



Ohpaho Secondary School

Awards Calculation Criteria

Awards Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to receive an award, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student at Ohpaho Secondary School (OSS). For the purposes of these awards, a full-time student in the applicable school year must meet all of the following requirements:

Credit Completion:

- Successfully complete the minimum number of credits for their grade level:
 - Grade 10: 40 credits
 - Grade 11: 30 credits
 - Grade 12: 20 credits

OSS Credit Requirement:

- Earn more than 50% of those credits at Ohpaho Secondary School.

Core Subject Requirement:

- Complete the following minimum number of core subjects (English, Mathematics, Science, or Social Studies) at OSS:
 - Grades 10 and 11: A minimum of three core subjects.
 - Grade 12: A minimum of two core subjects.

Calculations:

- With the exception of the Governor General's Bronze Medal, award calculations are based solely on courses completed at OSS.

Honours and Honours with Distinction Calculations

Honours with Distinction Awards

- Awarded to students achieving a final average of 89.5% or higher.

Honours Awards

- Awarded to students achieving a final average between 79.5% and 89.4%.

Award Calculation and Posting

- Final-year-end awards are calculated after all courses are completed and will be awarded in the fall of the following school year.

Top Academic Award Calculations

Junior High Top Academic Awards

- A Top Academic Award is presented to one student in Grade 8 and one student in Grade 9 who achieves the highest final average in their respective grade level.

Calculation

- The average is calculated based on the following five courses:
 - English Language Arts 8 or 9; Social Studies 8 or 9; Science 8 or 9; Mathematics 8 or 9; and Physical Education 8 or 9

Senior High Top Academic Awards

- These awards are presented to the individual students in Grades 10, 11, and 12 who achieve the highest final average in their grade.

Calculation

- The average is calculated based on the highest marks achieved in the following four categories:
- One course from Column A (Humanities)
- One course from Column B (Mathematics/Science)

- Two additional academic courses from either Column A or Column B

Course Level Requirements

- To ensure academic rigour, courses must meet the following minimum levels:
 - Grade 10 Award: Courses must be at the 10-level or higher.
 - Grade 11 Award: Courses must be at the 20-level or higher.
 - Grade 12 Award: Courses must be at the 30-level.
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Approved Senior High Course List	
Column A (Humanities)	Column B (Mathematics & Sciences)
English Language Arts: 10-1, 20-1, 30-1	Mathematics: 10C, 20-1, 20-2, 30-1, 30-2, 31
Social Studies: 10-1, 20-1, 30-1	Science: 10, 20, 30
	Biology: 20, 30
	Chemistry: 20, 30
	Physics: 20, 30

General Conditions

- Applicable Year: Only subjects studied and completed in the given academic year will be included.
- Advanced Grade Levels: If a student completes a core subject at an advanced grade level (e.g., a Grade 10 student taking a 20-level course), the course will be included if it is to the student's advantage.
- Grade 12 Diploma Marks: For Grade 12 calculations, diploma examination courses completed in previous years may be included, where applicable.

Subject Excellence Awards

These awards recognize outstanding achievement in 30-level coursework. Students do not need to meet the minimum annual credit completion requirement to be eligible for Subject Excellence awards.

Top Subject Mark (Diploma Courses, Math 31 and PE 30)

Presented to the student(s) with the highest mark. In the event of a tie, multiple awards may be presented:

- English: 30-1, 30-2
- Social Studies: 30-1, 30-2
- Mathematics: 30-1, 30-2, 31
- Sciences: Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Physics 30, Science 30
- Wellness: Physical Education 30

Excellence in Fine Arts - One Award - 30 Level

The student demonstrates excellence in one or more of the Fine Arts disciplines, including Art, Drama, Photography & Film, Band, and Musical Theatre, while contributing positively to the artistic growth and success of others.

Students are nominated for the Excellence in Fine Arts Award by teachers within the Fine Arts disciplines. The Awards Committee reviews these nominations and selects one overall recipient based on demonstrated excellence in the following areas:

Artistic Excellence and Creativity
Dedication and Growth
Performance and Presentation
Artistic Understanding and Appreciation
Collaboration and Leadership
Contribution to the Fine Arts Community
Expression and Impact

Excellence in Career & Technology Studies - One Award - 30 Level

The student demonstrates excellence in one or more CTS areas, including Construction, Fabrication, Computer Science, Cosmetology, Foods, Outdoor Education, and Medical Services, while exemplifying the skills, adaptability, and work ethic required to succeed in an evolving world.

Students are nominated for the Excellence in CTS Award by teachers within the Career and Technology Studies (CTS) disciplines. The Awards Committee reviews these nominations and selects one overall recipient based on demonstrated excellence in the following areas:

Technical Skill and Competency
Application and Problem-Solving
Initiative and Independent Learning
Professionalism and Work Ethic
Collaboration and Leadership
Adaptability and Readiness for the Future
Quality of Work and Achievement

Sawyer's Kindness Award

This award recognizes a student who consistently demonstrates exceptional kindness, empathy, and a positive influence on the school culture.

Nomination and Selection Process

- Nomination: Candidates may be nominated by either a student or a teacher via the designated official Google Form.
- Review: All submissions are forwarded to a designated staff member for vetting.
- Selection: The recipient is selected based on the quality of the nomination and the degree to which the student's actions reflect the spirit of the award.

Governor General's Academic Medal (Bronze)

In accordance with the directives set forth by the Government of Canada, the Bronze Medal is awarded to the student who achieves the highest overall average upon graduation from a secondary school.

Calculation Criteria

- **Course Scope:** The average includes all Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses as listed on the student's official Transcript of Grades issued by the Ministry of Education.
- **Final Results:** The average is calculated based on final marks, including provincial diploma examination results. Averages cannot be anticipated or estimated.
- **Exclusions:** Courses taken after graduation for the purpose of upgrading marks will not be included.

Eligibility and Equity

- **Inclusive Access:** Regardless of academic stream or chosen subjects, all graduating students are eligible for consideration.
- **Standardization:** This is the only award that includes courses completed outside Ohpaho Secondary School, as it is based on the official provincial transcript.

Community Based Awards

Rotary Club of Nisku-Leduc "Service Above Self" Award

This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a graduating Grade 12 student who best exemplifies Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," through their commitment to community and school.

Award Eligibility

- **Grade Level:** Must be a graduating Grade 12 student.
- **Academic Standing:** Must maintain a minimum weighted average of 70% calculated across every course completed at OSS during the student's Grade 12 year.
- **Post-Secondary Intent:** Must be accepted into and plan to attend a recognized post-secondary institution.

Selection Criteria

Recipients are selected based on a balanced evaluation of the following:

- Community & School Service: Evidence of active, ongoing involvement in volunteer work, extra-curricular services, or leadership roles.
- Citizenship: Demonstrated integrity and a positive, collaborative influence on the school community.
- The Rotary "4-Way Test": Evidence of ethical leadership based on: 1) Truth, 2) Fairness, 3) Goodwill/Friendship, and 4) Benefit to all.

Kevin Gaetz Award

Kevin Gaetz was a local resident to whom education was extremely important. He was a philanthropic man who wanted to give back to students in this area. This award was established in 2022 to support Black Gold School Division (BGSD) students pursuing post-secondary studies. Value: \$6,000 to up to six BGSD graduating students. An application form must be submitted to the BGSD selection committee by June 30th of each year for review.

Lions Club of Leduc Scholarship

All candidates must complete an application and submit an essay based on the criteria outlined by the Lions Club. \$1500 is awarded annually.

[OSS Scholarships information.](#)

