

## Student Award OCF Pat & Barry Smith Bursary

- Specific to:** Oxford County OSSD graduate pursuing post secondary education.
- Amount of Award:** 2 awards of \$1,500 each.
- History:** The late Pat Smith, an educator and founding member of Oxford Community Foundation (OCF) and her husband Barry, a farmer, established the Pat and Barry Smith Fund at OCF in 2011. Pat & Barry viewed integrity and leadership essential for our future. Each year two or more bursaries are awarded from this Fund recognizing these skills and attributes.
- Criteria:**  
(who should apply)
- The person receiving this bursary:
- will be an Oxford County rural youth or youth coming from an Oxford County town or village with a population of less than 5,000 residents
  - will have demonstrated leadership potential. They will have developed themselves and just as importantly others in school, community or in sports.
  - may additionally have a combination of education, sports or community involvement.
- Selection Process:** The Oxford Community Foundation will have a selection committee review qualified candidates and notify the school board via email.
- Procedure to Apply:** Students to find application on OCF website or School Guidance department:  
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Email completed application to: [info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org](mailto:info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org)  
(or mail/drop off to: Oxford Community Foundation, 447 Hunter Street, Woodstock, Ontario N4S 4G7)
- Deadline:** April 23, 2026  
Note: Applications require Guidance Department signoff.
- Special Notes:** Oxford Community Foundation to be notified of recipient and present at awards presentation.

## Student Award

### OCF Oxford Manufacturers Skill Development Bursary

- Specific to:** Oxford County OSSD graduate pursuing post secondary education or an apprenticeship program.
- Amount of Award:** \$1,500
- History:** Established in 2011
- Criteria:**  
(who should apply?)
- reside in Oxford County
  - show a keen interest and skill for engineering or the trades. These mechanical and/or applied skills would be shown in their marks and in their references from teachers or guidance.
  - demonstrate community and/or school involvement, and leadership characteristics by developing themselves and others, over their last few years of schooling
  - provide a good reference from summer employment in the field of manufacturing
- Selection Process:** The Oxford Community Foundation will have a selection committee review qualified candidates and notify the school board via email.
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### OCF Lorna & George Roberts Bursary

- Specific to:** Oxford County OSSD graduate pursuing post secondary education.
- Amount of Award:** \$2,000
- History:** The late George Roberts was “just a farmer from north of Embro” who met his future bride, Lorna Thompson while they were completing their degrees at the University of Guelph. George & Lorna Roberts valued the importance of education and established a fund at Oxford Community Foundation (OCF) in 2013. Each year, a bursary is awarded from the OCF George & Lorna Roberts Fund.
- Criteria:**  
(who should apply?)
- The person who will be awarded this bursary will:
- reside in Oxford County
  - be enrolled at The Ontario Agriculture College at the University of Guelph and/or the Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition in the College of Social & Applied Human Sciences at the University of Guelph
  - excel in leadership skills demonstrating they have developed themselves and others, either in the schools or in their community
  - may additionally have a combination of school and community involvement
- Selection Process:** The Oxford Community Foundation will have a selection committee review qualified candidates and notify the school board via email.
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## Student Award OCF Joland Family Fund Bursary

- Specific to:** Oxford County OSSD graduate pursuing post secondary education.
- Amount of Award:** \$300
- History:** Joland Family Fund was established by an anonymous donation in 2006. The donors are proud of their Oxford County farming roots and knew what it was like to work hard to get through and afford a post secondary school education. They now want to give back, supporting others in pursuing their educational goals.
- Criteria:**  
(who should apply?)
- The recipient will be:
- a female from a working farm
  - who is motivated and an inspiration to others
  - those with demonstrated financial need will be given priority
- Selection Process:** The Oxford Community Foundation will have a selection committee review qualified candidates and notify the school board via email.
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## Student Award OCF Klosler Family Fund Bursary

- Specific to:** Oxford County OSSD graduate pursuing post secondary education.
- Amount of Award:** 2 bursaries of \$2,000 each.
- History:** George Klosler came to Canada from Romania in 1951 and not long after attended the Ontario Agricultural College and the University of Guelph while still working on the family farm. Canada gave George and his family so much opportunity. George said, "Why wouldn't I give? Why wouldn't we share our good fortune and help others? I was able to get a good education. Education can change people's lives for the better and that's why we set up the Klosler Family Fund with Oxford Community Foundation in 2022 to support continuing education at the University of Guelph."
- Criteria:** (who should apply?)  
The person who will be awarded this bursary:
- Oxford County residents pursuing post secondary education at the University of Guelph or any of their associated colleges.
  - Based on financial need (verified by Guidance Department)
  - Minimum of two references verifying good character and drive.
- Selection Process:** The Oxford Community Foundation will have a selection committee review qualified candidates and notify the school board via email.
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## Student Award

### OCF Laurie Hawkins Memorial Bursary

- Specific to:** Oxford County OSSD graduate pursuing post secondary education specifically attending **Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute (IDCI)**.
- Amount of Award:** \$300
- History:** Constable Laurie Hawkins and her family died tragically from carbon monoxide poisoning in December 2008. They were described by friends as “the type of family that were always ready, willing, and able to help those in need and they could often be found volunteering with big, welcoming grins on their faces.” The Hawkins Legacy Fund was established at Oxford Community Foundation and each year, an award is granted in honour of Laurie.
- Criteria:** The person receiving this honour will be a graduating student who:
- is moving on to post-secondary education or an apprenticeship
  - is involved in the community (this a high priority when we consider applications)
  - respects elders and authority
  - is considerate of the rights of others
  - is honesty and truthful
  - has moral courage
  - acts with good manners in and out of school
- Selection Process:** Selected by the Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute Selection Committee
- Notification Procedure:** IDCI Guidance Department to email recipient name to: [info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org](mailto:info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org) along with a paragraph explaining why the recipient is awarded considering criteria.
- Deadline:** April 23, 2026
- Special Notes:** Oxford Community Foundation to be notified of recipient and present at awards presentation.

## Student Award

### OCF Tyler Arts “Athletic” Spirit Award

- Specific to:** Oxford County OSSD graduate pursuing post secondary education specifically awarded to an **Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute (IDCI)** graduating female and male athlete.
- Amount of Award:** 2 awards of \$1,000 (one female athlete and one male athlete)
- History:** Following Tyler’s tragic death in a car accident in November 2018, his family and community came together to set up the Tyler Arts Legacy Fund at Oxford Community Foundation. Tyler’s spirit and the way he lived his life, full of love and kindness will be honoured each year through this award.
- Criteria:** The recipient will be a graduating student who was the best teammate for selfless play and leadership on and off the court, field or rink and represents the following: 'The euphoria of winning isn't saying, "I won". The euphoria of winning is to hug your teammates and say, "we found a way" to accomplish something great.'
- Selection Process:** IDCI’s Athletic Department Head shall select an athlete in memory of Tyler Arts, recognizing strength of character, competitiveness, and ability to bring teammates together.
- Notification Procedure:** Guidance to email student recipient to: [info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org](mailto:info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org) along with paragraph explaining why recipient is awarded considering criteria.
- Deadline:** April 23, 2026  
Guidance to email OCF a minimum 2 weeks prior to Athletic Banquet
- Special Notes:** Oxford Community Foundation (OCF) to be notified of recipient. OCF will then notify fundholders who may want to be present at IDCI’s Athletic Banquet.

## Student Award

### OCF Cassandra Hawkins Memorial Bursary

- Specific to:** Oxford County OSSD graduate pursuing post secondary education specifically attending **St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School**.
- Amount of Award:** \$300
- History:** Cassandra Hawkins and her family died tragically from carbon monoxide poisoning in December 2008. They were described by friends as "the type of family that were always ready, willing, and able to help those in need and they could often be found volunteering with big, welcoming grins on their faces." The Hawkins Legacy Fund was established at Oxford Community Foundation and each year, this award is granted in honour of Cassandra.
- Criteria:** The person receiving this honour will be a graduating student who:
- is moving on to post-secondary education or an apprenticeship
  - is involved in the community (this a high priority when we consider applications)
  - respects elders and authority
  - is considerate of the rights of others
  - is honesty and truthful
  - has moral courage
  - acts with good manners in and out of school
- Selection Process:** Selected by St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School Selection Committee
- Notification Procedure:** St. Mary's Guidance Department to email recipient name to: [info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org](mailto:info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org) along with a paragraph explaining why the recipient was awarded considering criteria.
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## Student Award

### OCF WDDS Rosemary George Bursary

- Specific to:** Oxford County OSSD graduate pursuing post secondary education specifically attending College Avenue Secondary School, St. Mary's High School, École Secondaire Notre-Dame, Huron Park Secondary School, Woodstock Collegiate Institute.
- Important Note:** **Applicant may be recommended by their teacher or guidance.**
- Amount of Award:** \$500
- History:** Established in November 2007 by the Board of Directors of Woodstock and District Developmental Services in recognition of the outstanding leadership demonstrated and contributions to services for people with developmental disabilities by Rosemary George, retired Executive Director.
- Criteria:** (who should apply?)  
The person who will be awarded this bursary:
- will be enrolled in a Developmental Services Worker (DSW) program
  - has demonstrated involvement in community and other activities
  - has provided areas of academic study information and marks from his/her graduating year
  - Will provide verification of enrolment in a program that will benefit WDDS at a recognized Community College or University. Programs include:
    - Developmental Service Worker
    - Social Service Worker Degree (SSW)
    - Psychology or Applied Behavioral Analysis
    - Child and Youth Worker
    - Addictions and Mental Health
    - Disability Studies
  - has the potential to succeed in their chosen post secondary program
  - has volunteer, work, OR family experience related to people who have a developmental disability – you do not need all of these, one is great
- Selection Process:** The Oxford Community Foundation will have a selection committee review qualified candidates and notify the school board via email.



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