

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

For many students, the financial challenge is the greatest barrier to college success. Many students work part-time or full-time while completing their studies. An increasing number have responsibility for one or more dependents.

Niagara College has established endowed funds, in which the principal remains untouched, and the interest earned is used to fund annual bursaries and scholarships. The goal for the Building Futures Campaign includes \$2 million to help build the College's endowment fund for scholarships and bursaries.

Funding Opportunity for Scholarships and Bursaries

Although gifts of any size are valued, the minimum required to establish a Named Endowment fund is \$10,000. Donations are also welcome for the College's general endowment and for declining funds.

The balance in a declining fund decreases as the scholarship or bursary is given out. Donors may choose to top up, or continue their giving, to fund an annual award.

"I cannot begin to express my appreciation for your generosity. You have selflessly invested into my life, and for this I will always be thankful. I am so excited to soon be graduating from Niagara College and pursuing my new career. This program was the best investment I could have made for my own life – and as every investment starts off with a cost, thank you for helping to lighten the load. You are now a part of my journey towards a better, brighter and more fulfilling future."

Niagara College scholarship recipient

One in four college applicants comes from a family that lives below the poverty line.

Average earnings of College grads are 30% higher than those with a high school diploma.



Endowed Donation	OTSS* Matched	Annual Award
\$10,000	\$20,000	\$500 for one bursary annually
\$20,000	\$40,000	\$1,000 for two bursaries or one scholarship annually
\$50,000	\$100,000	\$2,500 to cover one-year tuition for a post-secondary program annually

Bursary – minimum award of \$500

Criteria: Financial need and the academic program.

Scholarship – minimum award of \$1,000

Criteria: Academic excellence is added to financial need (minimum 75% academic average). Donor chooses academic program, plus additional criteria such as evidence of leadership skills, community involvement or college extracurricular activities.

*OTSS - Ontario Trust for Student Support