



St. Francis Xavier High School

Financial Aid and Awards

Apply...Apply...Apply.... many scholarships go unclaimed due to lack of applications.
Take the time to fill out an application.

Take advantage of all the financial support available to Post-Secondary students by

- ✓ developing your own portfolio so that when you apply to certain awards/scholarships you have accurate information
- ✓ meeting with a Guidance counsellor to clarify process
- ✓ checking the grad website at **stfxgrads.com** on a regular basis or the websites below to find out what awards/scholarships you are eligible for

St. Francis Xavier School Awards

All graduating students are considered for school awards. Not all awards have a monetary component. A school committee selects the recipients based on applications - academics, extra-curricular involvement, faith development, and at times, financial need. Information can be found on our website at **stfxgrads.com**

Board Awards

These awards recognize specific students. Most require an application, some require an interview, and are all selected by school board staff. These applications will be available in January as a google form and are due by the **Friday before March Break**. More info. can be found on our website at **stfxgrads.com**.

Community Awards

A wide number of monetary awards are supported by local businesses and community organizations. These are typically selected by the school committee. A **community awards google form** must be filled out to be eligible

University Entrance Scholarships

Entrance Scholarships are automatically offered upon admission (usually a min. 80% ave. at Carleton/OttawaU). Other Awards and Scholarships require individual application. See **Scholarships and Awards** under the **Further Information** tab at: www.electronicinfo.ca

Bursaries

Bursaries are grants that do not have to be repaid. Applicants usually need to prove financial need. Although some bursaries are presented through the school, most come from post-secondary institutions or community organizations. Check out the **awards & financial aid section** of your post-secondary institution.

External Awards

Begin your application well in advance of the due date. There are many awards available so apply wisely! There are a variety of websites that list these awards:

<http://www.yconic.com>
<http://www.scholarshipscanada.com>
<http://www.schoolfinder.com>
<http://www.studentcounsellor.com>
<http://www.ouac.on.ca>
<http://www.ontariocolleges.ca>
<http://youthcanada.ca>
www.electronicinfo.ca

Ontario Student Assistance Program OSAP is the major loans program run by the government. More at: www.osap.on.ca

*Applications usually come out in early spring.
See Student Services for details.*

Visit the grad website at **stfxgrads.com** for additional sites and available awards.

Keys to a Successful Application

Often students fail to obtain the scholarships and awards they apply for, not because they lack the necessary qualifications, but because the application itself is incomplete.

- ensure the application is accurate and detailed
- include information about academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, leadership qualities/opportunities, perseverance and financial need, if applicable.

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