

# EASY. MONEY.

## Scholarships 101

To win a scholarship you DON'T need perfect grades or a million volunteer hours. Earning these awards is about your skills, doing your research and starting early! Find your passion, use what you've learned and show how you're giving back. Odds are, there's an opportunity for you!

### 3 COMMON MISTAKES



1. Applying for only one or two scholarships.



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

2. Missing deadlines.



**TIP: Start early! Get your application done well before the deadline so you don't have to rush.**

3. Counting yourself out because of grades.



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

## McMASTER SCHOLARSHIPS

Awards for:

- ALL faculties/programs
- ALL undergrad years
- Academic AND community work

**Deadline April 30\***

**Apply in Mosaic starting Jan. 1**

\*Deadline for Travel and Exchange Awards: March 29

## WHERE TO FIND EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Organizations to consider

Websites to check out

INSURANCE COMPANIES

[studentawards.com](http://studentawards.com)

CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

[scholarshipcanada.com](http://scholarshipcanada.com)

BANKS

[portal.scholarship.com](http://portal.scholarship.com)

NEWS OUTLETS

[findmyscholarships.com](http://findmyscholarships.com)

SOCIAL MEDIA

[yconic.com](http://yconic.com)

UNIVERSITIES (NOT JUST MAC!)



## FIND WHAT SETS YOU APART

EXTRACURRICULARS

Royal Bank Financial Lifeskills Scholarship

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship

ETHNIC BACKGROUND

Jean Lumb Foundation Scholarship

SPORTS AND CLUBS

OUA Athletic Financial Award

AREA OF STUDY

Schulich Leader Scholarship

## ADDITIONAL TIPS



1. Build portfolios documenting your activities and accomplishments so you have stories to tell.

2. Check your bank, parents' employers, and insurance company to find opportunities.

3. Apply to OSAP to see if you're eligible for grants. You can always take the grant and opt out of the loan.

4. Take the time to analyze the application's essay topic and book an appointment with writing coaches to review your submission.

5. Research is key — try every source! Talk to people, use various resources including scholarship websites, the Student Financial Aid & Scholarships Office, posters and libraries to find opportunities.