
Information for Ontario High School Students Graduating in 2011

The Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship is an Ontario Government program that recognizes hard working students who earn top marks. They deserve special recognition and support for their outstanding achievement. Students who have achieved the best marks at Ontario high schools will be recognized and celebrated through this scholarship.

Winners may receive a tuition scholarship worth up to a maximum of \$3,500 per year. Students who keep their grades up can receive the scholarship for up to four years.

This scholarship is part of the government's commitment to ensuring that a postsecondary education is accessible and affordable.

Who is eligible for the scholarship?

To be considered for a scholarship:

- **you must APPLY by June 17, 2011;**
- you must be an Ontario resident, as defined by Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP);
- you must graduate from an Ontario high school in 2011 and achieve academic excellence;
- you must apply to attend a publicly assisted Ontario university or college of applied arts and technology on a full-time basis, through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre or the Ontario College Application Services; or apply to attend another Ontario postsecondary institution (for example, a private career college) that is approved for purposes of this scholarship program;
- you must be a full-time postsecondary student in 2011-2012.

How much are the scholarships worth?

The amount of your scholarship will be determined based on the information you provide about your financial resources in your application. The maximum scholarship of \$3,500 will go to students with high financial need. The minimum scholarship that you can receive is \$100. The scholarship cannot exceed your actual tuition plus compulsory fees.

Further information, forms, and answers to frequently asked questions are available on the Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship web page on the OSAP website, at <http://osap.gov.on.ca>.

How do students apply?

Apply using the 2011-2012 OSAP online web application for full-time students that is available on the OSAP website, at <http://osap.gov.on.ca>, or apply using an OSAP paper application form.

If you want to be considered for the full scholarship, all sections of the OSAP application must be filled out. However, if you elect to simply be considered for the basic merit amount of \$100, you can apply through an abbreviated application form that can be found on the OSAP website.

If you are applying to attend a provincially assisted university or college of applied arts and technology, we will receive your high school marks from the Ontario Universities' Application Centre or the Ontario College Application Services. The OSAP application form will ask you to fill out your OUAC reference number or OCAS application number to be considered.

If you are applying to an approved institution other than a provincially assisted university or college of applied arts and technology, you must contact your high school guidance office by **June 3, 2011** and ask them to send your high school transcript for consideration. For detailed instructions on how to provide your marks, please see the Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship web page on the OSAP website.

What are the key deadlines?

Application and processing deadlines

- If you use a paper OSAP application to apply, it must be received by the financial aid office of your postsecondary institution by **June 17, 2011**.
- If you use the OSAP online application to apply, you must submit it by **June 17, 2011**.
- If your submitted OSAP application (online or paper) is processed but considered to be incomplete because of errors and/or missing information, you must ensure that you provide your financial aid office with any missing information and/or corrections by **July 20, 2011**.

Declaration and signature deadline

If you use the online application to apply, you may either print your personalized declaration and signature page or request that this page be mailed to you. This page must be signed and received at the financial aid office at the postsecondary institution you plan to attend by **July 15, 2011**.

It is your responsibility to meet these deadlines. Applications will not be considered if they are received after the application deadline, or in the case of online applications, if signature and declaration forms are received after the signature deadline.

If you are not a successful candidate and you would like to request a review, your request for a review must be received at your financial aid office by **November 10, 2011**. *Please note that reviews related to missing the program's deadlines will not be considered.*

How do students receive funding?

If you receive a scholarship, OSAP will inform you by mail in August 2011. You may also check the status of this scholarship by going to the Check Status section of the OSAP website. The scholarship will be forwarded directly to your postsecondary institution to cover all or a portion of your tuition and compulsory fees.

How are scholarships renewed?

This scholarship is renewable and can be awarded for a maximum of four years, provided that you keep your grades up. To have your scholarship renewed, you must achieve an average of at least 80 per cent, or the equivalent in Grade Point Average (GPA) or letter grades, as determined by your postsecondary institution in the academic year for which you receive the scholarship. You must also continue to be enrolled full-time in an eligible program. Previous year's recipients will automatically be considered for renewal.

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