

Financial Aid & Awards – Financing Your Education

The Financial Aid & Awards office is dedicated to helping students successfully manage their finances while pursuing a post-secondary education at Durham College. Careful financial planning and academic success are both critical to the life of a student. Your financial plan may consist of several strategies including government funding, scholarships and bursaries, bank lines of credit, personal savings, and assistance from family. Appointments can be made in Financial Aid & Awards at any time to discuss your financial concerns. We recommend you do this in the months before school commences so we can assist you as you develop your financial plan.

Financial Aid Programs

The Financial Aid & Awards office administers and provides information for OSAP and subsidiary government financial aid programs:

- Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)
- Bursary for Students with Disabilities (BSWD)
- Part-time Canada Student Loan Program (PCSLP)

We also offer information regarding bursaries, scholarships and budgeting.

Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)

The Ontario Student Assistance Program offers repayable loan assistance and grants to qualified students attending post-secondary studies that lead to a degree or diploma. The OSAP application is available online at www.ontario.ca/osap annually.

Non-Government Student Loans

Banking Institutions offer student lines of credit as a supplement to OSAP funding. A student line of credit usually requires a co-signer and interest-only payments while you attend full-time, post-secondary studies. Your banking institution will have full details.

On-Campus Employment

The **DCWorks/IWorks** Program offers part-time, on-campus employment to qualified students during their academic year. Information for this program is publicized on MyDC in mid-August. All jobs are on-campus with a selection available at most campus locations.

The **Summer Employment Program** offers full-time, on-campus employment to qualified returning students during their summer break. Information for this program is publicized on MyDC late March or early April. All jobs are on-campus with a selection available at most campus locations.

The **Peer Tutoring** program allows students with good academics to earn extra income by working with students who are having academic difficulty. More information about peer tutoring can be obtained in the Student Academic Learning Centre (SALS), Room SSB 204E in the Student Services Building.

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Scholarships, Bursaries & Awards

Durham College General Bursary

Students may apply for bursary funding if they are experiencing financial difficulty and have exhausted all other avenues of potential funding. Applications and deadlines are published on MyDC and are assessed by an internal bursary selection committee.

In-Course Scholarships

In-course scholarships encourage and recognize outstanding academic achievement and also provide financial assistance to recipients. The candidates for this award are selected based upon successful completion of at least one year of studies at Durham College. Students need not apply for these awards. They will be notified of their eligibility via DCMail.

Donor Scholarships, Bursaries & Awards

These awards have been generously donated specifically for Durham College students. The Durham College General Bursary application must be completed unless otherwise noted in the posting details. Students who meet the criteria may apply following the instructions on MyDC.

External Scholarships, Bursaries & Awards

These awards are offered by external companies, organizations or associations to post-secondary students at various institutions.

Government Scholarships, Bursaries & Awards

- First Generation Bursary: Provides aid to postsecondary students with financial need who are attending publicly-assisted colleges and universities in Ontario. This bursary is specifically for students whose parents have never attended postsecondary studies.
- Indigenous Student Bursary: Provided to Aboriginal students who demonstrate financial need attending postsecondary programs and/or training programs at either Ontario publicly-assisted colleges/universities or approved Aboriginal postsecondary education and training institutions.

Applications can be found on MyDC.

Student Access Guarantee (SAG)

A partnership between the University and the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. For students with greater financial need than OSAP covers, Ontario introduced the Student Access Guarantee. Students must apply for OSAP to officially determine the level of bursary assistance needed to cover the SAG.

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