To win a scholarship, you DON’T need perfect grades or a million volunteer hours.leasing these awards is about your skills and passion for your field. In this chapter, we'll explore strategies for finding and applying for scholarships.

3 COMMON MISTAKES

1. Applying for only one or two scholarships.
2. Missing deadlines.
3. Counting yourself out because of grades.

TIP: Winning multiple small scholarships adds up! Smaller awards are usually less competitive so your chances of winning improve.

TIP: Grades aren’t everything! There are plenty of scholarships based on extracurriculars, financial need, and qualities like leadership.

TIP: Start early! Get your application underway before the deadline so you don’t have to rush.

TIP: Talking to people, using various resources including scholarship websites, and visiting your school’s financial aid office can help you find opportunities.

WHERE TO FIND EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Organizations to consider:
- INSURANCE COMPANIES
- CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS
- BANKS
- NEWS OUTLETS
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- UNIVERSITIES

Websites to check out:
- studentawards.com
- scholarshipscanada.com
- portal.scholarship.com
- findmyscholarships.com
- yconic.com

EXTRACURRICULARS
- Royal Bank Financial Lifeskills Scholarship
- Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship
- Jean Lumb Foundation Scholarship
- OUA Athletic Financial Award
- Schulich Leader Scholarship

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
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- Schulich Leader Scholarship

ETHNIC BACKGROUND
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SPORTS AND CLUBS
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- Schulich Leader Scholarship

AREA OF STUDY
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ADDITIONAL TIPS

1. Apply to OSAP to see if you’re eligible for grants. You can always take the grant and opt out of the loan.
2. Talk to your bank, parents’ employers, and insurance company to find opportunities.
3. Apply to McMaster scholarships for awards in various fields, including financial aid.

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