The majority of the undergraduate awards are awarded based on grades only. The awards that part-time students are eligible for require a cumulative average of 8.0 on a minimum of 18 completed units.

All undergraduate awards are listed alphabetically in the Undergraduate Calendar (http://academiccalendars.romcmaster.ca/content.php?catoid=7&navoid=544). These pages include the General Terms and Conditions governing awards and define the different award categories.

The major categories for which part-time student are eligible are ‘Specific Achievement Awards’ and ‘Awards for Part-time, In-course Students’. In their graduating year, part-time students are also eligible for ‘Awards for Graduating Students’.

The undergraduate awards are also listed in the calendar by Faculty (http://academiccalendars.romcmaster.ca/content.php?catoid=7&navoid=545).

Part-time students are also eligible for Community Contribution Awards (CCA) (http://academiccalendars.romcmaster.ca/content.php?catoid=7&navoid=543). CCA’s have no monetary value but students receive a certificate of recognition and the award is noted on his or her official University transcript. You may apply every year of study.

Part-time students are eligible to apply for ‘Awards by Application’. All awards by application fall into the Specific Achievement Award category. These awards require an application because they look for extra-curricular participation, i.e. volunteer work, community work, etc. A list of these awards can be found on the Student Financial Aid website at http://sfas.mcmaster.ca/ under Facts & Forms (http://sfas.mcmaster.ca/facts_forms.html), then click on the Scholarships tab. Both CCA and awards by application are listed there. The application due date is April 15 each year and your final April cumulative average is used to determine your eligibility. We encourage part-time students to check these out and submit an application.

Recipients of awards have the funds automatically deposited into their McMaster’s student account to be used against September’s tuition. If you do not return to study, a refund cheque may be issued by Student Accounts & Cashiers. Once the funds are deposited into your student account, if you have any questions about receiving the funds, you should contact Student Accounts & Cashiers at student.accounts@mcmaster.ca.

Scholarship recognition is not only for full-time students so take advantage of this opportunity.