

St John's College

Scholarships & Bursaries Workshop

About St John's College

- Community
- Student Supports
- Unique Opportunities



Agenda For The Workshop

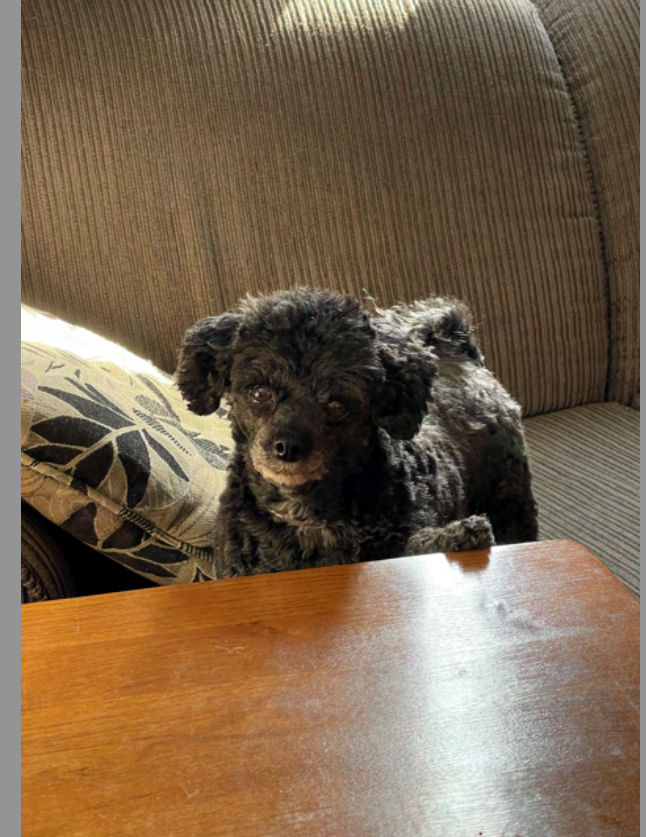


- About Awards
- Eligibility
- Letter of Application
- References
- Financial Need Worksheet
- Walkthrough of the application form
- Q&A



About Sherry Peters

- What do I do at SJC
- How long I've been at SJC
- Fun Fact



About Scholarships & Bursaries



- Donations from alumni
- Two application periods
- Awarded in November



Difference Between Scholarships, Bursaries, Prizes, & Awards

- Scholarships
- Bursaries
- Awards
- Prizes



Eligibility Requirements

Must be a College Member



Financial need vs.
grades



Community Involvement



Letter of Application

What is it? Why is it important?

- Your introduction to the committee
- The more detail the better
- Confidential, don't be shy



Letter of Application

What goes into it?

- 500 words
- Introduce yourself
- Volunteer Activities
- Hardships you've experienced and overcome
- Financial situation
- Anything else that might be relevant
- Come back to this document



Letter of Reference

The Fundamentals

- Not every award requires references
- One letter per referee
- In PDF or Word Docx format



Letter of Reference

How do I ask for it?

- Professors, bosses, supervisor, co-workers
- Ask early
- Give a firm deadline



Letter of Reference

What should be in it?

- How they know you
- What they think of your character
- How you contribute at work, volunteering, in class
- If you're fun, friendly, helpful



Financial Need Worksheet

What is it? Why is it important?

- Details beyond your letter of application
- Loan debt and overall financial need
- Additional information



Financial Need Worksheet

How to complete it?

- From September 2023 to April 2024
- Per month
- Loan debt
- Summer 2024 earnings
- Tuition





Application Walk Through

Preparing to Apply

- Write your letter of application in Word
- Fill out financial need worksheet
- Have a notebook beside you



Next Steps

- Confirmation of receipt
- Follow up with your references
- Notification
- Awards given at Convocation



Q & A

1. If I don't have two references/recommendations, what can I do?
2. Where do I look for volunteer opportunities?
3. How do I get involved at St John's College and the University at large?
4. Does only one person win each scholarship?
5. Which entrance scholarships need a separate application process?
6. What is the number one thing that will increase my chance of standing out/make my application compelling?
7. When does the application open?



Wrap-Up



- About Awards
- Eligibility
- Letter of Application
- References
- Financial Need Worksheet
- Walkthrough of the Application form
- Don't hesitate to ask questions

