

Matthew Halton High School

Scholarship Guide



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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.

Tips for finding Scholarships, Bursaries and Grants

Scholarships – Awards for merit or involvement in areas such as: academic, leadership, community involvement, athletics, clubs, associations, employers and interests

Grants and Bursaries – Awarded based on financial need or specific criteria

You miss out on 100% of the scholarship, grant or bursary money you do not apply for! Applications can take anywhere from a few minutes to hours to complete, but the process starts long before sitting down to apply.

Over the years we have seen a shift in scholarships, moving towards community involvement, leadership and strong personal character.

To help get you started, here are a few questions:

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 grades?
8. Have you selected and applied to Post-Secondary institutions?
 - a. What scholarships are offered?
 - b. Do they have individual applications or automatic?
9. What scholarships are offered at your high school?
10. Do you know the local (Community Based) scholarships?

Once you have answered these questions the fun begins, time to start your search.

If you get stuck, there are resources on the last page of this booklet to help you in your search

Once you find awards to apply for, what's next?

1. Make a list
2. Ask for help
3. Keep reading here – Next section - Tips

Tips on Filling Out a Successful Application

1. Now that you have a list of Scholarships:
 - a. Organize the applications by closing dates and time
 - b. Create your “To Do” list and schedule
 - c. Collect supporting documents

Most often Need	Might Need
I. Acceptance letter for post-secondary including program details	I. Essays
II. High school transcripts	II. References
	III. Proof of participation
	IV. Support verifying financial need

2. Collecting your documents:
 - a. Transcripts – request your sealed transcript through your [MyPass](#) account
 - b. Acceptance letter – this will be emailed to you after you accept your offer from the post-secondary institution
 - c. References – ask your references early so they have time to write the best support letter for you. Some applications will only require name and contact information for your reference, please communicate with your references regularly about your applications
 - d. Financial documents – in some cases you will be asked to include personal or family income details such as your line 150 of the most recent tax return
 - e. Proof of participation – certificates, employment records, membership fees/dues, letter from organization
 - f. Essays – students tend to avoid these, however you have an amazing support system to help you write these – Ask for help: Parents, Teachers, Counsellors
3. Selecting References:
 - a. The best references are the people who believe in you the most, can identify your strengths and personal characteristics (teachers, coaches, employers or volunteer coordinator, group leaders)
 - b. Ask for support early, respect their time
 - c. Confirm correct spelling of their name and contact information
 - d. Ask for multiple signed copies of reference letters, copies are okay with original signature
4. Read the application instructions:
 - a. Identify the requirements, key words and organization details
5. Research, research, research: who is offering the award and why?
 - a. The details will help you answer the scholarship questions or essay if needed
6. You have applied, now what are the key details:
 - a. Selection dates or announcement dates
 - b. How and when are the funds distributed
7. When you win, let us know. We want to celebrate with you.
8. In gratitude, **please send thank you notes** for all awards you receive

Requesting Reference Letters

- Provide them with a Personal Profile, even if they know you, provide them with highlights:
 - Unique characteristics and strengths
 - Involvement in community service, clubs, teams or organizations
 - Hobbies and interests
 - Accomplishments
 - Awards and prizes
 - Academic standing
 - Work history
- Allow sufficient time (2 -3 weeks) for letters of recommendation or reference letters.

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? Do they offer tips on their website?
- If there are no specific requirements for an essay or letter, you should consider the following:
 - Personal reflection: how a specific subject has influenced you
 - Outline of your interests, hobbies and activities
 - Summarize community involvement and leadership
 - Employment history and volunteer work
- Letters and essays, unless specifically instructed to present hand written, are typed, double spaced and only printed on one side. If you are submitting the document electronically it will need to be a PDF
- 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!
- Ask for help: proof readers, teachers or someone who has excellent writing skills.

Matthew Halton Grad Awards

Title	Awards	Amount	Selection	Criteria
Grade 12 Merit Award	1	\$100	Nomination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Most Commendable Student	1	\$500	Nomination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courteous, friendly, and helpful
Student of the Year	2	\$25	Nomination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One male and one female • \$25 Visa gift card each • Friendliness, enthusiasm, and participation are key factors in this selection. These students put forth positive efforts in their coursework and work to their potential.
Harland Pickering Memorial Scholarship	1	\$200	Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This student excels academically and is involved in both school and community extracurricular activities.
Tim Salonen Memorial Art and Cooking Scholarships	2	\$500	Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 12 Art student who enrolls in a post-secondary art program and/or a post-secondary cooking program
Senior High Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, and English Language Arts Awards	5	\$100	Calculation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One award per subject • Top grade in each category: Biology, Chemistry, English, Math, and Social Studies
Pincher Creek Veterinary Clinic Chemistry Award	1	\$75	Calculation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented to the student in Grade 12 with the highest Chemistry 30 mark
Pincher Creek Veterinary Clinic Biology Award	1	\$75	Calculation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented to the student in Grade 12 with the highest Biology 30 mark

Matthew Halton Grad Awards

Title	Awards	Amount	Selection	Criteria
Dr. Greg Steed and Dr. Mark Leishman Scholarship	1	\$200	Calculation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is awarded to the student with the highest combined average for Chemistry 30, Physics 30, and Biology 30
Pincher Creek Coop Business Bursary	1	\$100	Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gift Card Presented to a deserving student entering into a business field.
Matthew Halton Writing Award	1	\$25	Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Grade 12 Technical Award	1	\$100	Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented to a student who has excelled in the shop area and is planning on enrolling in a post-secondary technical or trade program.
Grade 12 Agricultural Bursary	1	\$300	Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented to the student who enrolls in an agricultural or agricultural related program at the post-secondary level.
Dr. B.J. Bonertz Scholarship	1	\$150	Calculation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This award is based on school awarded marks
Grade 12 Highest Academic Average Award	1	\$150	Calculation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

For applications, please see the School Office

Local Scholarships

Title (Link)	Awards	Amount	Deadline	Criteria
Environmental Science & Technology Scholarship – Crowsnest – Pincher Creek Landfill	1	\$1000	September 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
Pincher Creek Lions Club	1	\$1000	May 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial need, community involvement, academics and school based activities Applications – see Career Practitioner Note – this date is not the same as the national applications
Glen Keeley Memorial Scholarship	4	\$2000	August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
4-H Scholarships – Alberta	Multiple		May 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications open March 1 Eligibility varies depending on the specific award. Please see the website for details.

Alberta High School Apprenticeship Scholarships

Title (Link)	Awards	Amount	Deadline	Criteria
High School Apprenticeship Scholarships	900	\$1000		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident or Protected Person (Visa students are not eligible), and Alberta resident as defined by the address on file in MyTradesecrets Graduating high school Registered Apprenticeship Program OR have successfully completed a Career and Technology Studies apprenticeship pathway through an Alberta high school No application needed

Livingstone Range School Division Scholarships

Title (Link)	Awards	Amount	Deadline	Criteria
Dr. Lloyd Cavers Student Leadership Scholarship	1	\$1000	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination • Each LRSD high school can nominate one grade 12 student • All nominees not selected for the award receive \$200.00 in recognition of the students' distinct contributions • Awarded to a student whose leadership abilities have had a positive impact on the school primarily, but also in the wider community
Enmax Environmental Leadership Scholarship	1	\$1000	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application – available at your high school in April • 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
Livingstone Macleod Association Bursary Fund	1	\$2000	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application – available at your high school in April • 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

Alberta High School Scholarships

The Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary Alberta - NWT Command	Multiple	\$500	August 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • For criteria details and application, please visit the website
IODE Coronation Bursary	2	\$1000	July 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

Alberta Scholarships Categories

<u>Academic</u>	<u>Athletic</u>	<u>Citizenship and Leadership</u>
<u>Indigenous</u>	<u>Language</u>	<u>Technology</u>

Extensive list of Available at [Student Aid Alberta](#)

Alexander Rutherford Scholarship

No application time deadlines and can apply at any time during their post-secondary study period.

For detailed eligabilty and application information – [Alexander Rutherford scholarchip](#)

GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Average of 75% to 79.9% in 5 subjects \$300	Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in 5 subjects \$500	Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in 5 subjects \$700
Average of 80.0% or higher in 5 subjects \$500	Average of 80.0% or higher in 5 subjects \$800	Average of 80.0% or higher in 5 subjects \$1300

Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

[Education for Life Bursary](#)

[Council for Exceptional Children](#)

[National Educational Association of Disabled Students \(NEADS\)](#)

Scholarship Databases

[Government of Canada Scholarships](#)
[Trade Secrets](#) – Alberta Trades and Apprentice

[Scholarships Canada](#)
[Student Awards](#)

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