

Scholarships 101



- Tips for finding funding
- Application support
- Local scholarship details
- Helpful websites

<https://lrsdcareerpractitioners.weebly.com/>

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Every effort has been made to keep this information up to date and accurate.

Please note that deadlines/criteria and funding to scholarships can be changed by funders at any time.

If you find errors or changes, please let me know.

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Tips for finding Scholarships, Bursaries and Grants

Scholarships tend to be merit based This means that they are awarded to students with certain qualities, such as proven academic or athletic ability

Grants: focus on a purpose such as financial need or research

Bursaries: focus on need over merit and are often associated with community involvement or leadership

Did you know that often scholarships go unawarded because nobody makes an application?

There has been a shift in the presentation of scholarships to counter them going unawarded. We are seeing many scholarships becoming associated with post-secondary entrance rather than a stand alone application. What that means is once you apply for post-secondary you will be able to select the scholarships you want to apply to through the institutions website.

However, there are still a large number of stand alone scholarships to apply for, lists will be updated on the schools website by closing date.

Create some lists that will help you start your search

1. Extra curricular activities: what do you do inside and outside school
2. Do you have a part time job?
3. Where do your parents work?
4. Where do or did your grandparents work?
5. Are your parents or grandparents involved in community organizations?
6. Do you volunteer or participate in a leadership role?
7. How are your academics?
8. Have you selected and applied to Post-Secondaries?
9. Do you know the scholarships that are offered at your school?
10. Do you know the local scholarships?

Start by creating your list answering the above 10 questions.

Check your schools website and use your favorite search engine to assist you in searching for your scholarships.

Tips on Filling Out a Successful Application

1. Once you have your list, organize it by end dates.
 - a. Give yourself plenty of time to complete application
 - b. Give your references plenty of time to respond
2. Collect your applications and note the criteria, required documents and dates
 - a. Sample of requirements:
 - I. Essays
 - II. References
 - III. Proof of acceptance to post-secondary
 - IV. transcripts
3. Complete and send the application on time by the due date
 - a. This is a competition, late across the line means all your time completing the application is wasted
 - b. There are a few scholarships that will only look at a specific number of entries regardless of the closing date, early is better
4. Have you asked your references?
 - a. Have your references make multiple signed copies of their reference letter
 - b. Do not photocopy one signed copy, make copies but the signature needs to be original
 - c. Who makes a good reference?
 - i. Teachers
 - ii. Coaches
 - iii. Employers or volunteer coordinator
 - iv. Group leaders: eg, Girl guide or Boy scout leader
5. Read the instructions looking for the details
 - a. Make notes of the details
 - b. What are the requirements
 - c. What are they looking for
6. Research, research, research: who is offering the award and why
7. The details will help you answer the scholarship questions
8. The need to know information after you apply:
 - a. When is selection expected
 - b. How are the funds distributed
 - c. When are the funds distributed
9. When you win, let us know. We want to celebrate with you.
10. Keep track of the awards you win, the criteria and the amount, these are important details for your future career or further education
11. Remain humble and grateful, **please send thank you notes** for all awards you receive

Details for Requesting Letters of Reference

- Get to know your references, the more that they know about you, the easier to write a letter
- Provide them with a Personal Profile, even if they know you, it helps to remind them of highlights of your achievements: a) your character b) your accomplishments c) unique characteristics d) community service, clubs, etc. e) awards and prizes f) academic standing if it is relevant to that person g) academic qualities if it is relevant h) interests as they relate to the letter writer
- Be sure that the people you choose will speak positively about you
- If you are applying for several scholarships ask the person writing the letter to either use a "To Whom It May Concern"
- Allow sufficient time (2 -3 weeks) for letters of recommendation or reference letters. Don't ask on Wednesday for a letter needed Friday

Writing a Personal Application Letter or Essay

- Make a list of key points/keywords that need to be covered
- Write an outline or rough draft
- Get to know your audience, who are they?
- If there are no specific requirements for an essay or letter, you should consider the following: •
 - Personal reflection: how specific subjects have influenced you
 - Outline of your interests, hobbies and activities
 - Summarize community involvement and leadership
 - Employment history and volunteer work
- If the instructions do not specify that the letter or essay be handwritten, type the document Use 8 1/2 x 11-inch white paper, one side only.
- Don't assume that a committee will read between the lines. If you have done something noteworthy, include it. Most scholarships will have many worthy candidates. The better job you do of selling yourself, the better your chances are of receiving a scholarship or award
- Edit edit edit!

Matthew Halton Grad Financial Awards

Grade 12 Merit Award *Sponsored by Matthew Halton Booster Club*

Number Available: 1
Value: \$100.00
Conditions & Criteria:

- Substantial increase in effort or noted improvement in performance
- Consistent effort that results in good marks but is short of Honours status
- Overcoming disadvantages to continue as a student in good standing
- Having a positive attitude towards schoolwork, fellow students, and teachers

Application Deadline: Nomination

Most Commendable Student *Sponsored by C.U.P.E. Local 2133*

Number Available: 1
Value: \$500.00
Conditions & Criteria: Courteous, friendly, and helpful
Application Deadline: Nomination

Student of the year *Sponsored by The Royal Bank of Canada*

Number Available: 1 male and 1 female
Value: \$25.00 Visa Gift card
Conditions & Criteria: Friendliness, enthusiasm, and participation are key factors in this selection. These students put forth positive efforts in their coursework and work to their potential.
Application Deadline: Nomination

Harland Pickering Memorial Scholarship *Sponsored by The Harland Family*

Number Available: 1
Value: \$200.00
Conditions & Criteria: This student excels academically and is involved in both school and community extracurricular activities.
Application Deadline: School based application

Tim Salonen Memorial Art and Cooking Scholarships *Sponsored by The Salonen Family*

Number Available: 2
Value: \$500.00
Conditions & Criteria: Grade 12 Art student who enrolls in a post-secondary art program and/or a post-secondary cooking program
Application Deadline: School based application

Senior High Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, and English Language Arts Awards

Number Available: 5 (1 per academic subject)
Value: \$100.00
Conditions & Criteria: Top grade in each category: Biology, Chemistry, English, Math, and Social Studies
Application Deadline: School based calculation

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Pincher Creek Veterinary Clinic Chemistry Award *Sponsored by Pincher Creek Veterinary Clinic*

Number Available: 1
Value: \$75.00
Conditions & Criteria: Presented to the student in Grade 12 with the highest Chemistry 30 mark
Application Deadline: School based calculation

Pincher Creek Veterinary Clinic Biology Award *Sponsored by Pincher Creek Veterinary Clinic*

Number Available: 1
Value: \$75.00
Conditions & Criteria: Presented to the student in Grade 12 with the highest Biology 30 mark
Application Deadline: School based calculation

Dr. Greg Steed and Dr. Mark Leishman Scholarship *Sponsored by Dr. Steed and Dr. Leishman*

Number Available: 1
Value: \$200.00
Conditions & Criteria: Is awarded to the student with the highest combined average for Chemistry 30, Physics 30, and Biology 30
Application Deadline: School based calculation

Pincher Creek Coop Business Bursary *Sponsored by Pincher Creek Coop*

Number Available: 1
Value: \$100.00 gift card
Conditions & Criteria: Presented to a deserving student entering into a business field.
Application Deadline: School based application

Matthew Halton Writing Award

Number Available: 1
Value: \$25.00
Conditions & Criteria: In keeping with the legacy of the man whom our school was named after, this recipient excels in English Language Arts and shows flair for creative writing and journalistic skills.
Application Deadline: School based application

Grade 12 Technical Award *Sponsored by Fountain Tire*

Number Available: 1
Value: \$100.00
Conditions & Criteria: Presented to a student who has excelled in the shop area and is planning on enrolling in a post-secondary technical or trade program.
Application Deadline: School based application

Grade 12 Agricultural Bursary *Sponsored by Pincher Creek Farm Centre & Pincher Creek Breeders Association*

Number Available: 1
Value: \$300.00
Conditions & Criteria: Presented to the student who enrolls in an agricultural or agricultural related program at the post-secondary level.
Application Deadline: School based application

Dr. B.J. Bonertz Scholarship *Sponsored by Bernard Bonertz Professional Corporation*

Number Available: 1
Value: \$150.00
Conditions & Criteria: This award is based on school awarded marks
Application Deadline: School based calculation

Grade 12 Highest Academic Average Award *Sponsored by Matthew Halton Booster Club*

Number Available: 1
Value: \$150.00
Conditions & Criteria: This award is based on school awarded marks and any final marks that include diploma results if available. Awarded to the student who has the highest average in English 30-1, Math 30-1 or Math 30-2, Social Studies 30-1, and one Science (Science 30, Biology 30, Chemistry 30, or Physics 30). If taking more than one science, the highest science mark will be used in the calculation. The student must have a minimum of 80% average.
Application Deadline: School based calculation

Local-ized SCHOLARSHIPS

Environmental Science & Technology Scholarship – Crowsnest – Pincher Creek Landfill

Number Available: 1 for Matthew Halton
Value: \$1 000.00
Conditions & Criteria: Given to a student whose demonstrates interest and concern for protecting the environment from adverse affects caused by our daily living necessities, with emphasis on waste and/or waste water
Application Deadline: September 1st

Pincher Creek Lions Club

Number Available: 1
Value: \$1 000.00
Conditions & Criteria: Financial need, community involvement, academics and school based activities
Application Deadline: May 1st – **See your Career Practitioner for application**

Dr. Lloyd Cavers Student Leadership Scholarship

Number Available: 1 from name forwarded by each high school in LRSD
Value: \$1 000.00
Conditions & Criteria: Given to a student whose leadership abilities have had a positive impact on the school primarily, but also in the wider community.
Application Deadline: **Nomination** must be forwarded by May 14th (date changes yearly)

Enmax Environmental Leadership Scholarship

Number Available: 1 for Livingstone Range School Division
Value: \$1000
Conditions & Criteria: Grade 12 student registered in a post secondary institution in Canada in an eligible program of study of at least two years duration leading to a degree or diploma in an area of environmental studies. Student must also demonstrate environmental leadership and citizenship qualities and hold at least a 65% GPA for grade 12.
Application Deadline: **See Career Practitioner for application**, 1 per school, by May 16th

Glen Keeley Memorial Scholarship

Number Available: 4
Value: \$2000
Conditions & Criteria: Student who is registered at any post secondary institution including technical and trade schools. Must be a Can. Citizen, AB resident and attended school in Fort Macleod, Pincher Creek, Claresholm, Stavely, or Nanton for at least 1 year. Awarded to a student with good academic standing in grade 12, or previous year of post secondary, and who demonstrate qualities of leadership, community spirit, and involvement in extra-curricular activities
Application Deadline: August (date varies)

Kinsmen/Kinette (Hal Rogers Endowment Fund)

Number Available: Varies, dependant on qualified applicants
Value: \$1 000.00
Conditions & Criteria: Must demonstrate high ideals and qualities of citizenship.
Application Deadline: February 1st (to a Kinsmen / Kinette member)

Provincial 4-H Scholarships – Growing Alberta

Number Available: 5
Value: \$750
Conditions & Criteria: A 4-H member, attending an eligible institution, see application for details
Application Deadline: January 31st

Livingstone Macleod Association Bursary Fund

Number Available: 1 LRSD student
Value: \$2000.00
Conditions & Criteria: Grade 12 student enrolled in a TRADE via post-secondary route. Must be registered at Olds, SAIT, U of L, Lethbridge College, NAIT (if not offered through SAIT) or U of A Agricultural Faculty. **See counsellor for application.**
Application Deadline: May 16th

The Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary Alberta - NWT Command

Number Available: Undetermined, dependant on qualified applicants
Value: \$500.00
Conditions & Criteria: For Alberta and NWT students entering first year University, Schools of Technology and Art, Nursing Programs, and all recognized colleges. Must be a graduate of the previous or current year. Must have had a parent, grandparent or great grandparent in the service.
Application Deadline: June 30th

Woodman White Olsen & Co., LLP

Number Available: 1 southern Albertan students
Value: \$3 000.00 each (divided over 3 years)
Conditions & Criteria: For students pursuing a Business Management degree with a focus in accounting.
Application Deadline: August

IODE Coronation Bursary

Number Available: Min of 2
Value: \$1 000.00 each
Conditions & Criteria: High school student entering any degree granting program in Alberta. The student must have resided in Alberta for at least 3 years prior to the application.
Financial need
Application Deadline: July

Merit Contractors Association - CTS

Number Available: 1
Value: \$300
Conditions & Criteria: High school student entering any degree granting program in Alberta. The student must have resided in Alberta for at least 3 years prior to the application.
Financial need
Application Deadline: Feb 28th (This is a new deadline date for 2019)

Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund

Alexander Rutherford High School Achievement

Number Available: Everyone that qualifies gets funds
Value: Based on grades
Conditions & Criteria: Be enrolled in a full-time post-secondary program of at least one semester in length or be an apprenticeship student. Have attained a minimum average of 75%(non rounded)calculated on marks in 5 designated subjects in any of the three years of high school
Application Deadline: No deadline

Scholarships for students attending first year post-secondary

Alberta Teachers Association Local #14

Number Available: 3
Value: \$500.00
Conditions & Criteria: Student who attains the highest average from their most recent semester in the Faculty of Education (must provide proof of acceptance in the Education faculty) OR a student of Local #14 teacher attending post-secondary (awarded based on marks).
Application Deadline: Oct 31st

Student Loans

Alberta Student Aid <http://studentaid.alberta.ca/applying-for-funding/>

Canada Student Loans Program http://www.cibletudes-canlearn.ca/eng/loans_grants/loans/apply.shtml

Your local bank or credit union will also offer student loans, lines of credit and student banking options

Post-Secondary and Training

applyalberta.ca Common online application for numerous Alberta post secondary institutions
alis.alberta.ca Premiere site for after high school: Student Loans, Career Transitions, Scholarships, etc.
schoolsincanada.com Searches and links to institutions outside of AB
canlearn.ca Gov't of Canada site for learning after high school
aucc.ca Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada
collegenet.com/ Directory of colleges in the USA
educationindex.com/ Post secondary index for the USA
embark.com College edge career search USA
tradesecrets.alberta.ca Apprenticeship and labor market info

Scholarship Databases and Websites

<http://www.findmyscholarships.com/> Database of scholarships
studentawards.com Database for scholarships.
alis.alberta.ca/et/fo/pay/scholarships.html ALIS Alberta Scholarships And Bursaries
scholarshipscanada.com/ databases to find national and provincial scholarships
[yconic](http://yconic.com) Database for scholarships and supports for funding your education.
<http://oncampus.macleans.ca/education/scholarship-finder/> Maclean's Scholarship Finder Data Base
Tradesecrets.alberta.ca AlbertaTrades

Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

ACCD – Education for Life Bursary

<http://www.accd.net>

Council for Exceptional Children

<http://www.cec.sped.org/About-Us/CEC-Award-Programs>

Shire ADHD Scholarship

<http://www.shireadhd scholarship.com>

Learning Disability or ADHD

<http://ldalberta.ca/downloads/scholarshipsawards>

Association of Universities & Colleges of Canada

<http://www.juno.aucc.ca>

Disability Awards

<http://www.disabilityawards.ca>

It is a good idea to keep an eye on the schools website for updated scholarship information.