

OVMA's Future Veterinarian Bursary

The Ontario Veterinary Medical Association is pleased to offer 3 x \$1000 bursaries to support high school students in Ontario who aspire to become veterinarians.

The purpose of these bursaries is to financially support students from underrepresented groups and those who are economically disadvantaged.

To be eligible for the bursary, individuals need to:

- Be a resident of Canada with a postal address in Ontario
- Identify with one (or more) equity-deserving groups, including: Indigenous Peoples, Persons with Disabilities, Visible Minorities, Women, and/or Immigrants to Canada
- Have financial challenges that impede their ability to fund their ambitions of becoming a veterinarian

This bursary aims to assist recipients in various ways, such as:

- Providing financial support for volunteer positions at veterinary hospitals.
- Covering transportation costs to and from veterinary hospitals within the community.
- Offering funds to apply towards post-secondary education in fields related to veterinary medicine

Please fill out the application form below and email it to Terra Shastri at tshastri@ovma.org. The deadline for application is May 30th, 2025.

Three bursaries are available each school year, and only selected applicants will be contacted.

OVMA's Future Veterinarian Bursary Application Form

First name													
Last name													
Please select the gender identities with which you identify.	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Agender</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Genderqueer</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Man</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-binary</td> <td>Trans</td> <td>Two-spirit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Woman</td> <td colspan="2">I identify as _____ (specify)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">I prefer not to say</td> </tr> </table>	Agender	Genderqueer	Man	Non-binary	Trans	Two-spirit	Woman	I identify as _____ (specify)		I prefer not to say		
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What is your ethnic or cultural origin(s)?													
Which race category best describes you?	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Black</td> <td style="width: 33%;">East Asian</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Latino</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Asian</td> <td>Middle Eastern</td> <td>Southeast Asian</td> </tr> <tr> <td>White</td> <td colspan="2">Another category: _____</td> </tr> </table>	Black	East Asian	Latino	South Asian	Middle Eastern	Southeast Asian	White	Another category: _____				
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Address													
Email address													
Phone number													
Name of Current High School													
Current Grade Level													

Parent/Guardian Name(s)	
Phone Number	
Email address	



Please list any extracurricular activities or clubs related to animals or veterinary science that you are involved in:

Please list any high school science courses you have taken:

Why are you interested in becoming a veterinarian?



Please describe your experience working with animals (volunteering, internships, etc.)

What do you hope to achieve by pursuing a career in veterinary medicine?

What challenges or obstacles have you faced or do you anticipate facing in achieving your goals?



How would you use the bursary (\$1000)?

What else would you like the selection committee to know about you?



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Please include a reference letter from at least one recent (within the last two school years) teacher(s) as part of your application. The letter(s) should highlight why they believe you are a strong candidate for one of these bursaries.

By submitting this application, I affirm that all information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false information may result in disqualification from the program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please email your application and supporting documentation to Terra Shastri at tshastri@ovma.org by May 30th, 2025.