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C.H.S.S. student awarded \$60,000 scholarship

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Jessie Payne at C.H.S.S.
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Many scholarships are worth a few hundred or a few thousand dollars, however not many are worth \$60,000. This is the scholarship money that C.H.S.S. student [Jessie Payne](#) is receiving from her Schulich Leader scholarship.

The Schulich Leadership scholarship is a prestigious award for high school graduates enrolling in a science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) undergraduate program at participating universities in Canada and Israel.

Businessman and philanthropist Seymour Schulich established this \$100 million scholarship in 2012. It is meant to encourage talented high school students to become the next pioneers of innovation and scientific research.

High schools across the country may only enter one student for the nomination. There are 100 scholarships awarded and around 1500 nominees.

Payne said she was shocked when she found out. At first, she didn't believe it, but it finally sunk in.

"I probably read the email three times before I said something out loud. My first instinct was to call my mom [...] she was speechless at first, and then very proud."

To apply for the scholarship, Payne needed to provide two letters of recommendation from a teacher and a principle or guidance counselor. She also wrote an essay about her leadership qualities and experience both in school and the community.

Payne has been on student council all four years at C.H.S.S., and is now the co-president. She has also been involved in her hometown of Bayfield where she helped organize the Bayfield fair. To receive the scholarship, applicants must also demonstrate academic excellence.

She found out about the scholarship when she was researching scholarships and came across an ad for it. She approached her school with the opportunity. C.H.S.S. has nominated people before, and when Payne approached them about nominating her, they were happy to put her name forward.

Payne had been accepted to Queens University for science before applying; she hopes to pursue Neuroscience in her upper years. Luckily Queens is a participating school in this scholarship, so Payne was then able to try for the funds.

She will receive \$15,000 each year for four years. That money will go to all of her costs including tuition, textbooks and boarding.

Queens sent Payne a plaque and a personalized letter saying they were impressed with her leadership experience and hoped she would apply her leadership skills at Queens.

"It doesn't even feel real yet," said Payne. "It'll feel real when I'm not paying for tuition."

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