

Information for Students and Parents

At Pathways to Education Kingston, we believe in empowering youth with tools to succeed in school, work and life through participation in meaningful programming and building relationships. We provide academic support after school, (currently running on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays) which includes access to technology, and tutoring in all subjects.

The goal of our staff is to act as a network of caring, consistent, unconditionally supportive adults in addition to family, friends, and school staff.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to participate?

All students who are registered in high school and live in the catchment area are eligible. Please see details of the catchment area above. The registration package must be completed in order to participate. Staff will assist families in completing the package.

Why is financial support important for our program?

It is clear that a student's attendance in class is directly related to the grades they receive. To encourage class attendance, Pathways to Education Kingston distributes grocery gift cards that ensure students are able to eat while at school or at home.

Also, the increasing cost of post-secondary education can also be an obstacle for many youth. For each year in the program, students earn a scholarship as a financial incentive for you to complete high school and pursue the post-secondary program of your choice. The incentive is \$500 per year up to four years and \$2,000.

*students must be enrolled for two years before they have access to their scholarship

Are there any restrictions as to who can participate? (e.g. income cutoff, minimum or maximum grades)

No – as long as you meet the criteria above, you can participate in the Pathways to Education Kingston Program.

I live in the catchment area, but go to school elsewhere in Kingston. Am I still eligible?

Yes – Eligibility is determined based on where you live, not which school you go to. While most of our students attend classes at KSS or Regiopolis-Notre Dame, a small number go to other schools such as LCVI and La Salle Secondary School.

How do I register in the program?

Contact us by phone (613.507.7107×2107) or email (pathwaystoeducation@kchc.ca). We'll set up an appointment to go through the registration process, which takes about 30 minutes. There are forms for both the student and parent/legal guardian to sign, so we ask that both come to register. The student also needs to bring his or her health card or have their health card number on hand.

You can pre-register [here](#). *NOTE* This is only a pre-registration process. By filling in the attached form, you are NOT enrolled in our program yet.

I participated in Pathways to Education Kingston last year – do I need to re-register this year?

Yes, all students are required to re-register each year to make sure our records stay current. The re-registration process takes less than five minutes and is very quick!

I'm entering grade 10 this year, but wasn't registered in Pathways to Education last year. Can I still join?

Yes – Eligible students can register at any time, including part way through the school year. Please note that in order to receive the Pathways Scholarship, students do need to participate for at least two years. Further details regarding the bursary can be provided by staff.

When is tutoring available?

Tutoring in all subjects is available at our after school programming which runs Tuesdays and Thursdays at Weller Avenue, Mondays at Kingston Secondary School and Wednesdays at Regiopolis Notre Dame. Additional academic support can be provided if needed. Students can contact their GRAD Connector for further details.

Why are GRAD Connectors (formally known as Student Parent Support Workers/SPSWs) important?

GRAD stands for Guidance, Relationships, Advocacy and Development which are the main focuses of the staff in these positions. They will work closely with the students, parents, and school staff to ensure that our students have what they need to achieve academic success in high school. The support and guidance provided by staff hopes to

empower students and parents to make important decisions with increased confidence and better information.

What other supports does Pathways to Education offer?

- Guidance in applying for OSAP
- Programming
- Career Guidance
- Financial Guidance
- FAR Support – once you graduate, a team of dedicated Pathways staff are here to help you with navigating post-secondary education, finding employment, and/or accessing community resources for things like mental health support, food insecurity, employment, and more.



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