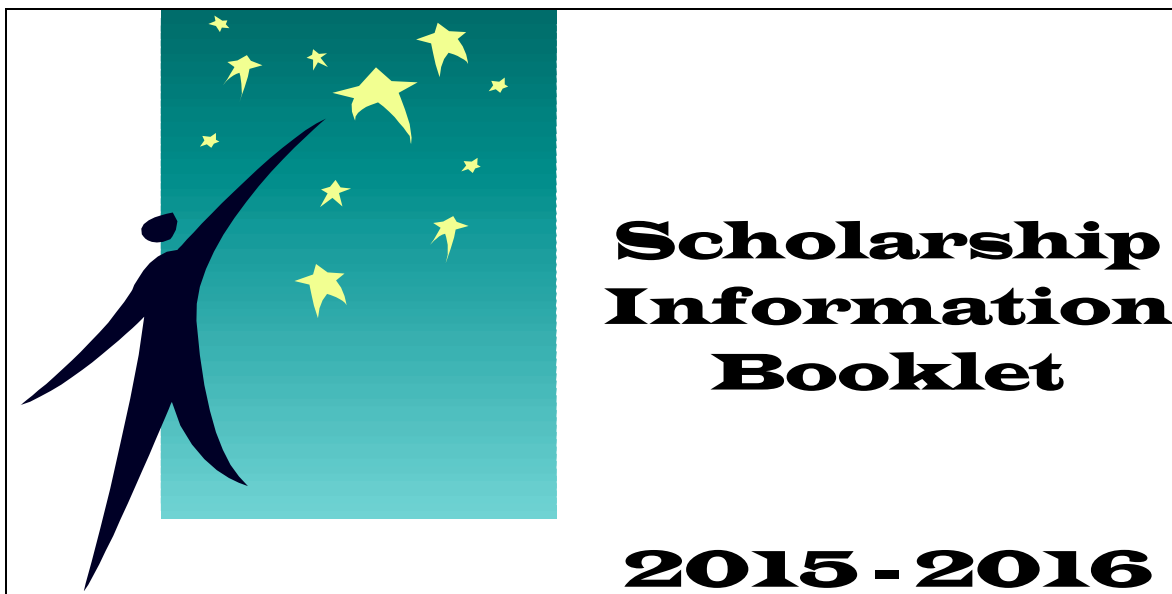


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Types of Financial Support for Students:

1. University/College Scholarships

These awards are usually given for academic excellence. They may be a one time award or may be renewed based on continued high academic performance:

- Most Ontario universities, but not all, consider entering students automatically for many of the scholarships that they award based on marks only. This means that no application is required.
- Many Ontario universities also offer entering students “prestigious” awards/ scholarships that require an application. In many cases the school is asked to nominate one or two students for the award. To be considered for a school nomination for these kinds of university awards you must complete the “Application for School Nominated Awards” and prepare a covering letter. (See page 7.)

2. General Scholarships

Each year, a variety of institutions, organizations and individuals want to assist graduating high school students continue their education at college or university. While academic achievement is an important factor in that it guarantees your acceptance, it is **not** the only criteria. Many of these scholarships are based on demonstrated leadership, and community involvement. Others are based on a student’s financial need.

- This type of scholarship requires an application process where students are often asked to produce letters of reference, a personal statement, a “resume” of extra-curricular and community involvement etc.

3. William Lyon Mackenzie C.I. Prizes and Awards

Each year, graduating Mackenzie students are presented with awards at Commencement. (See pages 5 and 6.) These awards may take the form of money, a book and/or a plaque. Some award recipients are decided upon by the school’s Scholarship Committee and some are decided upon by individual departments.

- To be considered for these prizes and awards you must complete the “Application for Commencement Awards” and prepare a covering letter. (See page 7.) **Deadline: May 24, 2016.**

4. Student Loans/Bursaries

The Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) provides Ontario students with financial assistance based on need. A student may apply to this program in the spring, after the student has accepted an offer from a university or college. Please note that most students receive a loan that must be paid back.



Finding and Applying for Scholarships/Awards:

Applying for scholarships and awards is a very worthwhile activity. Be aware, however, that it is also quite time consuming. It is very important that you keep yourself organized. The following tips will help you in this process:

Step 1: RESEARCH

Begin by learning about the scholarship(s) that you are eligible to apply for:

- Use the university/college calendar or website to search for scholarships;
- Use the Internet Resource List for scholarship links (page 3 of booklet);
- Check the Scholarship “box” in Student Services as well as the Scholarships bulletin board outside the main office. Book an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor for additional assistance;
- Attend the university/college visits held at Mackenzie and ask questions about financial assistance;
- Some businesses offer scholarships to the children of employees. Inquire at home if such opportunities exist.

Step 2: COLLECTING/CREATING REQUIRED MATERIALS

Once you have determined the scholarship(s) that you will apply for, you will need to organize the next steps required:

- Write the due dates for each scholarship in your agenda and/or prepare a special “Scholarships Calendar”;
- Update your resume;
- If applying for a scholarship that requires a school nomination or a Commencement Award at Mackenzie, you must complete the Application for School Nominated Awards/Commencement Awards (pages 7 and 8 of booklet);
- Make arrangements to gather the required reference letters. Fill out the Reference Letter Checklist first (page 11 of booklet);
- Prepare all supplementary materials that may be required like personal statements, essays or questionnaires.

Step 3: SUBMITTING APPLICATION

The final step in this process is to assemble your application package(s) and send it:

- Your application should be perfect, clean, not folded or crumpled, neat and easy to read. Word process and proof read your writing;
- Keep a copy of all supplementary materials that you have created as you can often make minor adjustments for the next application.
- Be sure that your application is on time. Read each scholarship carefully. Some indicate the due date as “post marked” while others want the application in the office by a given date.


Useful Scholarship Websites


U.R.L.	Content Information
<p style="text-align: center;">http://scholarshipscanada.com/</p>	<p>The site is a data base to various scholarship web sites that will help you find money for your education.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">https://yconic.com</p>	<p>Students and parents register information and the site prepares a list of scholarships that match your qualifications. (Formerly known as Studentaward.)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">http://osap.gov.on.ca/</p>	<p>Ontario Student Assistance Program: OSAP</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">http://www.canlearn.ca/eng/index.shtml</p>	<p>The web sites will help you get a perspective on the costs associated with post-secondary education.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">www.electronicinfo.ca/scholarships</p>	<p>On eINFO you can search for scholarships by university, dollar range, grade range and other useful criteria.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">http://www.aucc.ca</p>	<p>Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">www.cmsf.ca</p>	<p>The Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation grants the Loran Award which is one of the most prestigious awards in Canada. Open to all students who demonstrate leadership and commitment to positive school life.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">www.gwmisc.ca</p>	<p>Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship fund grants scholarships to students entering College after high school.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">www.futureaces.org</p>	<p>Future Aces Foundation grants scholarships based on financial need and community involvement.</p>

Entrance Scholarships Requiring School Nomination: 2015-2016

	School Deadline for Self-Nomination	Scholarship Deadline
Loran Award (three nominees)	5 October, 2015	21 October for sponsored 28 October for direct pool
Uof T Book Award (one nominee)	02 November, 2015	6 November, 2015
Queens Chancellor's Award (2 nominees)	16 November, 2015	01 December, 2015
Schulich Leader Scholarships (1 nominee)	11 January, 2016	2 February, 2016
Western President's Scholarship (4 nominees)	25 January, 2016	14 February, 2016

W.L. Mackenzie C.I. Commencement Awards



To be considered for these awards, students must complete and submit the Self-Nomination package by **May 24, 2016**.

Character Education Graduation Award

This award is given to two graduating students possessing and demonstrating outstanding character attributes.

College Excellence Award

Awarded to a high achiever and contributor to school life, who will continue education at a college.

Helene Green, Award of Distinction

Awarded to a graduating student who has exemplified excellence in academics and contributions to school life, and has demonstrated integrity and empathy throughout all of his/her achievements.

Jim McQueen Excellence in Education Award

The Jim McQueen Excellence in Education Award (formerly the OSSTF District 12 STU Award) recognizes a student in the Toronto District School Board for his/her exceptional involvement and service to their school and /or community life.

Liberal Arts Alumni Award

Awarded to a graduating student who has made an outstanding contribution to the Liberal Arts, has achieved a better than average academic standing and has been recognized by staff and students for his/her accomplishments beyond the classroom in the Liberal Arts.

Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award

This award is given to recognize Ontario volunteers for outstanding contributions to their communities and who have a direct impact on the people the organizations serve.

MaCS School Leadership Award

This award recognizes a high academic graduate of the MaCS program who has contributed to the life of the school in an exceptional manner in each year of his/her high school career.

Mackenzie Community Building Award

This prize is awarded to graduating students for their promotion of community initiatives and outstanding effort in reaching out to others in the school and/or the community.

Mackenzie Innovation Award

This prize is awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated innovation, creativity and resourcefulness in the school and/or the community.

Mae Waese Award

This award is granted to two students who have risen above challenges during their secondary school experience.

Principal's Medal for Student Leadership

This medal is given in recognition of outstanding contribution to school life.

Social Justice Award

Awarded to a student who has advocated for an inclusive and welcoming school and community environment.

List your out-of-school community activities in the chart provided:

Activity (What and Where)	Dates of Participation	Number of Hours	Type of Experience Please specify one of the following: Volunteer (V) Paid Employee (E) Leader (L) Ran your own business (B)	Contact Person's Name and Phone Number

I would like to be considered for the following award(s)/scholarship(s): _____

Briefly describe your educational and/or career goals:

List the Ontario Universities you are applying to in order of preference:
 #1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Falsifying information on this form will result in the removal of your application form.



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Application for Commencement Awards, Graduating /Last Year 2015-16

Student's Name _____ Email Address _____

Instructions:

4. Complete this application form by checking off the award(s) you would like to be considered for and briefly outline in point form why you deserve this award. Each student can self-nominate for a maximum of three awards.
5. Write a proper cover letter that supports and highlights the activities and experiences you have listed on the application form.
6. Submit the cover letter and application form to Ms. Elso-Ponzo in Student Services by **May 24, 2016.**

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Reference Letter Checklist For Scholarship Applications



Before requesting a reference letter from a teacher or member of the community, use this checklist as a guide to prepare notes that will help that person to write an excellent letter.

Give your writer at least two weeks advance notice!

Student's Name:

Reference Letter Due Date:

Scholarship Details: (Attach a photocopy of the scholarship.)

- Name of Scholarship
- Selection criteria details
- Application deadline

Academic Career:

- Academic averages/ Honour Roll
- Academic awards/competitions
- Grade 12 grades to date

Extra Curricular Activities at Mackenzie:

- Clubs/Teams – start with the most recent and work backwards
- Positions of leadership
- Awards

Volunteer Experience out of school:

- Activities – details
- Positions of responsibility/ awards/ hours

Work Experience:

- Part time experience / hours
- Financial need – if necessary and teacher/counsellor can attest to this

Career/Life Plans:

- If appropriate to the type of scholarship you are applying for