

# Steps to Applying for a Scholarship Chinook High School

Although you may be aware of some of the scholarships you would like to apply for, we guarantee you that there are many out there that you could qualify for, that you have never even heard of. So what do you do? Follow these simple steps to a world of scholarship opportunity...

1. Log on to [www.scholarshipcanada.com](http://www.scholarshipcanada.com)
2. Click on the “Sign Up” icon located on the right hand side of the screen.
3. Complete the basic profile response. This profile that you will create will help to connect you with scholarships that apply to YOU as an individual.
4. Fill in the required information to get a free membership. You will also need to fill in your contact and biographical info. Next, complete your Academic and Career info. Lastly, you will fill in your Activities, Membership and Other Important Criteria section.
5. Once you have successfully created your profile, click on “Match Me to Awards” icon. This will take you to a list of awards and scholarship opportunities that will fit the criteria you have supplied.
6. Follow the links to research each of the awards and scholarships more fully. Each specific award will have information on how, why and where to apply. Best wishes!
7. Now that you have a profile, you will receive updated information via your provided email account, regarding all of the scholarships that you might be interested in applying for. Keep checking regularly and **PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE DEADLINES!!!**

For more scholarship opportunities, check out these sites too:

[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

[www.alis.alberta.ca/scholarships](http://www.alis.alberta.ca/scholarships)

[www.learningclicks.ca/toolkit](http://www.learningclicks.ca/toolkit)

[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com) (now has an Iphone app)

Check out these Aboriginal Student Scholarship Links:

<http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/acp/site.nsf/eng/funding.html>

<http://alis.alberta.ca/ec/fo/scholarships/connections.html?KWSearch=&deadline=&category=4&strSearch=Find+Scholarships>

[http://www.rbc.com/careers/aboriginal\\_student\\_awards.html](http://www.rbc.com/careers/aboriginal_student_awards.html)

## Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Scholarships and Applications:

### How do I apply for awards?

Details on how and when to apply for an award are included on the Award Details page, which you will see once you log into your profile and click on an award title in “My Awards” list.

Each administrator has different application requirements which may include:

- An online or paper based application form
- Official or unofficial transcripts
- Proof of citizenship or residence
- Proof of financial need
- Details of extracurricular, volunteer, or employment activities
- Contact names and numbers for activities
- Reference letters
- Submission of a written essay or creative piece

It is important to read the requirements carefully and make sure to give yourself plenty of time to complete the application, well in advance of the deadline. If you have questions about particular requirements, please contact the administrator directly.

### I am a high school student in grade 9/10/11. Can I still apply for awards?

The majority of awards in the database are for graduating high school and current college and university students. However, there are a few awards for students in grades 9, 10, and 11. You should complete a profile on the Scholarship Canada web site and fill in as much information as possible in order to maximize the number of award matches. As your academic career advances, remember to keep your profile updated in order to receive updates and new awards that are relevant to your current status.

### I am a graduating high school student planning to take a year off before going to university/college. When should I start applying?

Some scholarships require students to enroll in post-secondary school immediately after graduating high school - and other scholarships don't (allowing students to defer their education). Other administrators specify a strict timeline in which the funds must be used while others have no specifications at all. Always read the rules and regulations carefully, and when in doubt, contact the awards administrator directly.

### I am a student with a disability/special needs. How can I specify this in my profile?

Students with disabilities/special needs should review the “Other Important Criteria” fields in the “Activities, Membership, and Other Important Criteria” section of the registration form. Please keep in mind that the more detailed you are in filling out your profile, the more award matches you will see.

### Where/how can scholarship/award money be used?

The majority of awards in the database are intended for use towards tuition at accredited public colleges and universities in Canada. However, there are a few awards that do not have any requirements on how or where the money is to be spent. Always read the eligibility / rules and regulations carefully. When in doubt, contact the award administrator directly.

### I've applied for some awards - when will I find out if I've won any of them?

Most award administrators contact award winners by email, phone, and occasionally by mail, so be sure your contact information is correct.

Since most award administrators only contact winners and/or finalists, if you are not contacted a month or two after the award deadline, chances are you have not been selected as a winner/finalist. If you have further questions about the award winners, please contact the award administrator directly.