

ALBERT CAMPBELL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE



Scholarship Workshops

Oct. 25th, Nov. 1st, Nov. 8th

ACCI Student Services

Session 1 Agenda: Oct. 25th



- ❖ Costs of Post-Secondary Education
- ❖ **Scholarships: Definition and Purpose**
- ❖ Types of Scholarships
/Awards/Bursaries/Grants
- ❖ How to Find and Compete for Scholarships
- ❖ **Tracking Your Volunteer Hours**
- ❖ Website Spotlight
- ❖ Homework: S.A.I.F.

Costs of Post-Secondary Education

- ❖ Tuition \$6,500
- ❖ Books \$1,500
- ❖ Residence \$5,500 ~ \$9,000
- ❖ Meal Plan \$3,300
- ❖ \$20,000/year x 4 years = \$80,000

www.utsc.utoronto.ca/admissions/tuition-fees
<https://ueat.utoronto.ca/meal-plans/>



“What if I don’t have enough money saved?”

Bursaries:

- ❖ Money that is awarded but does not have to be paid back.
- ❖ They are usually based on some area such as financial need.



Loans:

- ❖ Loans available from a bank or the government (OSAP).
- ❖ They must be paid back with low interest with a grace period. And then there are...
...scholarships!

Definition of a Scholarship:

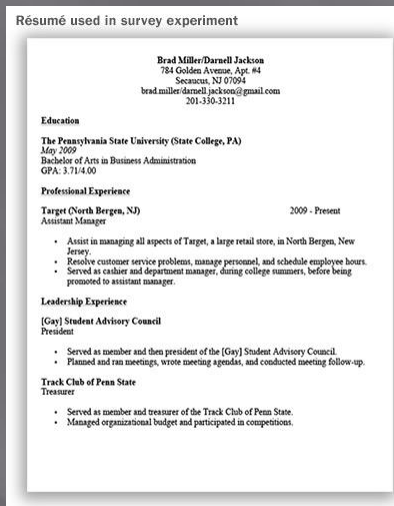
“...a non-repayable sum of money awarded to a student to help finance post-secondary education.”

These funds are used for post- secondary education purposes only: tuition, books and/or residence.



Purpose of Scholarships:

- ❖ To provide funds for post-secondary education!
- ❖ **To recognize student achievement!**
- ❖ To provide funds for extended opportunities in post-secondary!
- ❖ Makes a prestigious addition to your résumé!



Types of Scholarships & Awards:



- ❖ Entrance Scholarships
- ❖ Merit Scholarships
- ❖ Athletic Scholarships
- ❖ Bursaries
- ❖ Grants
- ❖ High School Awards
- ❖ Nominated Scholarships

Merit Based Scholarships

Academics

- ❖ Offered by univ. or college!
- ❖ Automatic consideration when you apply through OUAC / OCAS
- ❖ Separate application form not required!

Academics Community Involvement Extra-curricular

- ❖ Separate application form required!
- ❖ Examples:
 - Loran
 - TD /Canada Trust
 - Schulich
 - Morehead-Cain

Community Involvement

- ❖ Offered by private companies!
- ❖ Minimum academic average is lower!
- ❖ Separate application form needed. Example:
 - ❖ YMCA

Reminders:

- ❖ Scholarships based on academic achievement may be renewable if high marks are maintained in post-secondary.
- ❖ You may apply for and be granted an unlimited number of scholarships (except for university scholarships).
- ❖ Most scholarships are not taxable.
- ❖ Entering contests for Math, Science or Essay Writing can earn you scholarships.



Are You a Good Scholarship Application Candidate?

- ❖ Are you “well-rounded” in terms of academics, community service, extra-curricular activities and community leadership?
- ❖ Do you have excellent time management skills and are you able to research and plan?
- ❖ Do you have least an 80% average?
- ❖ Have you had good marks throughout your high school years?



“What kinds of financial help can I get for my education?”

- ❖ **Community Organizations Scholarships**
- ❖ Government Loans (OSAP)
- ❖ Employer and Employee Organizations (Banks, Unions)
- ❖ University and College Scholarships
- ❖ **International Student Opportunities**
- ❖ Students with Exceptionalities Assistance



Opportunities for Students with Exceptionalities:

- ❖ Students identified with a disability can receive accommodations and may also qualify for additional financial assistance at a university and college.
- ❖ Students are responsible for providing the school with documentation of their disability.
- ❖ Scholarships are available for specific disabilities and special needs in general.
- ❖ National Educational Association of Disabled Students www.neads.ca.

Tracking Your Volunteer Hours For Community Awards:

- ❖ If you have met your required 40 hours of community involvement, try to get additional extra-curricular experience related to a scholarship that interests you.
- ❖ *Pick up a [Scholarship Application Information Form](#) today and start filling out all your extra-curricular experiences.*
- ❖ Don't forget to include your leadership roles in both the school as well as in the community.
- ❖ You can also work on your career path as well as goals for the future. Think about how you might “give back” to the community in some way.

Website Spotlight:

- ❖ <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/albertcampbell/StudentServices/StudentAwardsandScholarships.aspx>
- ❖ <https://yconic.com/>
- ❖ <http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>



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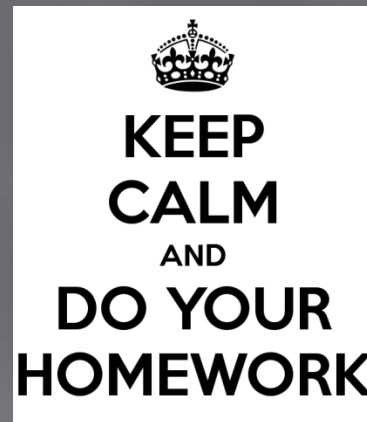
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Discussion & homework:

Complete the Scholarship Application Information Form (SIAF) for next time!



Session 2 Agenda: Nov. 1st

- ❖ Application Forms
- ❖ Application Etiquette
- ❖ Before you apply
- ❖ Letters of Recommendation
- ❖ Financial aid for students with special needs
- ❖ yconic.com
- ❖ Discussion and homework assignment

Scholarship Application Form
Application Deadline - April 18, 2012

Read and follow the instructions carefully prior to submitting your application. ([Go back to instructions here](#)). All winners will be notified on or before the 30th of April 2012.

Read and Understand the Instructions. *

Yes, I have

If selected, you will be asked for documentation to support the data you provide. Likewise, all correspondence and award agreements will be generated from the personal information submitted below. So, please use proper spelling, capitalization and punctuation.

I. Personal Data:
Tell us about yourself

Full Name *

Prefix First Name Middle Name Last Name Suffix

Social Security Number :*
(e.g. 123456789)

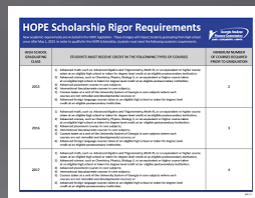
Application Forms:

- ❖ DO complete a rough draft & get a peer to proof-read it
- ❖ **DO NOT hand-write the application**
- ❖ DO NOT leave any sections blank
- ❖ DO read the instructions & follow them
- ❖ **DO NOT miss deadlines**
- ❖ DO keep a photocopy of the application
- ❖ **DO NOT TALK YOURSELF OUT OF APPLYING**



Application Etiquette:

- ❖ Fill in all sections of the application unless not applicable
- ❖ **Always tell the truth**
- ❖ Use standard white paper for essays and résumés
- ❖ Ensure the application is proofread
- ❖ **Type the final copy of the application or write neatly**
- ❖ Photocopy application package before mailing



The image shows a table titled "HOPE Scholarship Rigor Requirements" with columns for "Minimum GPA", "Minimum Number of Credits", and "Minimum Number of Hours". The table lists requirements for various scholarship levels, including HOPE I, HOPE II, HOPE III, and HOPE IV. The text in the table is small and difficult to read, but it appears to be a detailed list of academic criteria.


Before You Apply:



- ❖ Plan ahead and do your research
- ❖ **Prepare a résumé and order transcripts**
- ❖ Request 3 letters of recommendation from a teacher, a community and an extra-curricular supervisor
- ❖ Know everything there is to know about the scholarship (expectations, requirements, eligibility, deadline for applications)

Letters of Recommendation:



3/5/09
To Whom It May Concern,
I am writing today to recommend to you, Terry Cashore as an excellent speaker and theology teacher.
I have known Terry and his family for twelve years now as his pastor and friend. I believe that what makes Terry such an effective speaker is that he and his wife Stephanie have lived through their own afflictions with a deep and abiding faith in God's providence and the wisdom of the Church. Thus, he has the authority and humility that comes from having lived out what he speaks about.
Terry holds a Masters in Theological Studies from the Institute of Religion and Pastoral Studies of the University of Dallas. He has a Bachelor in Business Administration from the University of Texas with a teaching certificate from Sam Houston State University.
He and Dr. Joseph White developed an excellent marriage preparation program used now in our diocese called Together in God's Image. He also developed a parenting curriculum for a local parish that was very successful.
He has done professional work in the medical field working with physicians in negotiating managed care contracts. He has taught Catholic principles to health care workers in a program called the Love of the Soul in Modern Medicine.
I have listened to a number of his lectures regarding marriage, sexuality, financial and budgeting matters and how to stay inspired by faith in the work environment. He is a dynamic speaker. We find him to be a man content with our pastoral staff and he was a big hit with them.
In short, I recommend him highly as someone who can motivate groups and help them to see the beauty and truth of the Catholic faith.
Sincerely,

Rev. David Kunkle
www.aggcoathole.org

- ❖ Request the Letter of Recommendation *in writing* 3 weeks prior to deadline
- ❖ Describe the scholarship criteria
- ❖ List the deadline date
- ❖ Provide a copy of the completed SIAF
- ❖ Provide an addressed envelope (with a stamp)
- ❖ Write a thank-you note to your referee

Financial Aid for Students with Special Needs:

- ❖ Bursary for Students with Disabilities (BSWD)
- ❖ **Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)**
- ❖ Ontario Special Bursary Program (OSBP)
- ❖ Canada Study Grant for High-Need Part-Time Students (CSG/HN/PT)
- ❖ **Part-Time Canada Student Loan Program (PTCSLP)**



Source: yconic.com

❖ There are thousands of scholarships and awards with **non-academic attributes**:

- **Being creative, nice or tall**
- Volunteering
- Where you live
- Playing sports (hockey, soccer, etc.)
- Your heritage or what languages you speak
- **Entering a contest, responding to a survey**



Source: yconic.com

- ❖ Check out yconic.com...it's as easy as 1, 2, 3!
- ❖ **Students register and complete a profile.**
- ❖ Then yconic.com will search their database of over 10,000 awards worth over \$118,000,000!
- ❖ Students can then apply to the awards in the search results.



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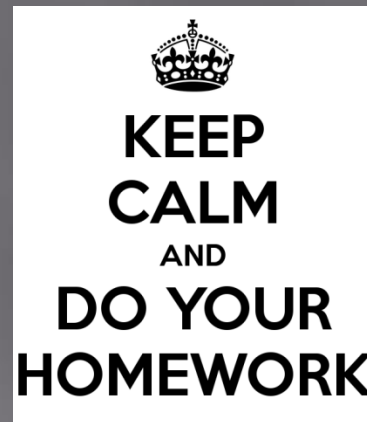
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Discussion & homework:

Choose an essay question from a scholarship and write a rough copy of your response.



Session 3 Agenda: Nov. 8th

- ❖ Writing scholarship essays
- ❖ The Writing Process
- ❖ Discussion and homework

"Show Me the Money!"
How to write a winning scholarship essay

You probably already know that winning a college scholarship depends on writing a winning scholarship essay. Sounds easy, right? All you have to do is write a couple of paragraphs about yourself, and someone hands you a big check - what could be simpler? Unfortunately, not all scholarship essays are so easy, and they are not all created equal. Your first step in writing a top-notch scholarship essay is figuring out what kind of essay question you're facing. Once you know what you're dealing with, then you can meet the specific requirements of that task.

Here are four common kinds of scholarship essay assignments.

Topic #1: Describe your future college or career plans.
Organizers want to know that their money is going to be put to good use, so they want to see that you have solid, realistic plans for your future.

Be sure to:

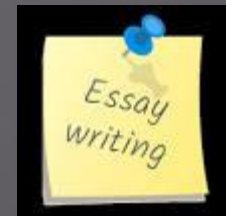
- **Identify a specific goal.** "I'm not sure what I want yet" just isn't going to cut it here. Describe a specific field of study or major that interests you, or a specific career or goal.
- **Explain your thinking.** Show that you have really thought your plans through. Give reasons why you want to pursue your major, or why you would be a good fit in your chosen career.
- **Show your audience.** If the organization offering the scholarship has a certain focus (like a local Farmer's Bureau or a mission like a non-profit group trying to help low-income families), be sure to mention how your plans are connected to the group's values. For example, if the local Teacher's Association is offering a scholarship, show your readers that you are interested in working with children in the future. There are many scholarships available to people interested in specific career paths, so find the one that fits you.

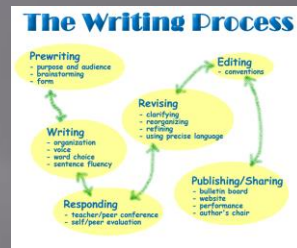
To get started:

- **Try telling a story.** Think of a person (like a parent, relative, or teacher) who inspired you to choose your major, college, or career. Start your essay by describing that person and his or her impact on your choices. Or, describe an event that influenced your plans. For example, maybe your experience in the hospital that time you had your tonsils taken set inspired you to become a nurse!
- **Look into the future.** Imagine yourself at an age that you will appear 30 years from

Reminders about Essays:

- ❖ Read & discuss the topic with a teacher/peer
- ❖ **Plan, plan, plan!**
- ❖ Organize your thoughts
- ❖ Be concise
- ❖ **Edit, edit, edit!**
- ❖ Always follow the instructions carefully
- ❖ Have a peer/teacher proof-read the final draft

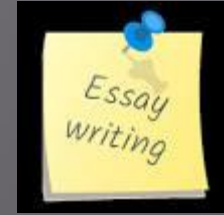




The Writing Process

Step #1 – Brainstorming:

Complete the Scholarship Application Information Form as honestly and as thoroughly as you can.

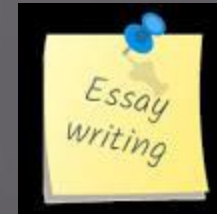


Step #2 - Rough Copy:

Read the scholarship requirements and organize your ideas.

Make a list of everything the organization sponsoring the scholarship is asking for.

Step #3 - Revise and Rewrite



Select relevant content from your record of experience and embellish it with language found in the scholarship requirements.

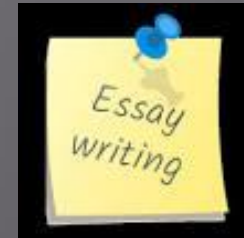
Step #4 - Edit & Proof-read:

Peer edit



- ✓ Grammar (verb tenses, prepositions, etc.)
- ✓ Spelling (use spell check or a dictionary)
- ✓ Punctuation (check each sentence)
- ✓ **Sentence structure (complex vs. simple)**
- ✓ Style (get your peer to listen to you read it)
- ✓ Writing Conventions (follow the rules!)
- ✓ Double-check prescribed scholarship format!

Step #5 – Publish:

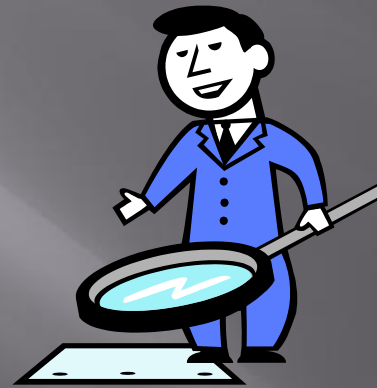


- ✓ Read your essay to different audiences.
- ✓ Look at other examples of essays for ideas.
- ✓ Ask your English or Social Science teacher for their opinions.
- ✓ Give yourself some time to leave your essay and return to it later with a new perspective.
- ✓ Keep all of your work for future applications as well as possible interviews.
- ✓ Keep it real and honest. Be yourself!

Did you know...that each year many
scholarships go unclaimed?
So what are you waiting for? Go claim
your prize!

Look for smaller
scholarships –
less competition!

Apply for
everything that
you qualify for!



Don't give up!
Believe in yourself!
Have fun!

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Discussion and homework:

- ❖ **Decide what category of scholarship you'd like:**
- ❖ Will it be based on academic performance?
- ❖ Will it be based on community involvement?
- ❖ Will it be based on extra-curricular activities?
- ❖ **Or will it be based on a combination of these items?**

