



The Children's Foundation

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Most Asked Questions

Bursary and Scholarship Award Frequently Asked Questions

I received TCF funding last year. Do I need to reapply?

Yes! Every applicant must submit a new application every year. You will need to submit a new application before the application deadline of **April 30th** each year. Multi-year award recipients must also submit a multi-year application.

I am not sure if I will be attending school next year. Should I apply?

Yes! If there is any possibility – **APPLY!** – If you do not end up going to school, it will not impact your chances of receiving an award in the future, you only need to let us know. The Foundation knows it is very early in the year and you may still be making plans and or have not applied to schools yet. That is okay! Fill in the application as best you can about the schools you have or will be applying to. We will be contacting you later in the spring for an update.

My marks are not very high, is it worth my while applying?

Yes! The Children's Foundation bursaries are based on financial need and scholarships are based on a combination of academic achievement, financial need, individual attributes, personal contribution, and potential for success in your chosen field. It is best to answer the questions as completely and thoughtfully as possible so that the Awards Committee can make an informed decision.

I was awarded a bursary or scholarship last year but did not attend school. Do I need to reapply?

Yes! We ask all students to reapply each year. If you received a notification that you were awarded a bursary and/or scholarship last year, but then did not attend school, your award funding would be forfeited.

Is this money the same as provincial student loans?

No! The Children's Foundation is an independent, non-governmental organization that raises funds from individuals, corporations, and other foundations. If you receive a bursary or scholarship from The Children's Foundation, you will not be required to pay it back. The Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) is accessible for student funding. It is managed by the provincial government. Other provincial governments have comparable programs.



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What is a recognized post-secondary institution?

To receive a Children's Foundation scholarship, you must be attending a post-secondary school that has been recognized and authorized by the provincial or territorial government. This includes public universities and colleges, and some registered private career colleges. If you are unsure of whether your program will qualify, contact the Foundation at info@thechildrensfoundation.ca or call 613-962-9292.

I was a ward of an agency outside of Hastings, Northumberland, or Prince Edward County but I now reside in one of these areas. Can I apply for a Children's Foundation scholarship?

Yes! The Children's Foundation accepts applications from any applicants meeting the eligibility criteria. If you are receiving or have applied for other awards, please note this on your Children's Foundation bursary or scholarship application.

I am no longer in touch with my most recent social worker. Is a reference necessary?

If you do not have a worker or a relationship with anyone at your child's agency who can fill out a reference for you, you can ask a school counselor, teacher, or coach. Contact The Children's Foundation at info@thechildrensfoundation.ca or call 613-962-9292 if you are having issues.

How are the Scholarship applications scored, and who scores them?

Scholarship applications are reviewed by The Children's Foundation staff first to ensure that applicants meet the eligibility criteria, but the applications are scored by our Awards Committee. This Awards Committee is made up of 5-10 associates of the Foundation, including Board members, a youth committee representative, a foster parent representative, and donors.

Scholarship applications are scored on Individual Attributes (eg. personal and academic challenges and progress), Academic Achievement (eg. high grades and/or significant gains despite individual limitations), Personal Contribution (eg. strengths and coping skills demonstrated in personal life and commitments outside of school), Potential for Success (eg. whether goals are clear and realistic) and Financial Need.

When will I hear the results of my application?

Awards are announced in May. Before the awards are finalized, the Foundation will contact you to confirm that you are still planning on attending school in the fall, **so please let us know if your e-mail address changes.**

I have not heard the results of my application and my school is requesting payment of fees.

What should I do?

Foundation funds are to assist with the cost of your post-secondary education, but even the



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largest award will likely not cover your full expenses. If you do not have the funds available to pay your tuition you need to apply for your provincial student assistance program (eg. Ontario Student Assistance Program). Once you have been approved for Student Assistance, your school will allow you to pay a small deferral fee until your loan comes through. If you have been approved for an award, the Foundation may be able to advance up to \$500 for this purpose if you provide documentation. It can take up to 20 business days for the Foundation to process payment requests, so please contact us well in advance if you need to make special arrangements.

Will the Foundation provide money for college or university application fees?

Under our Reach for Success Training & Development program, The Children's Foundation offers financial assistance for application fees. However, to get approved, you must provide proof of enrollment, and the payment will be directly made to the school. Please apply for the Reach for Success Training & Development funding here. >>

<https://www.thechildrensfoundation.ca/training-development>

If I am granted a bursary or scholarship, when will I receive payment?

If you are selected to receive a bursary or scholarship, the Foundation will send you a letter of agreement that indicates when your payments will be issued, and which documents you will need to submit to receive them. The Foundation will divide your award into two payments, with each payment disbursed per the start of each semester.

Can I receive a bursary and a scholarship at the same time?

Yes! An applicant can receive a bursary and scholarship during any academic year. Separate applications must be submitted for both bursary and scholarship to be considered for either.

What is a named scholarship?

A named scholarship is a type of scholarship that is created and named after a particular person or organization. The scholarship is often established to honor the legacy of the individual or organization, and it is typically awarded to students who meet specific criteria set by the scholarship donor. The criteria may include academic achievement, financial need, leadership skills, community involvement, or other qualities or achievements. The named scholarship may be funded through donations made by the individual or organization, or through other sources such as endowments or fundraising efforts.

What happens to my award if I leave mid-semester but plan to return and start in a new semester?

If you receive an award and leave mid-semester but plan to return and start in a new semester, the remaining funds from your award may still be accessible, depending on the specific terms and conditions of the award. To determine the status of your award and the steps you may

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need to take to access the remaining funds, you should contact The Children's Foundation. They will be able to advise you on what documentation or other information you may need to provide to verify your plans to return and continue your studies in the upcoming semester.