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## Education Decisions of Canadian Youth (Serena Cheung, August 2007)

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### **A Synthesis Report on Access to Postsecondary Education**

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This report is a synopsis of the published research on access to higher education in Canada. The report serves to provide an understanding of the education decisions that students make beginning in grade 10 and continuing throughout high school and postsecondary education.

The purpose of this report is to explore the monetary factors (household income, scholarships and grants) and non-monetary factors (gender, culture, community size, social and academic engagement, parental influences, peer influences, etc) that influence the completion of secondary school as well as postsecondary participation and persistence.

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