There are many awards available to undergraduate students, early in their academic careers, to help pay one’s tuition, as well as to fuel one’s desire to pursue higher education. Most large scholarships and funds are geared to final year undergraduate students aiming to pursue graduate-level studies. However, with a little bit of research and digging, there are many opportunities for early-career students to access awards, and these look great on your resume or CV! A few examples include:

**De Beers Group Scholarships for Canadian Women: $4,800**
This scholarship is geared to undergraduate females entering their first-year into a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) or STEM-related program at an accredited university. There are nine awards available. Preference given to Indigenous women and to women from Northern Ontario, Southern Alberta, Northwest Territories and Nunavut. Must have Canadian citizenship. 

**Retail Education Scholarship Program: $1,000 - $5,000**
Currently or interested in pursuing a degree related to retail, marketing, fashion, or business? Currently working part-time or full-time within the retail industry? Then you may be eligible for this award geared to helping students involved with retail business. The top scholarship is $5,000, the second is $3,000 and there are 18 $1,000 industry-sponsored scholarships. For full- or part-time students from any nationality. 
[www.scholarshipscanada.com/Scholarships/51164/Retail-Education-Scholarship-Program](www.scholarshipscanada.com/Scholarships/51164/Retail-Education-Scholarship-Program)

**Policy Student Essay Content: $500 - $1,500**
For all levels of study (certificate, diploma, post-diploma, bachelor, masters, associate, or doctorate) this award given to students who can share their ideas on public policy and the role of markets by writing an essay. Winning essays may be published in Fraser Institute magazines! Topics to write about change each year but if you enjoy writing and are good at it, you could win this contest! The top prize is worth $1,500. For full- or part-time students, and must have Canadian citizenship. 
[www.scholarshipscanada.com/Scholarships/17992/Student-Essay-Contest](www.scholarshipscanada.com/Scholarships/17992/Student-Essay-Contest)

**Huntsman Ocean Sciences Student Research Award (Internship): $2,500**
To encourage students to take advantage of the aquatic science research opportunities at the Huntsman Institute, an award for undergraduate or graduate students who have appropriate research interests is available to fund an Internship there (St. Andrews, NB). 
[www.huntsmanmarine.ca/education-outreach/scholarships-internships-fellowships/](www.huntsmanmarine.ca/education-outreach/scholarships-internships-fellowships/)

**Awards and Scholarships Resources**
Financial Aid Office, U of T awards and scholarships: [www.utsc.utoronto.ca/registrar/finances](www.utsc.utoronto.ca/registrar/finances)  
[www.utsc.utoronto.ca/registrar/external-awards](www.utsc.utoronto.ca/registrar/external-awards) (links to additional sites like ScholarshipsCanada.com)  
[www.future.utoronto.ca/finances/scholarships](www.future.utoronto.ca/finances/scholarships)