please view the award description at:

<https://future.utoronto.ca/national-scholarship/about/>

THE TD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP is now open for application. The deadline for this prestigious (up to \$70,000) award is **October 22nd, 2025**. This award has been won by Western students in the past. This scholarship is awarded each year to students from across Canada that have shown exceptional initiative in making a meaningful and lasting difference in their community. The focus of these scholarships is **NOT** primarily on rewarding the highest marks. The key criterion is outstanding community leadership.

Please go to www.td.com/scholarships for applications and more information on this fantastic opportunity.

Burns Memorial Fund:

High School Diploma Preparation Assistance

This program is for students requiring financial assistance with costs related to registering for diploma preparation courses. Please submit applications at least two weeks prior to the course start date.

Deadline for Applications: **On-going**.

<https://burnsfund.com/programs/childrens-fund/high-school-students/>

High School Bursary Program

This program is for Calgary high school students who are within two semesters of graduating from grade 12 and who are at risk of dropping out of school for financial reasons. basic living allowance is provided to assist students in covering expenses such as rent, food and transportation. Attendance and marks are monitored monthly. Students require a referral from their high school counsellor and are interviewed by our grants manager.

Deadline for Applications: **On-going**.

<https://burnsfund.com/programs/childrens-fund/high-school-students/>