Financial Aid and Awards

A variety of financial aid and awards programmes are available to eligible students at York University. These include government assistance programmes based on financial need, entrance scholarships and incourse awards given by York University in recognition of scholastic achievement. A number of additional awards, bursaries, prizes and medals are also offered; many of these are donated by corporations, associations and private individuals. Information on these awards can be found in the Scholarships and Bursaries section of this Calendar.

All awards listed are subject to change without notice. Further information is available from the Office of Student Financial Services/Undergraduate Awards at the following address:

Office of Student Financial Services/Undergraduate Awards
York University
Suite D, West Office Building
4700 Keele Street
Toronto, Ont. M3J 1P3
Office of Student Financial Services (416) 872-9675
Undergraduate Awards (416) 736-5614
FAX (416) 736-5386.

General information on financial assistance programmes at Glendon College, is available at the following address:

Student Financial Services
C136 York Hall
Glendon College
2275 Bayview Avenue
Toronto, Ont. M4N 3M6
Telephone: (416) 736-2100 (Ext. 88203)

Graduate Students

Graduate students can obtain information regarding scholarships, bursaries, prizes, government assistance and assistantships by contacting their graduate Faculty office.

International Students

International students to Canada are subject to the Canadian Immigration Act. Regulation 15 of this Act stipulates that students must have sufficient resources to maintain themselves and any dependants during the period of their student authorization. However, all students are considered for scholarships and the bursary fund for international students. For further information, students should contact the York International Office, 201 York Lanes, telephone (416) 736-5177.

Entrance Scholarships (For First-Year Students)

York University Entrance Scholarships

Donor: York University

a) York University offers President's Scholarships to those applicants to a first-year daytime undergraduate programme with the highest OAC/Grade 13 average. These awards are renewable for up to four years of undergraduate study provided the student maintains the required academic standing. The required academic standing for renewability is a grade point average of 7.8 in all Faculties. Scholarships are renewed based on the sessional grade point average and once lost cannot be regained.

b) York University offers Entrance Awards to those applicants to a first-year daytime undergraduate programme who complete Ontario OAC/Grade 13 or its equivalent with high academic standing or those admitted under the mature student regulations and present the best qualifications.

c) York University offers Faculty of Fine Arts Talent Awards to those applicants to a first-year daytime undergraduate programme in the Faculty of Fine Arts who demonstrate exceptional talent in their chosen field of study.

d) Science Scholarships are offered automatically to outstanding students entering the first year of study in the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science. This scholarship may be held with a York Entrance Scholarship.

e) A Bachelor of Environmental Studies Entrance Award is given to a first year undergraduate entering the Faculty who has an outstanding combination of academic standing and participation as demonstrated on the supplementary application form.

Eligible candidates will automatically be considered at the time of their admission and awards will be based on the admission average. Applicants must be entering post-secondary studies for the first time and may not be assessed for more than 12 credits of university transfer credit.

York University Alumni Endowment

To honour outstanding academic achievement, the York University Alumni have, through their generous donations, established a scholarship endowment to provide funds for new and continuing undergraduate students.

Community Scholars Fund and the York Business Alliance, “Partners in Business and Education”

The Community Scholarship Fund provides entrance scholarships to deserving students which includes the following named awards funded by Partner level members of the York Business Alliance:

- Alexander Lithographers Limited
- Bank of Montreal
- Campbell Moving Systems Incorporated
- Cordeiro Carpentry Contractor
- Dunview Sheet Metal
- First Reliance (Canada) Corporation
- Gryphon Investment Counsel Inc.
- GTS Global Travel Solutions
- Irwin Seating Company Inc.
- Sceptre Investment Counsel Ltd.
- Tesma International Inc.
- The Affinity Group Incorporated
- The Great Canadian Bagel Ltd.
- The Ice Gardens at York University
- The Kenaidan Group Ltd.
- United Technologies Otis Canada
- Van-Rob Stamping
- York Lanes Management
- Yorke Towne Decorating Supplies Ltd.

The Awards of Distinction

The Awards of Distinction are York University’s most prestigious entrance scholarships. These awards were established to recognize exceptional academic achievement and individual accomplishment among entering undergraduates. Candidates must be students in their final year of study in a secondary school who will be seeking admission into first-year undergraduate study at York University in any discipline. They must possess an outstanding scholastic record and will have other accomplishments - such as community service, achievement in arts or sports, or excellence in other areas of individual endeavour - which demonstrates the wholeness of the person and grace of character. The application form is available from the secondary school guidance office and from York’s Undergraduate Awards office.

Award of Distinction: Alumni Awards of Distinction

Donor: York University Alumni Association

The York University Alumni Association (YUAA) is committed to providing goods, services and programmes that facilitate the life-long process of education and personal development for all York graduates. The YUAA is equally committed to advancing the interests of York University itself. Whether the activity be in the form of advocacy, counsel, philanthropy or any other form of volunteer assistance, the graduates of York University
have a unique and valuable role to fill in promoting the excellence, welfare and prestige of the University.

**Award of Distinction: The Betty Jean and John M. Bankes Entrance Scholarship**

*Donor: John Bankes*

This award has been made possible through the generosity of John Bankes, a member of the University’s Board of Governors, and that of his family. The award honours their parents for their long-standing encouragement to family and others to pursue higher education.

**Award of Distinction: Bruce Bryden Entrance Scholarship**

*Donor: Board of Governors’ Colleagues, Family and Friends of the late Bruce Bryden*

Bruce Bryden (1942-1992) was a member of York University’s first class of students in 1960, later graduating in the Glendon class of 1964. Bruce was a tireless volunteer leader whose legacy and personal qualities will always be celebrated. In 1965, he was elected as founding President of the York University Alumni Association. Subsequently he became the first York graduate to be appointed to the University Senate, and then in 1971 to the Board of Governors, where he served for 20 years. Ultimately he set high standards as the Chair of the Board from 1982 until his untimely passing. Bruce Bryden was devoted to the entire University, modestly but genuinely proud of its many exceptional achievements. Typical of Glendon graduates, he cherished not only his student memories at Glendon but also the history, warmth, beauty and feelings of this campus as a special place. The Bruce Bryden Entrance Scholarship will be granted once every four years.

**Award of Distinction: John S. Proctor Entrance Scholarship**

*Donor: Friends and Colleagues of John S. Proctor*

This award honours John S. Proctor, former Chancellor and Chair of the University’s Board of Governors, and also commemorates the University’s 25th anniversary. It has been made possible by the generosity of past and present members of the Board. John Proctor was a banker, tennis champion and philanthropist who served on York’s Board of Governors for many years and eventually became Chancellor in 1982. Mr. Proctor rendered untold hours of service to York University. He became a model of excellence and was recognized for his personal integrity, graceful counsel and wise leadership. The John S. Proctor Entrance Scholarship will be awarded annually.

**Awards of Distinction Merit Scholarships**

These scholarships are awarded to applicants short-listed for the Awards of Distinction. Refer to the criteria listed above.

**York University Awards of Achievement**

York University recognizes that students may be challenged in their pursuit of a post-secondary education because of limited financial resources. We are committed to providing these individuals with the opportunity to realize their goal and complete an undergraduate degree. Applicants must be admitted to an undergraduate faculty with a minimum average of 85% and must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents as well as Ontario residents as defined by the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) and in financial need.

**Provost’s Awards**

Awarded to community college and university applicants who present high academic standing.

**Friends Of Glendon College Entrance Scholarships**

The Friends of Glendon College offer three entrance scholarships to applicants to Glendon with high academic standing. Eligible candidates will be considered at the time of admission and need not apply separately for these scholarships. Entrance scholarships include the Lester Pearson Scholarship, the Ron Trifon Scholarship, and the Alumni Scholarship, each valued at $1,000. Friends of Glendon entrance scholarships are made available thanks to generous donations from the Friends of L.B. Pearson and Ron Trifon and members of the alumni, staff, faculty and community at large.

**Second-year Entrance Scholarship Programme/CEGEP**

Glendon College offers five Entrance Scholarships to those applicants who have completed two years of CEGEP, have graduated with a diploma, have high academic standing, and are entering a second-year programme of study at the College.

**Roseann Runte Scholarship for Bilingualism**

Roseann Runte, Principal of Glendon from 1989-1994, supported academic excellence in both French and English as a key to global understanding and peace. This scholarship was established in recognition of the special role of bilingualism in laying the foundation for communication on a national and international level. It is awarded to a student in the first year of a Bachelor of Arts degree at Glendon College of York University.

**Harry W. Arthurs Alumni Entrance Scholarship**

The York University Alumni Association has established the Harry W. Arthurs Alumni Entrance Scholarship in commemoration of the achievements of Harry W. Arthurs, President from 1985 to 1992, and in celebration of the 30th anniversary of York University. President Arthurs’ unfailing commitment to building excellence into the University’s academic, social, cultural and physical development was fundamental in shaping its identity and direction. This award, valued at $2,500, will be awarded to a student seeking admission into the first year of undergraduate study. To apply candidates must be children or grandchildren of graduates holding a York University degree; be eligible for a York University Entrance Scholarship; have a demonstrated record of participation and leadership in extra-curricular student life. For further information please contact Undergraduate Awards.

**Bethune College Lexicon Award**

*Donor: Bethune College Lexicon Foundation*

This fund, founded by the undergraduate students of Norman Bethune College, and supported by its members, will make several annual awards, overall totalling up to $3,000, available to students entering their first year of full-time undergraduate study at York University, regardless of their intended field of study. Candidates must have a demonstrated record of involvement within their high school or other community service, and will be assessed on the basis of potential community involvement at Norman Bethune College (e.g., with science clubs, etc.). Applications are available from Norman Bethune College, 736-5164.

**Chemistry Hall of Fame Award**

This award goes to those students who have nominated a winning chemical substance into the York University Chemistry Hall of Fame. Secondary school students must submit a 500 word essay detailing the qualities of their chemical. Recipients will receive a $500 cash prize and $2,000 toward their tuition upon registration as a Chemistry major at York University.

**City of Toronto North York Community Scholarship**

*Donor: City of North York*

This scholarship was established to honour York University’s 25th anniversary and its contribution to North York. The $1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student from a North York secondary school entering the first year of a full-time undergraduate programme. Criteria for the scholarship winner are high academic standing and/or financial need, combined with a history of community involvement and an interest in urban studies. Applications are available from the Undergraduate Awards office in the fall.

**Kawai Canada Entrance Scholarship**

*Donor: Kawai Canada Music Limited*

The Kawai Canada Entrance Scholarship is a tuition credit in the amount of $1,000 which recognizes academic excellence and outstanding ability/ promise in piano performance. It is awarded annually to a first-year student...
entering full-time undergraduate studies in the Department of Music, Faculty of Fine Arts.

McLaughlin Foundation Awards

Donor: The R. Samuel McLaughlin Foundation

The R. Samuel McLaughlin Foundation has become known as one of Canada’s largest and most ardent supporters of a wide variety of charitable causes, especially in the Durham Region. York University has a rich historical relationship with the R. Samuel McLaughlin Foundation. In recognition of the University’s first $1 million gift from the Foundation, in 1968, York’s McLaughlin College was named in honour of Colonel McLaughlin. Through the R. Samuel McLaughlin Scholars Award, the R. Samuel McLaughlin Foundation is pleased to show its support of Durham Region students wishing to study at York University. The successful applicants will be entering in any faculty (graduate or undergraduate), who have a home address in, or graduated from a high school in, the Regional Municipality of Durham. Applicants must have financial need and be Canadian citizens or permanent residents as well as Ontario residents as defined by OSAP.

Bobby Orr Entrance Scholarships

Donor: Bobby Orr

Bobby Orr has generously funded an endowment at York University which, each year, will provide an entrance scholarship valued at $2,000. To be considered for the scholarship an applicant must apply to York University to the Kinesiology and Health Science Programme through either the Faculty of Arts or the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science. The applicant must also have a distinguished academic record at the secondary school level combined with extracurricular participation or service. The application form is available from the Undergraduate Awards office and the School of Physical Education.

Sudha Thakkar Khandwani Award in Western Dance

Donor: Menaka Thakkar

The Sudha Thakkar Khandwani Award in Western Dance is an entrance award which recognizes outstanding ability/promise in performance work in ballet and modern dance. The award is a $500 tuition credit, given annually to a student entering full-time undergraduate studies in the Department of Dance. Eligibility criteria include financial need, Canadian citizenship or landed immigrant status, and Ontario residency per OSAP regulations. The Sudha Thakkar Khandwani Award in Western Dance was established by the Indian classical dancer and choreographer Menaka Thakkar in honour of her sister, a former Bharatanatyam dancer who was one of Menaka Thakkar’s first teachers. The award is supported through the Manorama and Bhanuchandra Thakkar Endowment Fund.

The Honderich Awards

Donor: Beland Honderich and The Toronto Star

The Toronto Star has established these awards in honour of its Chair, Beland Honderich. Their purpose is to encourage deserving secondary school students to pursue a university education. A Grade 10 student at James Cardinal McGuigan Secondary School, C.W. Jefferys Secondary School, Regina Pacis Catholic High School, and Westview Centennial Secondary School will be chosen by the schools annually. The award will be in the form of a $500 credit certificate payable when the student registers at a postsecondary institution. At the university level the value of the Honderich Awards will be $2,000 in each year that the student maintains successful standing for continuing in an undergraduate programme at York University. The award is renewable for a maximum of four years.

Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation Award

The Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation was founded in 1988 to assist talented and well-rounded Canadian students in the completion of undergraduate study at selected Canadian universities. Students are chosen by the Foundation while in their final year of secondary school and must attend one of the participating universities. The criteria for nominee selection, besides strong academic achievement and physical vigour, are as follows: evidence of moral force of character, capacity to lead and to motivate fellow students, and evidence of a strong commitment to the community both within and outside the school.

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