

HOW TO WRITE AN EXCEPTIONAL JOYCE FOUNDATION ACCESS BURSARY APPLICATION

What is a bursary?

A bursary is a monetary award that is granted on the basis of financial need. Bursaries are different than Scholarships. Scholarships are merit-based and are awarded for academic achievement. Bursaries are **financial-need** based awards that do not have to be repaid.

1. **Complete the entire form!** It is hard to make a decision on or assess an incomplete application.
2. Hand the application in on time. The **DEADLINE** is **IMPORTANT**.
3. **Writing the letter:**
 - A) Go that extra mile!** Make sure the committee gets to know you, what makes you unique? **How can The Joyce Foundation Bursary impact your life financially?** What would \$20,000.00 (\$5,000.00 per year over 4 years) mean to you? Your Educational pursuits?
 - B) Have** a friend, family member or guidance counsellor **proof your application**. Do you have spelling errors? Have you given enough details so the committee knows what makes you unique or how this award will impact you financially?
 - C) Don't Rush Your Application!** Make sure you're giving the application the necessary **time and consideration** to be a strong contender. You want your application to stand out, to reflect your ability to be thoughtful and hard-working.

LAST WORD OF ADVICE FOR ANY AWARD, a "Thank you" is important!

