

## Scholarships – April 2026 updates

**WESTERN CANADA ALUMNI BURSARY!!** This is a **\$3500.00** award given to 5 students who have displayed community leadership at Western Canada High school and require financial assistance to attend post secondary school. Please pick up applications for this traditional and prestigious award in the **Guidance office or on the WCHS Website (scholarship section)**. Hand in your application in the Guidance office or send it by email to Mme Plante ([maplante@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:maplante@cbe.ab.ca)) by **Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> 2026, 12:00 pm.**

### **The Bill Gibson Bursary \$7500. 00**

This bursary opportunity supports students graduating Grade 12 this year from CBE or CCSD school, directly entering first year of a full-time undergraduate degree program as a Calgary post-secondary institution.

Applicants must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, residing in Calgary.
- Be a Grade 12 student graduating this year from the Calgary Board of Education or Calgary Catholic School District.
- Be entering first year of a full-time undergraduate degree program at a Calgary post-secondary institution, directly from high school (no gap year).
- Demonstrate leadership in the Calgary community by volunteering.
- Demonstrate financial need (applicants must not be recipients of an award/bursary of equal or greater value from [EducationMatters](#) or Calgary Foundation).
- Provide one letter of reference.

One award available, valued at \$7,500, applied directly to tuition. Renewable for up to three consecutive years of study as long as recipient achieves good academic standing (cumulative GPA greater than or equal to 2.7 or 70%) and maintains a full-time course load, as defined by the post-secondary institution (up to four years of support total). The deadline to apply is **May 15 at midnight**. Eligible applicants are encouraged to access award information directly at: <https://calgaryfoundation.org/student-awards/>

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### **The Owen Hart Foundation Awards \$4000.00**

#### **Applicants must:**

- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- Be graduating Grade 12 this year from one of the following Calgary high schools: Forest Lawn, **Western Canada**, Ernest Manning, Crescent Heights, Sir Winston Churchill, or Lord Beaverbrook.
- Plan to attend a Canadian post-secondary institution in the upcoming academic year.
- Be motivated toward improving their life through education.
- Have at least a 70% average or above, or acceptance to post-secondary based on entry requirements.
- Demonstrate their goals and education/career dreams, strength and abilities, and contributions to their school and/or broader community.
- Demonstrate financial need. Preference given to students who hold part-time employment.
- Provide one letter of reference.

Twelve or more awards valued at \$4,000 each, applied directly to tuition. Two awards provided to students at each eligible high school. Additional small awards may be available.

The deadline to apply is **May 30 at midnight.**

**EducationMatters's** student award cycle for 2025/2026 is officially OPEN!

[www.educationmatters.ca](http://www.educationmatters.ca)

### **Lots of opportunities for scholarships, bursaries and awards**

Students apply for awards through the online portal

(<https://applications.educationmatters.ca>) Students should NOT be using their cbe issued email.

1. To apply, students should be looking for/using the **EducationMatters 2025/2026 General Award Application Form**. They should NOT be looking for a separate application form for each award.

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**CALGARY ITALIAN SPORTSWOMEN'S DINNER ASSOCIATION**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026** Submission Deadline: **May 20, 2026 -**  
**Midnight** Scholarship Value \$5000

<https://calgaryitaliansportswomen.ca/home>

### Scholarship Criteria:

- Female of Italian descent
- Currently in Grade 12
- Minimum 75% overall average
- Exemplary citizens that demonstrated excellence in athletics, academics, leadership, and community involvement. Scoring will be as follows: 35% to athletic ability and performance; 30% to scholastic achievement; the nominee's grade 12 marks; 15% to citizenship, leadership, sportsmanship and community involvement and 20% to personal response.

Registered in a post-secondary program for September 2026 (proof of enrollment letter and tuition payment required by October 1, 2026)

Able to attend the CISDA Celebration Dinner on Oct 23, 2026. A designate may attend if recipient is away for post-secondary studies.

Go to the <https://calgaryitaliansportswomen.ca/home> website for full application process