

Find the awards nobody else is applying for.

Two copy-paste prompts. No coding. No tech skills. The AI digs through the scattered corners where scholarship money hides, matched to your kid's real profile, then drafts the application for any award you find.

Niche award finder

Deadline sorting

Application drafts

Works across Canada

This kit gives you **two prompts** to paste into the AI chat you already use. The first hunts the small, niche, barely-applied-for awards that match your kid, the ones scattered across community foundation pages, service clubs, and union offices that no single student ever finds. The second turns any award you find into a **tailored first-draft application**. Each prompt shows a filled-in example beside a blank template for you to customize.

BEFORE YOU START

How to use this kit

Three steps. That is it.

- 1 Open the AI chat you use (ChatGPT, Gemini, whatever you use) and start a fresh chat. Turn on web search or research mode first, usually a toggle or a small globe icon.
- 2 Copy the prompt, fill in your details where you see blank or italic fields, then paste it in and hit send.
- 3 The AI searches the fragmented places awards hide and hands you a shortlist with deadlines. Then open each official page to confirm it's real and current before your kid applies.

WHERE THE MONEY HIDES

Four places almost nobody checks

Roughly 3% of the awards on Canada's largest scholarship database get zero applications in a given year. Not because they're hard to win. The money's spread across pages no single student thinks to open. These four are where it sits.

01

Community foundations

Most cities and regions have one. They hold dozens of small local awards funded by families and businesses, listed almost nowhere national.

02

Service clubs

Rotary, Lions, Legion, Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus. Local chapters give to local students and rarely see many applicants.

Employer and union awards

Plenty of employers, unions, and professional associations fund awards for members' children. Some of the least-contested money out there.

In-program awards

Once your kid picks a school and program, the department itself has awards hardly anyone applies for after grade 12.

PROMPT ONE

Find the awards

Has the AI search the scattered sources and compile niche, low-applicant awards matched to your kid's real profile, with deadlines and official links. It researches live, so the awards are real, not made up.

EXAMPLE – A TEENAGER IN BRAMPTON, ON

You're a Canadian scholarship and bursary researcher. Find real, currently open awards my teenager can actually apply for, including the small niche ones almost nobody finds.

Turn on web search before you start.

The student:

Location: Brampton, ON

Graduating: Grade 12, this year

Heading into: Nursing, Canadian university

Background that might unlock niche awards:

- First in our family to go to university
- Volunteers weekly at a seniors' home
- Plays in a community concert band
- South Asian heritage
- Parent is in a healthcare workers' union

Search these four places most students skip:

1. Community foundations for our city/region
2. Service clubs (Rotary, Lions, Legion, etc.)
3. Employer and union awards for members' kids
4. In-program awards from her school/department

For each award, give me:

- Exact name and who offers it
- Who's eligible, in one line
- Amount, only if it's on the official page
- The deadline
- Direct link to the official page

Rules:

- Only list awards you find on a real source. Not sure it's real? Say so, don't guess.
- Never invent a name, amount, or deadline.
- Smallest, most specific awards first.
- Skip the famous national ones. Everyone applies to those.

YOUR BLANK TEMPLATE

You're a Canadian scholarship and bursary researcher. Find real, currently open awards my teenager can actually apply for, including the small niche ones almost nobody finds.

Turn on web search before you start.

The student:

Location: *[your city and province]*

Graduating: *[grade / year]*

Heading into: *[program, and type of school]*

Background that might unlock niche awards:

- *[first-generation? heritage? faith?]*
- *[volunteering, clubs, sports, a job]*
- *[a parent's employer or union]*
- *[anything specific: a hometown, a trade]*

Search these four places most students skip:

1. Community foundations for our city/region
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Draft the application

Pick one award from your shortlist. This turns your kid's real experiences into a first-draft answer built around what that specific award values, then hands it back for them to edit into their own voice.

EXAMPLE — A TEENAGER IN BRAMPTON, ON

Help me tailor an application for one award. I'll give you the award and my teenager's real background. Draft a first version she can then edit into her own words.

The award:

Name: *[paste the exact award name]*

Who offers it: *[foundation, club, school]*

What they value: *[paste their criteria: leadership, service, financial need, etc.]*

The question: *[paste the essay prompt]*

Word limit: 300 words

The student, honestly:

- Going into nursing because *[her reason]*
- Real things she's done: volunteers at a seniors' home, plays in a community band, helps care for a younger sibling
- What money would change: first in the family to attend, every dollar is a loan she won't have to take

Draft it so it:

- Answers the exact question, in the limit
- Ties her real experiences to this award
- Sounds like a real 17-year-old, not a press release
- Leaves *[brackets]* where only she can add a true detail

Rules:

- Use only what I've told you. Don't invent achievements or stories they didn't do.
- If something would help, ask me for it instead of making it up.

YOUR BLANK TEMPLATE

Help me tailor an application for one award. I'll give you the award and my teenager's real background. Draft a first version they can then edit into their own words.

The award:

Name: *[exact award name]*

Who offers it: *[foundation, club, school]*

What they value: *[paste their criteria]*

The question: *[paste the essay prompt]*

Word limit: *[word or character limit]*

The student, honestly:

- Going into *[field]* because *[real reason]*
- Real things they've done: *[work, clubs, volunteering, caring for family, a hard thing they got through]*
- What the money would change: *[be specific and true]*

Draft it so it:

- Answers the exact question, in the limit
- Ties their real experiences to this award
- Sounds like a real teenager, not a press release
- Leaves *[brackets]* where only they can add a true detail

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PRO TIPS

Get the most out of it

Verify before you apply

The AI can get an award name or amount slightly wrong. Always open the official page and confirm it's real and current before your kid spends an evening on it.

Deadlines are the whole game

Ask the AI to sort the list by deadline. Put the soonest three in your calendar that night. Most unclaimed money is just a date that quietly passed.

Small and weird beats big and famous

The national awards everyone knows get thousands of applicants. A \$500 local award with three applicants is where your odds actually live.

Not every award needs an essay

Some ask only for a transcript, a reference letter, or a short video. Tell the AI to flag the low-effort ones so your kid can start there.

Check your own network

Your employer, your union, your professional association. Awards for members' kids are some of the least-contested money there is, and nobody thinks to ask.

Re-run it every fall

New awards open each cycle, and a new grade unlocks new in-program ones. Save the prompt and run it again every September. No rebuilding needed.