

**VANIER COLLEGIATE  
CAREER CENTER – INTRODUCTION TO SCHOLARSHIPS BOOKLET  
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**TERMINOLOGY**

- Scholarship:** Awarded based on academic achievement and may take school/community activities, leadership or other criteria into consideration.
- Bursary:** Awarded based on financial need and may take academic achievement under consideration as well.
- Award/Prize:** Awarded based on specific achievement (ex: science fair project), could be monetary or an item, such as a book.

**SCHOLARSHIP MYTHS**

- **Scholarships are only for top scholars and athletes.**
  - This is definitely false. There are so many scholarships that do not take grades or athletic ability/participation into consideration whatsoever and some, while they do consider average the minimum average might be 75% - 85% rather than 95%.
- **You have to be a great essay writer to get one.**
  - Not so. Often, it is more about what you write than how well it is written. Whether you follow the instructions and address the essay question is often more crucial to your success than how eloquently you write. You do need a good proof reader!
- **You have to be a high school student to win a scholarship.**
  - Many scholarships for undergraduate students and those no longer in school at all.
- **Most scholarship awards are small and not worth the effort of applying.**
  - What is small? Every dollar you are awarded is a lot more than a dollar you save when you graduate and that money must be repaid with interest if you have to take out loans for 100% of your educational expenses.

- **Scholarship competition is too intense. It's not worth bothering.**
  - Sure there is competition. But so many of those applying don't take the time to properly READ or FOLLOW THE RULES and answer the questions thoughtfully, or even correctly. Do everything correctly and you could be one of a small percentage of applicants who even gets considered. Break it down to hourly wage: spend 50 hours searching and applying for scholarships; you win two or three scholarships totalling about \$2000; that is \$40 per hour; plus you won't have to pay it back with interest.
  
- **The scholarship application process is a one-time thing.**
  - Not so. Each year, you need to look for money for the next and, as stated earlier, there is money out there for all of you (high school, college, undergraduate, graduate, etc.). It is worth searching as soon as possible.

Source: <http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-information/scholarship-myths/>

<b>TIPS AND ADVICE</b>
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1. Binder/Folder
  2. Research scholarships from a variety of sources and create a comprehensive list that the student is eligible.
  3. Resume/Portfolio/Career Cruising
  4. Letters of Reference
    - a. Provide 2-3 weeks advance notice, resume, variety of people.
    - b. Pay attention to DETAILS
    - c. Letter of Reference Referral Form
  5. Always keep a copy of the application form and scholarships you apply for.
  6. Pay attention to details and send in early.
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- Time Management, Organization - Prioritize, Perseverance, Effort, Pay Attention to Details
  - List of scholarships you want to apply to (school specific, open/any, affiliations/organizations, Moose Jaw, Vanier)
  - Start Early!

<b>TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS</b>
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School Specific Scholarships	High School Specific	Moose Jaw Local Schools	Affiliations	Community	Open
- Guaranteed - Competitive - Program Specific -Athletic	- Vanier Application Form - March/April <b>Due: April 15</b>	- PSSD/HTCSD <b>Due: May 1</b>	- Union - CAA - Legion - K of C - CWL - Prof. Org.	- Fine Foods - Wal-Mart - Rotary - Optimist	- Anything and everything - Athletic - Disabilities - Ethnic - Industry

University of Saskatchewan	University of Regina
<b><u>Guaranteed Scholarships – subject to change</u></b>	
< 95% - \$3000	UR Circle of Scholars Entrance Scholarship
93 – 94.9% - \$2000	\$20 000 (5000 x 4 years) 1 award for a Moose Jaw student
90 – 92.9% - \$1000	
85 – 89.9% - \$500	< 95% - \$3000 (Centennial Merit Plus)
	90 – 94.9% - \$2000 (Centennial Merit)
How is my admission average calculated? <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/admissions/5markaverage.php">http://explore.usask.ca/admissions/5markaverage.php</a>	Early conditional admission average <a href="http://www.uregina.ca/futurestudents/admissions/hs-students/early-conditional/index.html">http://www.uregina.ca/futurestudents/admissions/hs-students/early-conditional/index.html</a>
<b><u>Competitive Entrance Awards – subject to change</u></b>	
<a href="http://explore.usask.ca/moneymatters/awards/">http://explore.usask.ca/moneymatters/awards/</a>	Require an application: <a href="http://www.uregina.ca/safa/awards/Entrance_Awards/entrance_apply.html">http://www.uregina.ca/safa/awards/Entrance_Awards/entrance_apply.html</a>
<b>Best and Brightest Awards</b> <b>Deadline:</b> December 1 and 15	<b>Deadline:</b> March 15
<b>Competitive Entrance Awards</b> <b>Deadline:</b> February 15	

*Every post-secondary institution has specific scholarships that you can apply for! You must go onto their website soon than later to find out about them and to find the deadline date.*

## APPRENTICESHIP AND TRADES

### Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Program – [www.saskapprenticeship.ca](http://www.saskapprenticeship.ca)

A great youth program for anyone interested in pursuing a career in the trades. Once you complete all three levels, you will be awarded 300 hours toward your status, level 1 tuition, and a chance to win a \$1000 scholarship. It is a great way to discover and explore careers within the trades! Vanier students have been eligible for the past three years for a \$1000 scholarship!

**Apprenticeship Incentive Grant (AIG)** - \$1000 per year, up to a maximum of \$2000 per person. The AIG is a taxable cash grant available to registered apprentices once they have successfully completed their first or second year/level (or equivalent) of an apprenticeship program in one of the Real Seal trades.

### **Apprenticeship Completion Grant (ACG)**

The Apprenticeship Completion Grant (ACG) is a taxable cash grant of \$2,000 maximum available to registered apprentices who have successfully completed their apprenticeship training and obtained their journey person certification in a designated Red Seal trade on or after January 1, 2009.



## RESOURCES

1. Pursueonline.com <http://mj2.pursueonline.com/>
2. Student Scholarships [www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)
3. Yconic (Student Awards) <https://yconic.com/>
4. Scholarships Canada [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)
5. Can Learn <http://www.canlearn.ca>
6. Student Loans <http://ae.gov.sk.ca/student-loans>
7. Academic Invest <http://www.academicinvest.com/>
8. Prairie South School Division  
<http://www.prairiesouth.ca/students/scholarships/information-and-listings.html>
9. Prairie Valley School Division  
<http://www.pvsd.ca/ProgramsServices/CareerEducation/Pages/Scholarships.aspx>
10. Aboriginal Scholarship Guide <http://www.ammsa.com/community-access/scholarships/>
11. NAAF <http://www.naaf.ca>

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**CareerCruising**

*www.careercruising.com*

*Username:*

*Password:*

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## Monthly Scholarship Updates

1. September Update
  - a. Can be found on <https://vanier.htcsd.ca/pursueonline> under Scholarships or Events (Grade 12 Information)

## NOTES AND THINGS TO DO: