



Guidance Services

The Scholarship Process – How do I get started?

Step One

- Do your research.
- See the back of this sheet for some places you can start looking at.
- There are thousands of scholarships.
- It is your responsibility to find what will suit your needs and your individual criteria.
- Create a list of ALL of the potential scholarships you may be eligible for.
- If the list is large, you may want to narrow it down a bit by carefully reading the criteria of the scholarship and ensuring that you fit into these criteria.

Step Two

- Read each scholarship application thoroughly and begin completing the applications as required
- If necessary, start collecting letters of recommendations from teachers, supervisors, coaches, etc.
- If necessary, transcripts may be ordered from the Guidance Secretary at a cost of \$3. Please place your order at least 48 hours prior to when you need it.
- The onus is on YOU to research, prepare and follow through each application; the Guidance Department will assist you.
- If you need help, now is when you could make an appointment to meet with your Guidance Counsellor.

Some Things to Remember!

- Most successful scholarship applicants have excellent, well-balanced qualifications for their application. Qualities may include dedication to academics, contribution to community service beyond 40 hours and involvement in extra-curricular activities.
- Please MAKE NOTE and adhere to scholarship deadlines.
- All school nominated/sponsored scholarships must be handed into guidance at least 3 weeks prior to the scholarship deadline.
- You must be genuinely committed to the scholarship process which is quite involved and time-consuming – but may be very rewarding.

Scholarship Resources

- Westmount Website, Guidance Page
www.westmount.ci.yrdsb.edu.on.ca
- Ontario Universities Website
www.electronicinfo.ca
- Ontario Colleges Website
www.ontariocolleges.ca
- Database of Scholarships
www.studentsawards.com
- National Scholarship Database
www.scholarshipscanada.com
- Canada Student Loans Programs:
www.hrdc.drhc.gc.ca/student_loans
- Investor Learning Centre of Canada
www.Investorlearning.ca
- Assistance with housing costs:
www.share.on.ca
- One-stop resource from the federal government
www.canlearn.ca
- Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada
www.aucc.ca
- International Schools
www.pennybisset.com
- Each College or University website
i.e. www.utoronto.ca