



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 each year.

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.

Is this money the same as provincial student loans?

No. The Children's Foundation is an independent, non-governmental charitable organization. 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 and is managed by the provincial government. Please note, if you are awarded a scholarship from The Children's Foundation, these funds may affect your OSAP funding.

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 Children's Foundation at info@thechildrensfoundation.ca or call 613-962-9292 ext. 2.

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 was previously working with a social agency worker but I am no longer in touch with my most recent social agency worker. Is a reference necessary?

Yes! All applications require a complete reference form. If you no longer have an open file with the Children's Aid agency, we still require a reference from either a School Counselor, Teacher, Coach, Leader in the Community or similar. If you are having difficulties providing this, contact The Children's Foundation at info@thechildrensfoundation.ca or call 613-962-9292 ext. 2. Please see the reference form here: <https://form.jotform.com/260125301347243>



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 based on individual attributes, goals, 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 **so please let us know if your phone or 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 largest award will likely not cover your full expenses. If you do not have the funds to secure your placement in the program, you can apply for a provincial student assistance program (eg. Ontario Student Assistance Program). Funds awarded from The Children's Foundation are provided semi-annually based on your academic school year. **Scholarship awarded funds are provided directly to the college/university to be applied to your tuition. Bursary awarded funds are provided directly to you, the student, through EFT to your bank account. Both funds are made in two payment installments by academic term.**

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 apply to the Training & Development fund here: <https://www.thechildrensfoundation.ca/training-development>

NOTE: Once the application is approved, you will be asked to provide a copy of your application invoice.

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 term. **Scholarship awarded funds are provided directly to the college/university to be applied to your tuition. Bursary awarded funds are provided directly to you, the student, through EFT to your bank account. Both funds are made in two payment installments by academic term.**



Can I apply for a bursary and a scholarship at the same time?

Yes! An applicant can apply for a bursary and scholarship during the same funding period. Separate applications must be submitted for both the bursary and scholarship to be considered for each.

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.

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

If you receive an award and leave mid-term but plan to return and start in a new term, 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 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 term.

If you require any further information, please contact Nadia Younan at nadia.younan@thechildrensfoundation.ca or call 613-962-9292 ext. 2.