

Scholarships



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What is a scholarship?

A **scholarship** is a monetary award which is often based on a variety of criteria:

- Academics
- Volunteer work
- Extracurricular activities
- Sports

Financial need may or may not be a factor.



What is a Bursary?

A **bursary** is a monetary grant that is usually based on financial need rather than merit.

The student is in need of financial assistance



Student Government Loans

Both the Federal and Provincial governments provide student loans for post-secondary study.

Students must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents.

Apply through the province that considers them a resident.

AB= automatic \$1500 contribution expectation from student,
Parent salary and savings not expected

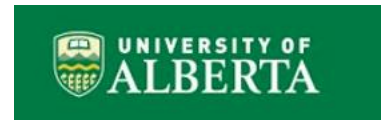
Canada= auto \$1500-\$3000 contribution, parent contribution
required based on income – see parent contribution calculator

[Alberta Student Aid](#)



Types of Scholarships

1. Institution Based Scholarships



Every post-secondary institution will offer first year scholarships for first year students.

Check the institution's web page for a list of these scholarships.

Applying early gives you access to more institution based scholarships, so don't miss out!





Institution Based Entrance Scholarships

Open to students admitted to the post-secondary institute directly from high school.

Students **MUST** apply to the institute in order to be considered.

Students are considered often on their grade point average in high school.



2. Membership Scholarships

Many organizations have scholarships available to members and their families.

Example A.T.A. [\(AB Teachers Association\)](#)

Could include employers, clubs, cultural organizations, religious affiliations, or teams.

Example: [Indigenous Post-Secondary Scholarships and Awards](#)





3. CBE/School Based Scholarships

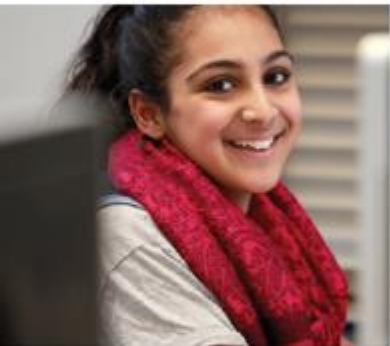
Managed by the Calgary Board of Education and/or Calgary community.

Selected at school or city level.

The typical application time for these is in the **spring** of the student's Grade 12 year.

Scholarship sites for additional information:

- [Education Matters](#)
 - Virtual application information sessions begin in early March linked [here](#)
- [Calgary Foundation](#)





Education Matters Scholarship Examples

M. Cecil Brownlee Bursary

Value

\$250 – \$500 (depending on available funds)

Number

One award is available for each CBE high school

Eligibility

Open to students registered in Grade 10 who are completing the requirements of a high school diploma. Applicants must have obtained at least 35 credits in not more than one year, with a minimum 70% GPA overall. Students' programs must include four (4) grade 10 level subjects, two of which must be English and Social Studies. Applicants must include an official copy of their grade 10 final marks, signed by the school principal or counselor.

Applicants must have demonstrated positive citizenship qualities as revealed by the participation in non-academic activities for the school and community.

Selection will be based on financial need, academic achievement and citizenship.

Deadline: **May 31st 2025**





Education Matters Career Pathways Student Award

Field of Study

Vocational, Technical, or Trades-Related Studies

Value

\$1,000

Number

Three

Eligibility

Open to CBE students who will be completing the requirements of a high school diploma or certificate of achievement in the year of application.

Students must have attended at least two full years of senior high school in the Calgary Board of Education and demonstrate financial need. Applicants are required to provide a statement outlining their need for financial assistance.

Applicants must have achieved a minimum of 10 vocational, technical or trades related credits through Career and Technology Studies courses, Knowledge & Employability (K&E) courses, Work Experience or RAP.

Deadline: **May 30th, 2025**



Investing in the Future Award

Field of Study:

Any

Value:

\$100,000 in total for University (4 year) programs; \$25,000 in year 1, with option to renew award for up to three consecutive years at \$25,000 per year as long as the student remains in good standing with their University.

Number:

10

Eligibility:

Open to students registered in grade 12 who demonstrate financial need and are completing the requirements of a high school diploma. Applicants must have demonstrated academic progress in grade 12 and marks sufficient for entrance to a post-secondary area of study.

Applicants are required to submit proof of financial need.

Applicants are required to submit an original essay of approximately 500 words or a two minute video describing **“the impact on their lives and the impact they hope to have on the world should they receive this opportunity.”**

Students must be planning to attend a Canadian higher education institution.

Deadline: **March 31st, 2025**





Fraser W. Lockwood Memorial Scholarship

One award valued at \$2,500 minimum applied directly to tuition. Renewable for three consecutive years of study as long as student maintains enrollment in a full-time course load (as defined by the institution).

Applicant must:

Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

Be entering first year of full-time undergraduate studies at a Canadian post-secondary institution, immediately following graduation from Grade 12 from either a Public (Calgary Board of Education) or Separate (Calgary Catholic School District) school in Calgary.

Demonstrate financial need.

Have contributed to the community by volunteering through church, community organizations, athletics, and cultural or political activities.

Deadline: **May 30th, 2025**



Aufricht Family Fund Student Award

One or more awards valued at \$4,000-\$5,000 applied directly to tuition. Renewable for three years of consecutive study as long as student achieves good academic standing (cumulative GPA greater than or equal to 2.0) and maintains a full-time course load (as defined by the post-secondary institution). Students planning a gap year may apply.

Applicant must:

Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

Be graduating this year from a Calgary High School or Charter School.

Be entering first year at the University of Calgary or SAIT, pursuing an undergraduate degree or diploma full-time.

Be in need of financial support.

Demonstrate high academic standing (cumulative Grade 12 average greater than or equal to 80%)

Demonstrate leadership and community involvement.

Provide one letter of reference.

Deadline: **May 30th, 2025**



4. Corporate Scholarships

Nationally or provincially selected



Here are a few examples provided below:

- [Burger King Scholarship](#)- December 15th, 2025
- [Scotia Bank National Scholarship](#)- Date TBD
- [TD Canada Trust](#)- October 22nd, 2025





5. Government Scholarships

Alberta: [Alexander Rutherford Scholarship](#)



75% - 80% and higher average in 5 subjects in grade 10 (\$400), 11(\$800), and 12(\$1300).

Different monetary amounts awarded depending on average.

Value varies from \$300 to \$2500

Apply after post secondary acceptance and have all final grade 12 marks (including diploma marks) recorded on transcript.





Where should I start?

1) Do research to gain better understanding of post-secondary costs and budgeting:

- To learn more about approximate costs of post-secondary and how to budget, use the ["Budget for Student Life"](#) tool through Alberta Alis and create a Student Budgeting Plan.
- To learn about institution specific tuition costs of different programs, go to [MyBluePrint](#). Click on 'post-secondary,' 'College and University,' type in preferred program and school and click 'search.' Click on appropriate program and scroll down on 'overview' page to locate tuition costs per year.

Where should I start?

2) Create a scholarship profile using one of the sites below:

- [Scholar Tree](#)
- [Yconic](#)
- [Scholarships Canada](#)

By signing up/creating a profile, scholarship opportunities you may be eligible to apply for will be shared with you regularly via email.

Monthly Scholarship Listings

3) Regularly check updated scholarship listings on Success Centre D2L shell linked [here](#) or on RTHS website linked [here](#)

* Recommendation: To review last year's scholarship listings (available on D2L shell), so you know what scholarships and deadlines are coming up!

Myth # 1

”I have to be a Straight A student”



Myth # 2

”It is a lot of work to apply”



It's Easy.

Start early

Ask early



Myth # 3

“I have nothing to talk about”



What to Write

- Read the question and stick to the theme of the essay
- Share anecdotes and personal stories
- Stand out

Realize Your Potential!

Research

Apply often



Bonus Tips

Read award criteria carefully

Type your application /make it legible

Include your name

Grammar, spelling, & word count

References: Choose wisely, secure early

Make sure application is complete

Financial need/Financial information

Keep an extra copy of your application

Contact information & important updates



Optional sidebar
title/text/date

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