External Bursaries & Scholarships

Taking advantage of these external resources and applying to as many awards as you can is *strongly encouraged*. The awards are organized by deadline date and are for post-secondary students in financial need who are performing with an average or above-average G.P.A. Some of these awards are program specific and/or require additional documents for applying. Remember to take the time to review your application and ensure that it is completed correctly before submitting.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact:

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Toronto, ON  
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1. CFUW: Linda Souter Humanities Award

**Deadline:** N/A

**Amount:** $6,000

**Field of Study:** Humanities, including: *English Language and Literature, History, Languages Study, Classics, Philosophy, Film Studies, Communication Studies, and Culture Studies*

***Description:*** *Post-secondary students pursuing a degree in the humanities field*

<http://www.cfuw.org/en-ca/fellowshipsawards/listoffellowshipsandawards.aspx>

1. Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation Education Fund

***Deadline:*** *N/A*

***Amount:*** *varies*

***Field of Study:*** *N/A*

***Description:*** *The fund finances low-income students with unique courses and/or under very unique circumstances, student exchanges and organized school events and trips. The fund does not give financial support towards tuition, fees, supplies, or living expenses*

[*https://www.dcfund.ca/index.php?id=education-support*](https://www.dcfund.ca/index.php?id=education-support)

1. Ken Dryden Youth-in-Care Bursary

***Deadline:*** *N/A*

***Amount:*** *$3,000, or 80% of tuition and fees*

***Field of Study:*** *N/A*

***Description:*** *Applicants must be from or in the Child welfare system*

[*https://youthincare.ca/ken-dryden-scholarship/*](https://youthincare.ca/ken-dryden-scholarship/)

1. Ontario Power Generation: John Wesley Memorial Award

**Deadline:** N/A

**Amount:** $5,000

**Field of Study:** Engineering, law, environmental studies, business, Indigenous studies, communications, human resources, technology, trades or other disciplines related to Ontario Power Generation’s business

**Description:** An award granted to students of Indigenous ancestry currently enrolled full-time at an accredited university in Ontario

[*https://www.opg.com/working-with-opg/careers/student-awards/Pages/John-Wesley-Beaver-Memorial-Award.aspx*](https://www.opg.com/working-with-opg/careers/student-awards/Pages/John-Wesley-Beaver-Memorial-Award.aspx)

1. Ontario Power Generation: University Engineering Award

**Deadline:** N/A

**Amount:** $2,400

**Field of Study:** Electrical, computer, mechanical, chemical, environmental, or nuclear engineering

**Description:** The award is offered to a qualified student that is a member of an employment equity target group (women, Indigenous people, people with disabilities, or visible minorities). The applicant must be currently enrolled full-time and be in their second year of an electrical, computer, mechanical, chemical, environmental or nuclear engineering program

[*https://www.opg.com/working-with-opg/careers/student-awards/Pages/University-Engineering-Award.aspx*](https://www.opg.com/working-with-opg/careers/student-awards/Pages/University-Engineering-Award.aspx)

1. Kin Canada Bursaries

**Deadline:** February 1

**Amount:** $1, 000

**Field of Study:** Any

***Description:*** *The bursaries are open to students enrolled in an accredited post-secondary program full-time. Applicants will demonstrate financial need, volunteer involvement and knowledge of Kin Canada*

[*https://www.kincanada.ca/apply*](https://www.kincanada.ca/apply)

1. Indspire: Post-Secondary Education

**Deadline:** February 1, August 1 and November 1, at 11:59 p.m. EST

**Field of Study:** Any

**Description:** For Indigenous students attending full-time studies in a post-secondary program

[*https://indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships/*](https://indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships/)

1. RBC: Indigenous Student Awards Program

***Deadline:*** *February 28, 11:59 EST*

***Amount:*** *$5,000*

***Field of Study:*** *Any*

***Description:*** *For Indigenous applicants in financial need that are enrolled in full-time studies at an accredited post-secondary institution. Applicants must have at least two more years of post-secondary studies remaining*

[*http://aboriginalstudents.ca/site-sponsors/rbc/*](http://aboriginalstudents.ca/site-sponsors/rbc/)

1. Indspire: The Bill Messenger Scholarship

**Deadline:** March 1, at 11:59 p.m. EST

**Amount:** up to $10,000

**Field of Study:** Any

**Description:** To support self-identifying Indigenous men attending post-secondary studies and have demonstrated commitment to the Friendship Centre Movement in Ontario

[*https://indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships/*](https://indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships/)

1. Rapid Access to Medical Specialists Bursaries

**Deadline:** March 1

**Amount:** $100 - $500

**Field of Study:** Any

**Description:** Applicants will be chosen based on academic merit, volunteerism and a written essay explaining the need for the bursary

[*https://www.rapidaccesstomedicalspecialists.ca/scholarships*](https://www.rapidaccesstomedicalspecialists.ca/scholarships)

1. Rapid Access to Medical Specialists Scholarship

**Deadline:** March 1

**Amount:** $100 - $1,000

**Field of Study:** Any

**Description:** Applicants will be chosen based on academic merit, volunteerism and a written essay on a topic related to the medical field

[*https://www.rapidaccesstomedicalspecialists.ca/scholarships*](https://www.rapidaccesstomedicalspecialists.ca/scholarships)

1. Miziwe Biik: Post-Secondary and Apprenticeship Bursary

**Deadline:** March 28, at 12:00 p.m. EST

**Amount:** N/A

**Field of Study:** Any

**Description:** For Indigenous students living within the Greater Toronto Area that are enrolled in a full-time post-secondary program at an accredited institution

[*http://miziwebiik.com/services/awards-and-bursaries/bursary/*](http://miziwebiik.com/services/awards-and-bursaries/bursary/)

1. NWAC: Helen Bassett Commemorative Student Award

**Deadline:** March 28, at 12:00 p.m. EST

**Amount:** $1,000

**Field of Study:** Any, preference given to law or justice related fields

**Description:** Awards are given to 4 Indigenous women, under 31 years of age, currently enrolled in post-secondary studies that can demonstrate financial need. They also must express a commitment to improving the situation of Indigenous women and youth politically, culturally, economically, or otherwise

[*https://www.nwac.ca/get-involved/helen-bassett-award/*](https://www.nwac.ca/get-involved/helen-bassett-award/)

1. Desjardins Foundation Scholarship

**Deadline:** March 31

**Amount:** N/A

**Field of Study:** Any

***Description:*** *Successful applicants have community and volunteer involvement, commitment to their studies and show financial need*

[*https://www.desjardins.com/ca/about-us/social-responsibility-cooperation/education-cooperation/desjardins-foundation/academic-scholarships/index.jsp*](https://www.desjardins.com/ca/about-us/social-responsibility-cooperation/education-cooperation/desjardins-foundation/academic-scholarships/index.jsp)

1. Ontario Expropriation Association Bursary

***Deadline:*** *March 31*

***Amount:*** *$2,000*

***Field of Study:*** *Accounting, business, Management, Economics, Land use management, Development Law (LL.B, J.D., B.C.L.) or any program related to the field of expropriation*

***Description:*** *Students must write a paper with a topic related to expropriation and submit to the Ontario Expropriation Association*

[*http://www.oea.on.ca/bursary/bursary/BursaryForm.pdf*](http://www.oea.on.ca/bursary/bursary/BursaryForm.pdf)

1. Meridian’s Commitment to Communities Sean Jackson Scholarship

**Deadline:** April 30, at 11:59 p.m. EST

**Amount:** $10,000

**Field of Study:** Any

**Description:** For secondary students entering their first year of studies at a Canadian college or university. The applicant must display outstanding commitment to their community though volunteering that involves initiating community projects and/or demonstrating leadership

[*https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/Scholarships/52083/Meridian-s-Commitment-to-Communities-Sean-Jackson-Scholarship*](https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/Scholarships/52083/Meridian-s-Commitment-to-Communities-Sean-Jackson-Scholarship)

1. Ontario Clean Water Agency: Environmental Scholarship

**Deadline:** April 30

**Amount:** $2,500 + one paid co-op work term with OCWA

**Field of Study:** Environmental co-op program

**Description:** Supports a high-achieving Indigenous student who has demonstrated interest in environmental issues with an emphasis on water and wastewater treatment

[*http://www.ocwa.com/sites/default/files/ocwa\_indigenous\_application\_and\_info\_form\_0.pdf*](http://www.ocwa.com/sites/default/files/ocwa_indigenous_application_and_info_form_0.pdf)

1. Tourism Cares Academic Scholarships

**Deadline:** April 1, 11:59 EST

**Amount:** Varies

**Field of Study:** Tourism, travel, or hospitality related program

**Description:** open to students enrolled in post-secondary studies in the United States or Canada. Successful applicants are chosen based on academic merit

[*https://www.tourismcares.org/academic-scholarships/*](https://www.tourismcares.org/academic-scholarships/)

1. Retail Education Scholarship Program

**Deadline:** May 1

**Amount:** $1,000-$5,000

**Field of Study:** Retail, business, fashion, marketing, or any retail related post-secondary program

**Description:** For students *interested in a career in retail and are currently working within the retail industry while pursuing their education. Selected winners will also have the opportunity to attend STORE – Canada’s BIGGEST Retail Conference – and the Excellence in Retailing Awards Gala held in Toronto*

[*https://www.retailcouncil.org/resources/education/retail-education-scholarship-program/*](https://www.retailcouncil.org/resources/education/retail-education-scholarship-program/)

1. Student Essay Contest

**Deadline:** May 1

**Amount:** $500-$1,500

**Field of Study:** Any

**Description:** Applicants write an essay on the given topic relating to public policy and the role of markets. Contest is open to undergraduate and graduate students

[*https://www.fraserinstitute.org/education-programs/west/students/essay-contest*](https://www.fraserinstitute.org/education-programs/west/students/essay-contest)

1. RBC: Capital Markets Scholarship for Woman and Diversity Scholarship

***Deadline:*** *May 31, 11:59 p.m. EST*

***Amount:*** *$5,000 + summer employment*

***Field of Study:*** *Business, economics or engineering program*

***Description:*** *Awards for women and anyone who identifies as a visible minority, female, Indigenous, LGBT+, Veterans, and/or persons with disabilities. Successful candidates will have an opportunity to work as a summer analyst at RBC Capital Markets in Toronto. Recipients will also be paired with a senior professional at RBC Capital Markets, who will serve as a mentor*

[*https://www.rbccm.com/en/careers/scholarships.page*](https://www.rbccm.com/en/careers/scholarships.page)

1. Dr. Tomer Levy Memorial Bursary

***Deadline:*** *May 31*

***Amount:*** *$5,000 and summer employment*

***Field of Study:*** *Medical related program*

***Description:*** *Indigenous student applicants must be in good academic standing, display financial need and must desire to work in the Indigenous community upon completion of their education*

[*http://www.aht.ca/nr/bursaries-and-awards*](http://www.aht.ca/nr/bursaries-and-awards)

1. BluEarth Renewables – Aboriginal Clean Energy Scholarship

**Deadline:** June 1 at 11:59 PM EST

**Amount:** $3, 000

**Field of Study:** clean energy related field

***Description:*** *Applicants must provide an application demonstrating academic merit, community involvement and explain how their studies could be transferable to the clean energy sector. Successful candidates will have an opportunity to work with a BluEarth employee who will act as a mentor during throughout their academic year*

[*https://bluearthrenewables.com/blugiving/aboriginal-clean-energy-scholarship/*](https://bluearthrenewables.com/blugiving/aboriginal-clean-energy-scholarship/)

1. De Beers Group Scholarship for Canadian Women

**Deadline:** June 1 at 11:59 PM EST

**Amount:** $4,800 USD

**Field of Study:** Any

***Description:*** *The awards promote the inclusion of women, especially from Indigenous communities, in post-secondary education. Applicants must be a female Canadian entering into their first-year of an undergraduate program at an accredited university. The applicants must also be enrolled in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) or STEM-related program to qualify*

[*https://debeersgroup.scholarshipscanada.com/mydocuments/index.do*](https://debeersgroup.scholarshipscanada.com/mydocuments/index.do)

1. Husky Energy Scholarships for Indigenous Students

**Deadline:** Last business day before June 1

**Amount:** $3,500-$5,000

**Field of Study:** Business, Engineering, Geosciences, Environmental Studies, Computer Sciences, Law or skilled trades, including power engineering and instrumentation courses

**Description:** Applicants must demonstrate financial need and provide work experience and community involvement. Award winners will receive funding each year until their program of study is completed

[*https://huskyenergy.com/responsibility/indigenous-relations/scholarships.asp*](https://huskyenergy.com/responsibility/indigenous-relations/scholarships.asp)

1. The Cover Guy Scholarship

**Deadline:** July 1

**Amount:** $500

**Field of Study:** Any

**Description:** Applicants must be enrolled at an accredited post-secondary institution and write an article on a Cover Guy chosen topic, as well as, explain why they are applying for the scholarship

[*https://www.thecoverguy.com/ca/the-cover-guy-annual-scholarship/*](https://www.thecoverguy.com/ca/the-cover-guy-annual-scholarship/)

1. Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Awards

**Deadline:** August 31

**Amount:** $1,000

**Field of Study:** Any

***Description:*** *Awards individuals of Indigenous heritage who have embraced a* renewed *pursuit of learning. Applicants must have resumed studies and completed one full year or more following a minimum of 12 months out of school*

[*https://www.canadapost.ca/web/en/pages/aboutus/details.page?article=aboriginaleducation*](https://www.canadapost.ca/web/en/pages/aboutus/details.page?article=aboriginaleducation)

1. Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarship

***Deadline:*** *October 25*

***Amount:*** *$5,000*

***Field of Study:*** *any*

***Description:*** *Applicants are entering their first-year post-secondary education and exhibit commitment towards completing their program. Applicants need to demonstrate critical financial need and display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity*

[*https://horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships/about-our-scholarships-programs/provincial-programs/*](https://horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships/about-our-scholarships-programs/provincial-programs/)

1. Gil Purcell Memorial Journalism Scholarship for Indigenous Peoples

**Deadline:** November 1

**Amount:** $4,000

**Field of Study:** Any, journalism preferred

**Description:** To encourage Indigenous peoples to pursue a career in journalism. The applicant must be already attending a post-secondary institution and should be enrolled in a journalism program or actively involved with a news organization associated with the institution (ex; student paper or broadcast station)

[*https://www.thecanadianpress.com/about/careers/gil-purcell-memorial-journalism-scholarship/*](https://www.thecanadianpress.com/about/careers/gil-purcell-memorial-journalism-scholarship/)

1. Canada Graduate Scholarships-Masters Program

**Deadline:** December 1, at 8:00p.m. EST

**Amount:** $17,500 for 12 months, non-renewable

**Field of Study:** Graduate program at the master’s or doctoral level in any discipline or area

**Description:** To help develop research skills and assist in the training of highly qualified personnel by supporting students who demonstrate a high standard of achievement in undergraduate and early gradate studies

[*http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSM-BESCM\_eng.asp*](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSM-BESCM_eng.asp)

1. CFUW: Aboriginal Women’s Award

**Deadline:** December 3

**Amount:** $10,000

**Field of Study:** Law, Medicine, Nurse Practitioner or a Masters in Aboriginal Studies

**Description:** Designed to honour Dr. Marion Elder Grant’s life-long commitment to education of women

[*http://www.cfuw.org/en-ca/fellowshipsawards/listoffellowshipsandawards.aspx*](http://www.cfuw.org/en-ca/fellowshipsawards/listoffellowshipsandawards.aspx)

\* For more external awards resources, please visit the External Awards page on the York University Student Financial Services webpage: <https://sfs.yorku.ca/scholarships/external>