

Scholarship Information

Scholarship 101

- **Scholarship:** A non-repayable sum of money awarded to a student to help finance education. Most scholarships are based on merit in areas ranging from academic achievement to athletics. Usually, scholarships are not based on financial need.
- **Award:** An award is given in recognition of outstanding achievement. Awards may be in the form of books, plaques, subscriptions or money. A monetary award is usually called a scholarship or bursary.
- **Bursary:** A non-repayable grant of money, bursaries are awarded primarily based on financial need.
- **Loan:** Financial assistance that must be repaid.
- **Entrance Award/Scholarship:** A scholarship or award given to a student entering first year at university. Most are automatic – see university websites for further details.
- **Automatic:** No application is necessary; the student file will automatically be considered.
- **Renewable:** A scholarship that will be renewed for each year of university, assuming the student maintains the required academic performance.
- **In-course Award/Scholarship:** Awarded to students already enrolled in university studies, beyond the first year level.

Some major external awards

Loran Awards

- **Recognizes:** Character, leadership, service to the community service, and academic excellence.
- **Awards:** *Loran Award:* 30 awards of up to \$80,000. Renewable for 4 years at partner universities, mentoring and summer programs. *Loran Finalist Award:* 40 entrance awards of \$3,000 for those who were interviewed at nationals but not selected as Loran Scholars. *Loran Provincial Award:* 40 entrance awards of \$2,000 for those not invited to national level interviews.
- **Eligibility:** Minimum r-score of 29, full-time studies, pre-university program, going to university the following year.
- **Application deadline:** *Sponsored* applicants are selected by Academic Advisors in early October based on their application essays and references. *Direct* applications are due later in October
- **Website:** www.loranaward.ca

Desjardins Foundation Scholarships

- **Recognizes:** Commitment to studies, community involvement, financial need, good grades. Will also consider educational and career goals, determination and perseverance, particular personal circumstances
- **Award:** Total of nearly \$1 million awarded to Cegep and University students
- **Eligibility:** Full-time studies, primary residence in Quebec
- **Application deadline:** January – February 2018
- **Website:** www.desjardins.com/fondation

TD Canada Trust Scholarships

- **Recognizes:** Outstanding community leadership
- **Award:** 20 full scholarships, renewable, summer job at TD, mentorship opportunities. Value of up to \$70,000.
- **Eligibility:** minimum 75% average, going to university the following year
- **Application deadline:** November. 600 word essay, optional essay on personal circumstances.
- **Website:** www.tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship

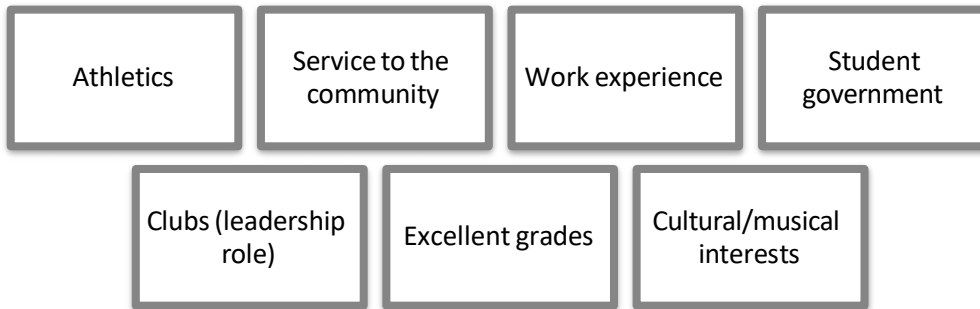
RBC Student Leading Change Scholarship

- **Recognizes:** Canadian students showing a passion to lead and inspire positive change in their community
- **Award:** 5 awards of \$10,000 for Category 1 (Graduating high school or cegep students)
- **Eligibility:** minimum 70% average enrolled in graduating year in College
- **Application deadline:** Information available in November
- **Website:** <https://scholarships.rbc.com/Overview.aspx>

Schulich Leader Scholarships for STEM Students

- **Recognizes:** (1) Outstanding community, business or entrepreneurial leadership (2) Academic excellence (3) Financial need. Must demonstrate 2 of 3 criteria.
- **Award:** \$60,000 over 4 years, \$20,000 over 3 years for Quebec universities. Each participating university selects 2 Schulich Leaders, possibly up to 4 at Quebec universities.
- **Eligibility:** 2 of 3 criteria stated above. Must be nominated by the Cegep. Must be attending a participating university the following year in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM).
- **Application deadline:** Nomination by Academic Advisor in early February. Watch for Champlain's announcements on Omnivox to apply internally for nomination.
- **Website:** www.schulichleaders.com

What the judges are looking for



Traits to demonstrate.

- Motivation
- Enthusiasm
- Maturity
- Passion
- Creativity
- Initiative
- Overcoming challenges
- Originality
- Problem solving skills
- Leadership skills
- Adaptability
- Responsibility
- Ability to work well with others
- Potential for growth
- Writing skills

References

- Making the selection is very important.
- Approach someone that knows you well.
- Ask in advance, be clear about what you need and the deadline.
- Provide your CV

Essays

- There is no right answer. Be interesting. Be creative, be different but without being off-the-wall.
- Be sure to answer all the questions. Write an outline.
- Being specific is always better than being general.
- Use clear, concise, simple language. Don't hesitate to write the application in French if you can express yourself better in French than in English.
- Talk about why something was meaningful, impact of accomplishments.
- Proofread! Meet advisors for feedback in advance of deadlines.