

Thorner/Johnston/DiMarzo Family Bursary

The Thorner/Johnston/DiMarzo Family Bursary, launched in 2017, recognizes the significant challenges faced by youth who are new to Canada as they adjust to a new country, community and school. Additionally, the Thorner/Johnston/DiMarzo Family bursary recognizes the incredible potential of these youth - to realize their dreams, their academic interests and to contribute to their community. This award is intended to reduce financial barriers youth, who have been in Canada for five years or less, may face.

DONOR:	Thorner/Johnston/DiMarzo Family Fund at the Calgary Foundation
WHERE TENABLE:	Calgary Board of Education and Calgary Catholic School District
FIELD OF STUDY:	Unrestricted
VALUE:	Up to \$3,000 per year, renewable for up to a total of five (5) years (maximum of \$15,000)
NUMBER:	Variable dependent on value and potential term of individual awards
ELIGIBILITY:	<p>Open to students who are in their final year of completing the requirements of a high school diploma and pursuing post-secondary education to achieve career success.</p> <p>Applicants must be newcomers to Canada within the past five (5) years and demonstrate financial need.</p> <p>Applicants must have academic marks sufficient for entrance to the chosen program/area of study at a Canadian University.</p> <p>Applicants are required to submit an <u>original essay that shares their story about the journey that brought them to Canada and their life since arrival</u>. The essay must be no more than 500 words in length (one page, typed or printed).</p> <p>Selection will be based on the essay and financial need.</p>
APPLY:	Applicants should complete the EducationMatters General Application for Awards . Complete application packages should be submitted to the Scholarship Coordinator at the applicant's high school.
SELECTION & PAYMENT:	<p>Recipients are selected in July by the selection committee that includes representatives from EducationMatters, the Calgary Foundation and the donor(s). To claim the award, within eighteen (18) months of notification of award, the recipient must be registered in full-time study an eligible program of post-secondary study at a Canadian University (as defined by the institution).</p> <p>In order to receive continued funding award holders must maintain an overall 3.0 GPA on a full time course load for the previous semester. An Official Transcript must accompany each subsequent semester Payment Activation Form which must be received no later than three (3) months after the beginning of the semester.</p>
DEADLINE:	Normally May 1 to the Scholarship Coordinator at the applicant's high school. Applicants should check with their Guidance office for application deadlines in their school.