

Applying for Awards: 10 Quick Tips

- Tip #1** Get involved. Many scholarships recognize students who go above and beyond the call of duty. Be sure to list any involvement in your school, church, sports club, volunteer organization, professional organization, etc.
- Tip #2** Visit mru.ca/awards and look at the External Awards page at least once a month to see what's new and to view External Awards that have upcoming deadlines.
- Tip #3** Use an online website service such as scholarshipscanada.com or studentawards.com to stay up-to-date on external awards and their deadlines. You can also use an internet search engine to find awards that apply specifically to your volunteer work, sports or the program that you are in.
- Tip #4** Contact organizations that you or your parents are associated with or contact professional organizations within your intended field. Many clubs/organizations offer their own awards.
- Tip #5** Ask your teachers or instructors if they know about any awards that they feel you might qualify for. Use their experience and information to help you outside of the classroom.
- Tip #6** It's never too early to start looking. Many awards have been decided by the time school starts in September, so start right away! The Mount Royal awards application period opens from **Oct. 1 - Mar. 1** each academic year. Award payments are typically applied towards the following Fall semester's tuition.
- Tip #7** Keep trying. Don't get discouraged if you don't receive a scholarship the first time you submit an application. Make sure you apply every year.
- Tip #8** Pay attention to detail. Be sure to submit the information exactly as requested and answer the questions exactly as posted. Be sure to ask if you need clarifications.
- Tip #9** Keep your contact information up-to-date. You may be eligible for awards and not even know it, or you may miss out on an opportunity to be considered for certain awards if Mount Royal or an external organization doesn't have your up-to-date address or phone number.
- Tip #10** Always ensure your application is filled out in full and don't forget to attach any required documentation!

*"Applying for a scholarship is like applying for a job.
The key is to be honest, thorough and creative."*

- ScholarshipsCanada.com