

**TIP SHEET**

**HOW TO WRITE AN EXCEPTIONAL**

**JOYCE FOUNDATION ACCESS BURSARY APPLICATION**

### What is a bursary?

A bursary is a monetary award that is granted based on 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 decide on or assess an incomplete application.
2. Hand the application in on time.  The **DEADLINE** is **IMPORTANT**.
3. **Writing the letter**:
4. **Go that extra mile!**

Make sure the committee gets to know you, what makes you unique? **How will The Joyce Foundation Bursary impact your life financially?**  What would $20,000.00 ($5,000.00 per year over 4 years) mean to you? What are your educational pursuits?

1. **Have** a friend, family member or guidance counsellor **proof your application**. Are

there any spelling errors? Have you given enough details so the committee knows what makes you unique or how this award will impact you financially?

1. **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!**

