

# The TRADES

## Report

for Ontario high schools

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Both the Canadian government and the Ontario government provide financial assistance to apprentices. These supports include:

The [Tools Grant](#) helps apprentices pay for tools, protective equipment, and clothing for their trade. The amount of the grant depends on which trade sector you're apprenticing in:

- \$1,000 for motive power trades
- \$600 for construction trades
- \$600 for industrial trades
- \$400 for service trades

The [Apprentice Development Benefit](#) provides financial assistance to apprentices while they are attending full-time, in-class training. Eligible costs include:

- basic living expenses
- dependent care
- commuting and travel
- expenses for living away from home
- special assistance for persons with disabilities

The [Support for apprentices with disabilities program](#) is used for students' accommodation and accessibility needs at college. This program is offered through [Ontario's 24 Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology](#) to help people with disabilities participate in:

- apprenticeship programs
- pre-apprenticeship programs
- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Programs

For more information, contact the office that provides services for students with disabilities at the college where you will be taking your training.

The [Apprenticeship Completion Bonus](#) is a \$2,000 taxable cash grant available to those who are out of high school and have completed their training in a **non-Red Seal trade**. To qualify, you must have received your Certificate of Apprenticeship in a trade that either does not have a certifying exam or has only a provincial (non-Red Seal) certifying exam. Skilled Trades Ontario will send you an application when you are eligible to apply for this provincial bonus.


[Canada Apprentice Loans \(CAL\)](#) are available to apprentices training in a **Red Seal trade** to assist them while they progress through their technical training. With the

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Canada Apprentice Loan, you can get up to \$4,000 in interest-free loans per period of technical training. Apprentices can access Employment Insurance benefits and up to \$20,000 in interest-free loans. They can apply for a CAL as early as three months before the start of their technical training and can receive funding as early as day one of their training while they wait for their Employment Insurance claim to be processed for payment.



#### In-demand Red Seal trades expected in Ontario from 2024 to 2028:

- Carpenter
- Cook
- Painter and Decorator
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
- Welder

#### In-demand Red Seal trades across Canada expected from 2024 to 2028:

- Cook
- Hairstylist
- Welder
- Industrial Electrician
- Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)

- There are 144 recognized trades with [apprenticeship programs](#).
- There are currently 54 trades that are designated as [Red Seal](#) trades in Canada.

Tell me and I forget.  
Teach me and I remember.  
Involve me and I learn.

— Benjamin Franklin

## The Red Seal Program

The Red Seal Program is a program that sets common standards to assess the skills of tradespeople across Canada. Trades approved for Red Seal status are called [Red Seal Trades](#). There are more than 400 trades designated by provinces and territories across Canada. Not all these designated trades are Red Seal Trades. There are [55 Trades](#) at the national level for which common Red Seal standards are currently available.

The Red Seal Exam is an exam that tests your knowledge of trade activities. It is used by all provinces and territories to issue a Red Seal endorsement. Most use the Red Seal Exam to issue trade certification. In many ways, it is the “final exam” for tradespeople. The format of the questions is multiple-choice. The Red Seal Exam has a pass mark of 70%. There is a time limit of four hours for writing it.

Tradespersons who have successfully passed the Red Seal examination receive a Red Seal endorsement (RSE) on their provincial/territorial trade certificate. A Red Seal endorsement shows that you have the knowledge and skills necessary to practice your trade across Canada. The Red Seal endorsement promotes excellence to employers, instills pride in skilled workers, and facilitates labour mobility.

Red Seal endorsed (RSE) tradespeople can practice anywhere in Canada without the need to complete additional testing to prove their skills. Non-Red Seal trades, on the other hand, do not have interprovincial standards. Many non-Red Seal trades do not have an examination requirement to work in the trade.

- Excerpted from the [Red Seal Program](#).

#### QUICK FACT:

More than [222,000 new Red Seal journeypersons](#) are needed over the next four years to meet demand in Canada.



**"Demand is opportunity."**



## Interested in the culinary arts?

According to Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario, “It’s those skilled workers in the [culinary trade](#) that are currently needed.”

### Culinary Trades (Service)

- Assistant Cook
- Baker
- Baker/Pâtissier
- Chef
- Cook
- Institutional Cook

“Get yourself into a kitchen, just try something,” says Chef Dave Barton-Hammond. “It’s OK not to know things. If you just find yourself a chef that you like that you are working under, I guarantee they’ll take you under their wings.”



### Check out:

A Day in the Life of a Catering Chef [here](#).  
See more culinary trades [here](#).

## EXPLORE SKILLED TRADES & TECHNOLOGY CAREERS

- [Apprenticesearch.com](#): Explore their library of trade descriptions.
- Job Talks on [YouTube](#): Watch interviews with tradespeople and learn about their work.

The [Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program](#) is available for Grade 11 and 12 students to earn co-op education credits through work placements in a skilled trade. If you are interested in OYAP, speak with your co-op teacher, guidance counsellor, or the OYAP coordinator for your school board. Gain skills in a trade and test-drive a career through OYAP!



### Myth:

*The skilled trades is just a job, NOT a career*

### Fact:

Definitely not! Technical expertise, hands-on experience, and many hours of training are all required. Skills such as critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, problem-solving, and communication are key, and learning how to use 3D technology, digital devices, and diagnostic tools, are included in today’s skilled trade programs. These skills prepare you for a career with opportunities and advancements.

- Excerpted from “Mike Holmes – Let’s End the Myths of the Skilled Trades” – [Skills Canada](#).

## SKILLS ONTARIO CAMPS

### [Trades & Tech \(Summer\) Camps](#)

Various dates & locations.

Included in the camp options are ALL-GIRLS camps and an ALL-BOYS camp, FRANCOPHONE camps, a CONSTRUCTION-FOCUSED Camp, and a MOTIVE POWER-FOCUSED Camp!



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# How to find a sponsor/employer who will provide you with apprenticeship training and MORE ways to gain experience and boost your resume:

There are several ways you can learn about job opportunities and connect with potential employers.

- Tap into your network of family, friends, neighbors, employers, tech/co-op teachers, guidance counsellors, etc., for potential connections.
- Search job postings and post your resume online on various platforms: [Canada's Job Bank](#), [Indeed](#), and other directories. Also, [Employment Ontario \(EO\)](#) offers employment services and training opportunities.
- Many trade unions and trade associations run their own training facilities and have intake programs at certain times of the year. Visit their websites or drop by their respective offices. See what they have to offer. Joining a Trades Union can be the starting point of a career.
- There are group sponsors, programs and agencies that specialize in free trades-related training and employment and can assist you in your apprenticeship journey, e.g., [Merit Ontario](#), [Support Ontario Youth](#), and [apprenticesearch.com](#). They provide trades-readiness programs and can help place apprentices with employers.
- Reach out to companies and visit job sites: transportation and manufacturing facilities, kitchens, construction sites, etc. Apply for entry-level/labour positions. In this way you are entering the workforce, gaining experience, and building relationships while at the same time demonstrating your employability skills such as showing up on time and working well with others. This can lead to an apprenticeship.



## There are ways you can boost your skills and your resume:

- Find a trades-related job (summer, part-time, or fulltime), e.g., Home Depot, Rona, Home Hardware, Habitat for Humanity, Canadian Tire, Staples. You are obtaining hands-on experience and increasing your employability by gaining knowledge and skills related to the trade you are interested in. You are also building transferable skills. For example, if you work at McDonald's, you are developing your customer service skills and learning how to work as part of a team.
- Access self-paced industry-specific certifications through on-line courses. First Aid, CPR, Forklift Training, WHIMIS, etc. This shows initiative: you have invested your own time, and you have done your research to see what is needed.
- Volunteer in your community on build projects, e.g., Habitat for Humanity. Attend Trades fairs, Skills Ontario Competitions, and other events.
- Create a skills-based resume. If you're in high school, you may not have a lot of work experience, but you can demonstrate on your resume the skills and strengths you have gained through your part-time or summer jobs, volunteer work, and extracurricular activities at school. The resume should reflect the skills the employer would be looking for. Get some ideas for your resume [here](#) and [here](#). And don't forget to include a personal email address.
- And last, but not least, obtain your driver's licence (if possible). Some trades move locations regularly or you may be required to drive the company vehicle.

... and MORE ways to gain experience and boost your resume:

### PRE-APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS:

If you need more skills, qualifications, or experience, several community agencies and colleges provide free trades-specific training, course materials, and safety training for up to fifty-two weeks starting at different times throughout the year, e.g., [Mohawk College](#). They may offer training that includes academic upgrading and safety training as well as work placements. These placements can run from 8- 12-weeks and can lead to full time employment and apprenticeship opportunities. Pre-apprenticeship programs also include specialized programs for designated groups, e.g., [Conestoga](#) offers the “Women in Skilled Trades (WIST) Carpentry and Residential Installations Pre-Apprenticeship.”

### COLLEGE:

- Pre-Trades College Programs: If you’re looking to explore the trades but are having difficulty deciding which trade to pursue, [pre-trades programs](#) give students a well-rounded look at the skills and techniques used across a variety of skilled trades. [Pre-Trades programs](#) may also be called Trade Fundamentals, Techniques or Foundations. Most

of these programs include practical hands-on training and a workplace component. After completing the program, students have a better idea of which skilled trade program to pursue, and which career path is the right choice. Graduates can then go on to entry-level positions or begin apprenticeships (see how to find a sponsor above) or continue their education by enrolling in a certificate or diploma program (see below) at college in the skilled trades area of their choice.

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**DID YOU KNOW?** There are still available spots in some college programs. Find programs that are still open [here](#) or [here](#) (filter by Program Availability—see left side bar on the website).

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- Certificate and Diploma Programs: If you’re looking to develop experience and a skillset, or you need to obtain the prerequisite courses for your trade, a certificate or diploma college program is an option. Many of these programs will involve a workplace component which can help you make connections for further employment. Colleges will have a career placement office or can direct students to a career centre to help them find apprenticeship opportunities. Sometimes recruiters come to the colleges to recruit those graduating in trades.

## RESOURCE LIST FOR GRADUATES

- EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO [HERE](#).
- GOVERNMENT OF CANADA JOB BANK [HERE](#). FILTER BY LOCATION TO FIND JOBS IN YOUR AREA.
- \*APPRENTICESearch.COM [HERE](#)
  - [Gateway to the Trades Skilled Trades Readiness Program](#)
- \*SUPPORT ONTARIO YOUTH [HERE](#).
  - [Tools in the Trades Boot Camps](#)
  - [Trades Readiness Program](#)
- ONTARIOCOLLEGES.CA [HERE](#) OR COLLEGE TRADES [HERE](#).

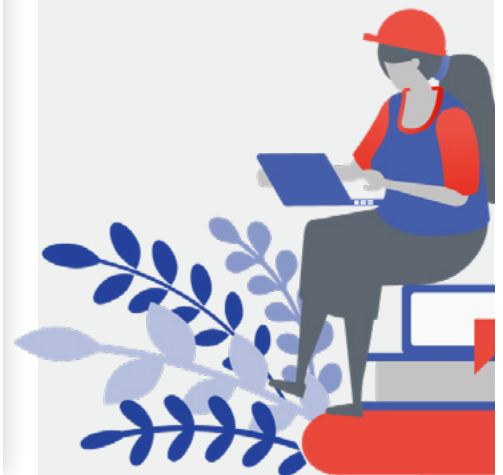
\*Look for other providers that offer free (government-sponsored) trades-readiness programs in your area. Contact [Employment Ontario](#) if you need assistance.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION (LMI)

Is there a demand for your trade? When choosing a career, you want to choose one that is a good fit AND has good employment prospects as well. LMI includes a snapshot of the occupation, including wages and outlooks.

Government websites are reliable sources of Labour Market Information (LMI):

- Government of Canada: See [Labour Market Information](#).
- Ontario Government: [Ontario’s Labour Market](#). Click on *Explore 516 Job Profiles*, and you can find information that includes the five-year outlook of an occupation, the average annual income, and industries that employ people in these occupations.
- Skilled Trades Ontario Resource Hub:
  - Click on the [Trade Report](#) specific to the trade you are interested in.
  - See Ontario’s [Workforce Planning Boards \(WBP\)](#) which collect and analyze market data in communities, including wages and outlooks. Scroll down the website page to find information about your region.



# TRADES FROM THE FOUR TRADES SECTORS





Trades in Ontario have different requirements depending on whether they are non-compulsory, or compulsory, trades. A non-compulsory trade does not require you to write an exam (even if one is offered) to work in the trade. A compulsory trade requires you to write and pass an exam to work in the trade.

**C** = compulsory

**NC** = non-compulsory

**Exam** = An exam is available.

Keep in mind that those in non-compulsory trades are not required to write the exam, even though it is offered.

4 TRADES SECTORS					
	CONSTRUCTION	INDUSTRIAL	MOTIVE POWER	SERVICE	
	<u>Painter and Decorator—Industrial (NC/Exam)</u>	<u>Elevating Devices Mechanic (NC/Exam)</u>	<u>Auto Body and Collision Damage Repairer (C/Exam) Red Seal</u>	<u>Institutional Cook (NC/Exam)</u>	
	Average Wage in Ontario	\$19.00-\$32.30 per hour	\$22-\$68 per hour	\$18-\$40 per hour	\$17.20-\$23.00 per hour
	What they do	They prepare a variety of surfaces (wood, masonry, drywall, plaster, concrete, synthetics, stucco and metal) prior to the application of materials such as paint, high performance coatings, waterproofing, fireproofing, and specialty finishes.	Constructs, installs, services, and maintains elevating devices including elevators, lifts, and escalators. They may specialize in installation, maintenance, or repair.	Repair and restore damaged motor vehicles. They assess body damage and make repair estimates. They restore a vehicle's interior components, electronic components and passenger restraint systems. They may also align and replace suspension and steering components.	Prepare meals in both small and large quantities using bulk-cooking methods in conventional, cook chill or cook freeze environments. An Institutional Cook prepares food to meet individual dietary needs, including health, religious needs, ethnic preferences and budgetary requirements.
Examples of employment	May work in commercial and industrial settings. Employed by painting contractors, building maintenance contractors and construction companies, or they may be self-employed.	May be employed by elevator manufacturers and/or elevator installation and maintenance companies. They may also be employed by elevator component suppliers, accessibility companies, airports, residential buildings, and transportation companies including major corporations such as the Toronto Transit Commission and the Ontario Power Generation.	May work in private enterprises or are self-employed. They may be employed by body repair facilities, auto and truck dealerships, custom repair facilities, and trucking and bus companies. In larger repair facilities or dealerships, there may be a division of responsibilities. Journeypersons tend to work independently. May move into supervisory positions, start their own business, or become auto damage appraisers.	May work in retirement or long-term care homes, hospitals, childcare centres, school dining areas, correctional facilities and corporate environments. They are employed in restaurants, hotels, and other health care institutions, central food commissaries, educational institutions and other establishments. They are also employed aboard ships and at construction and logging campsites.	
Skills needed to succeed	Able to work carefully and pay attention to detail. Customer service skills are an asset as well. Physically demanding.	Must possess strong problem-solving and trouble-shooting skills as well as a mechanical aptitude. They must also have an aptitude for math, and strong reading, communication, and numeracy skills.	Good communication skills, mechanical aptitude, problem solving skills, an eye for detail, computer literacy and a commitment to ongoing training. Proficiency with a variety of tools and equipment, including diagnostic scanning equipment, hand and power tools, and welding and cutting equipment. Considerable standing, kneeling, lifting, climbing, pulling and reaching.	Proficiency in operating industrial kitchen equipment, strong understanding of food safety practices, ability to work in a fast-paced, high-volume environment, and good communication and teamwork skills.	

# COLLEGE NOTES



[ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca)

## REMINDER!

**June:** Tuition Deposit Due at the Colleges. Once you've accepted your offer, the colleges require a tuition deposit in June to secure your spot in your program. Each college sets its own tuition deposit amount and payment deadline, so be sure to carefully read through your college website and all communications from the college.

## TUITION CONTESTS

- [Algonquin College \\$5,000 Tuition Contest](#): Entry Deadline: July 30, noon.
- [Durham College \\$5,000 Tuition Contest](#): Entry Deadline: August 29, 5 p.m.
- [Fleming College \\$5,000 Tuition Contest](#): Entry Deadline: September 6.

*Does your school have a tuition contest? Contact the college you will be attending to find out!*

## TIP: GENERAL BURSARY (FREE)

If you need financial assistance at college, you can apply for a General Bursary in the fall. There is also an expectation that students will apply for all funding available to them, including OSAP, before completing the application form to be considered for bursary funds. Check with your Financial Aid / Student Awards office if you need assistance.

## Paying for School:

## NOTES ON THE ONTARIO STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (OSAP)

You can use OSAP to go to a private or public college anywhere in the world if it's been approved. You can [check for approved schools](#) on the OSAP website.



OSAP is disbursed in two installments: September & January. OSAP funding is sent directly to the school you're attending to pay fees owing each term. Any remaining OSAP funding will be deposited in your bank account after your fees are paid in full (unless you have chosen otherwise in your application).

Appeal/review process: If you are not receiving enough OSAP funding, you might be eligible for an OSAP Appeal or Review. Students may request that their OSAP eligibility be reviewed if they have a special situation which is not recognized in the standard OSAP assessment of financial need. Get in touch with your [Financial Aid Office](#) to discuss your situation. They'll let you know if a funding review is possible.

You must apply to OSAP if you want to be eligible for other college financial aid. When you apply for bursaries, it is sometimes a requirement to have already applied for OSAP to demonstrate that you have exhausted all other resources.

**IMPORTANT:** Your main OSAP contact is the [Financial Aid Office \(FAO\)](#) at your school. The FAO will administer all financial aid programs to their own students. It is IMPORTANT that you notify your financial aid office if the information on your loan application has changed. New information can affect your funding.

## OSAP REMINDERS

- [Ontario Student Assistance Program \(OSAP\)](#): Apply for OSAP AFTER you've accepted an offer. It is recommended to apply by June 30 to ensure you have your money by the time school starts. From the time you submit your application, and the required documents are received, it usually takes about three-six weeks to hear back. You must apply every year.
- The [OSAP AID ESTIMATOR](#) is now open. It takes 5-10 minutes to complete, and you will be able to get a good sense of how much money you will receive from OSAP.

For even more tips, watch the webinar: [All About OSAP](#). Contact the Guidance Department for access. (Schools must have purchased access).



## [Government of Ontario: OSAP for under-represented learners](#)

If you're a student with specific needs, you may be eligible for additional funds – from OSAP or other sources – to help pay for your postsecondary education.



# SCHOLARSHIPS

## RBC FUTURE LAUNCH SCHOLARSHIP

The [RBC Future Launch Scholarship](#) could help you take your next step towards a better job.

The RBC Future Launch Scholarship will be awarded to those who show a clear vision for their future.

- For Canadian youth between 15 – 29 years old
- Enrolled part time in school or not in school at all
- A Canadian Citizen or Permanent resident
- Grades and transcripts are not required
- Hundreds of scholarships available throughout the year

The \$1,500 scholarship can be used for many different things, including:

- Short-term courses
- Workshops
- Certificates
- Necessary equipment or books

## ☑ **Schulich Builders Scholarships for Skilled Trades**

Eligible students must have a strong work ethic and character and have financial need. Open to students enrolling in a skilled trades program at one of the [twelve participating colleges](#) in Ontario. Each college has their own list of eligible programs, which can be found on their respective websites. Some of the application deadlines are in June.

Each college will award ten scholarships:

- Five \$20,000 scholarships for one-year certificate programs.
- Five \$40,000 scholarships for two-year diploma programs.

Required: One letter of recommendation by someone directly connected to the student:

- High school staff member
- Employer
- Co-worker
- Community service organization

## ☑ **Loyalist College: Dr. Leonard Reeves Entrance Award for Women in Skilled Trades**

- Recipients in a 1-year certificate program receive a \$2,500 tuition payment per academic term for the duration of their program (up to \$5,000). 4 scholarships are available for the 2025/26 academic year.
- Recipients in a 2-year diploma program receive a \$2,500 tuition payment per academic term for the duration of their program (up to \$10,000). 3 scholarships are available for the 2025/26 academic year.

## ☑ **Support Ontario Youth: BOLT Women in Construction Grant**

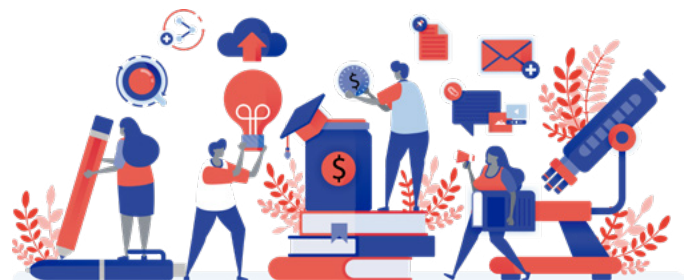
Do you meet the following qualifications?

- Identify as Female
- Registered Apprentice
- Aged 17-29
- Working in a construction trade
- Reside in the Greater Toronto Area
- Can demonstrate a financial need

Eligible candidates can apply for the grant at any time.

Successful applicants receive a \$1,000 grant and are paired with a female mentor from a related trade.

Find out if the college you're attending offers scholarships or bursaries for students in skilled trades. Speak to the Student Awards/Financial Aid office.





### ☑ **Horatio Alger Association of Canada**

- *Vocational & Technical Education Scholarships*: Twenty-five \$3,000 scholarships. Open to students who demonstrate critical financial need (\$65,000 or less annual net income per family), and perseverance in overcoming adversity. They must be a Canadian citizen.

**Deadline:** June 15.

- *Crown Lift Vocational & Technical Education Scholarships*: Three \$3,000 scholarships. Open to students who demonstrate critical financial need (\$65,000 or less annual income per family), and exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a certificate or diploma program in a vocational or technical degree, certificate, or diploma program at a government or not-for-profit institution, such as a community college or technical school in one of the following fields: Business administration, Construction trades, Engineering, Graphic design, Manufacturing/Production/Welding, Sales/Marketing. They must be a Canadian citizen.

**Deadline:** June 15.

## SUMMER JOB SEARCH

Young people ages 15+ can find new job opportunities on the [Canada Summer Jobs](#) website and mobile app. New jobs will continue to be added over the coming weeks. There are jobs in childcare, the hospitality sector, wildlife conservation, recreation, agriculture and more. Full-time work (30-40 hours/week) for six to sixteen weeks, with the average duration being eight weeks. The Canada Summer Jobs program prioritizes projects that support youth who face barriers to employment. This includes youth with disabilities, Indigenous youth, and Black and other racialized youth.

You can also look [here](#) for jobs from other sectors. You can search by filtering using the term *student* and your location.

**Ontario Public Service Careers**: There are still positions available at Ontario Parks.

**Indeed** is an employment website where many businesses such as grocery stores, pharmacies, big-box stores, restaurants, dollar stores, manufacturers, and department stores, list their job openings including summer jobs and part-time jobs for students.

\*See [High School Student Resume Examples and Templates for 2025](#).

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH

### ☑ **United Steelworkers (USW) Indigenous Scholarships**

Six \$1,500 scholarships. The applicant must be an active or retired member of the USW, or their children, grandchildren, or immediate family members, who will attend a post-secondary educational institution in Canada including a skilled trades program at a college or technical institute.

**Deadline:** June 30.

### ☑ **Indspire (First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students)**

*Building Brighter Futures*: Various awards for students in full and part time studies in college, university, skilled trades, apprenticeships, and technology programs.

**Deadline:** August 1.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BLACK YOUTH

### ☑ **Black Business and Professional Association (BBPA) National Scholarship: The BBPA Skilled Trades Scholarship**

This scholarship recognizes an outstanding student who wishes to pursue a skilled trade of their preference. The applicant must be a student who has completed high school, exhibits academic performance, and social contribution. Statements of personal need required.

**Deadline:** July 1 in 2024. Check the website for updates.

### ☑ **Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA) Scholarship Program**

Various scholarships open to students of Caribbean and African heritage.

See *The Dudley Laws Humber College Scholarship* available to Humber College students. It gives preference to studies in social justice or the trades.

**Deadline:** July 15.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES

### ☑ **UCBeyond Scholarship Program**

Eight \$5,000 awards. The applicant must have been diagnosed with a chronic inflammatory disease by a physician and enrolled in or awaiting acceptance from an institution of higher learning, including college; or trade school educational program.

**Deadline:** June 27.

### ☑ **[disabilityawards.ca](#)**

Various awards for students with disabilities.

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

## ☑ Canadian Welding Bureau (CWB) Foundation

- *Joseph G. Doria Exemplary Student Award*: Seven \$3,000 awards. Open to a graduating Canadian student who has been accepted into a full-time welding program. They must also be involved in their community.

**Deadline:** June 13.

- *Nicole LeClair Welding Bursary Award*: Four \$2,000 bursaries. Open to students who are residents of Ontario who are pursuing welding or a welding-related skilled trade at a publicly funded post-secondary school within Ontario.

**Deadline:** June 30.

\*See information on CWB Association Chapter Awards [here](#).

## ☑ Automotive Industries Association (AIA) Canada and the University of the Aftermarket Foundation (UofAF) Scholarship

**Award:** \$1,000.

**Deadline:** June 15.

## ☑ Metal Supermarkets Trade School Scholarship

One \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a Canadian applicant who is accepted to and attending a post-secondary trade school program with a semester beginning in 2025.

**Deadline:** June 27.

## ☑ Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation (OTHF) Scholarships

Open to registered apprentices and students enrolled in [approved](#) programs (See Diploma Programs, Degree Programs, and Apprenticeship Programs.).

**Award:** \$500-\$3,000 scholarships. See eligibility requirements for each scholarship.

**Deadline:** June 30.

## ☑ Skills Ontario Scholarship

Open to students who received a bronze, silver or gold medal at the 2025 Skills Ontario Competition. Canadian citizenship, landed immigrant status, or you are an Ontario resident.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be pursuing a post-secondary education as an apprentice or through a post-secondary institution within Ontario.

**Amount:** \$1,000 awards.

**Deadline:** August 1.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE AFFILIATED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Many employers and unions do offer scholarships and bursaries to the children of their employees. Have your parents check their Employee Benefits Handbook or speak to their manager for more information. Or if you have a part-time job, check out if your employer/union offers scholarships or bursaries. Some examples below:

## ☑ Christian Labour Association of Canada (CLAC) Scholarships

*Skilled Trades*: \$1,500 scholarships.

**Deadline:** June 13.

## ☑ Ontario Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) Scholarship

*Skilled Trades Scholarship*: Three \$3,000 scholarships.

**Deadline:** June 13.

## ☑ Unifor Scholarships

Twenty-eight \$2,000 awards.

**Deadline:** June 20.

## ☑ United Steelworkers (USW) Scholarships

**Deadline:** June 30.



This newsletter contains curated information from the following sources:

- [Apprenticesearch.com](#)
- [Government of Ontario: Education and Training](#)
- [ontariocolleges.ca](#)
- [Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program \(OYAP\)](#)
- [Red Seal Program](#)
- [Skills Canada](#)
- [Skills Ontario](#)
- [Skilled Trades Ontario](#)