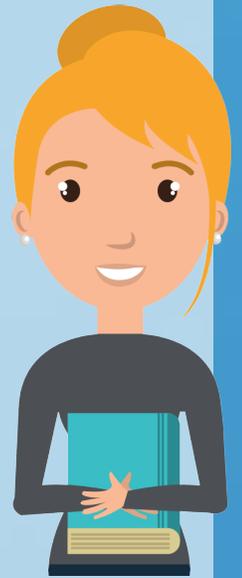


Scholarships and Bursaries

10 Tips for Your Application

- 1. READ AND READ AGAIN.** Make sure you read the award information sheets carefully. Each award has an information sheet that outlines its requirements, criteria and provides a brief background of the award. Incomplete applications, applications that do not meet the criteria of the award, or those submitted late are disqualified.
- 2. PREPARE.** When you're preparing to write your application, gather your info ahead of time, especially if you are applying to multiple awards. Use the checklist provided in the application to make sure you didn't forget anything.
- 3. PRECISE.** When you're writing your essay, remember to keep it concise and to the point. Use resources like www.thesaurus.com to help.
- 4. BRAINSTORM.** Before you start writing, brainstorm. Write three or four main points you want the markers to see, put them in order and write your essay around these points.
- 5. UNIQUE REFERENCES.** When looking for references, consider your community. Pick someone who supervised you at one of your community volunteering experiences or someone who can attest to your skills, motivation and leadership abilities. Teachers may be used as a reference if they supervised you in some capacity outside the classroom, however we highly encourage members within the community to allow a unique perspective of you!
- 6. REVIEW AND EDIT.** Ensure you review and edit your application. Ask your parents, guardian, family members, friends, teachers, etc. to review your application. The more eyes the better.
- 7. SCHOLARSHIP VS. BURSARY.** Know the difference between a scholarship and bursary. To qualify for a scholarship, you must have a minimum average of 80% in your top six Grade 12 classes. If you are going to college, your top college and mixed level class would be considered. If you are going to university, your top university and mixed level classes. To qualify for a bursary, you must demonstrate financial need and have adequate grades (high enough to qualify into your post-secondary program of interest).
- 8. ASK FOR HELP.** If you need help, ask for it. Make an appointment to see your guidance counsellor. You can also contact MJ at the Thunder Bay Community Foundation directly by email at mjgreen@tbcf.org or by phone (807) 475-7279.
- 9. EXPERIENCE IS EXPERIENCE.** Some applicants will have more work experience. Some applicants will have more volunteer experience. Some applicants will have more extra-curricular experience. Some applicants will have a mix of experience. All experience is valid, and no experience outweighs another.
- 10. BE CONFIDENT.** Although we can't give awards to everyone who applies, be confident in yourself and your abilities. Let your confidence shine through your application.



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