

## Schulich Leader Scholarship – School Nomination Guidelines

Schulich Leader Scholarships were established to increase enrolment in STEM subjects  
– Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics –  
with the goal of ensuring that Canada is at the forefront in science and research.

They are intended to recognize and help our most promising students pursue their dreams and become the next global pioneers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

They are innovators. They are Schulich Leaders.

### The Nominee Selection Process:

1. Nominees must possess at least two of three criteria:
  - a. Academic Excellence
  - b. Leadership (community, business or entrepreneurial)
    - a. See the attached “leadership” graph received from the Schulich organizers.
  - c. Financial Need
    - a. Students planning to apply for financial assistance for undergraduate study at university would meet the criterion of “Financial Need”
2. To qualify, Nominees must:
  - a. Graduate from high school
  - b. Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
  - c. Enroll at one of our Partner Universities
3. The final decision on who receives a Schulich Leader Scholarship is the decision of the Partner University to which you apply. You can apply to more than one. Each Partner University can accept two Schulich Leaders.
  - a. Indicate the names of top three partner universities to which you intend to apply. Choose your first preference.
    - i. What are the entrance requirements for your preferred program at your preferred university?
    - ii. How do you best meet their entrance requirements?
    - iii. What qualities or criteria does your preferred university look for in a major scholarship candidate?
    - iv. How do you meet those qualities or criteria?
    - v. What would make you a ‘preferred’ applicant over other applicants to that university?
4. *Your application to receive the school’s nomination should reflect your interest, ability and qualifications in each of the categories mentioned in the report below.*

Reports indicate that the purpose of the scholarships will be to the benefit of all of us who call Canada home, and that benefit is a bright future in global scientific research and innovation. The scholarships are designed to ensure that future leaders are amongst the next pioneers of global scientific research and innovation.

**The key terms indicated are:**

- a. Global**
- b. Future**
- c. STEM subjects**
- d. innovation (innovators)**
- e. Leaders**
- f. Pioneers**

**The following notes will address the aspect of 'leadership'.**

- **See the graph below showing the top leadership qualities as identified by the universities who chose Schulich applicants.**



See the full infographic at: <https://www.schulichleaders.com/>

Leadership has numerous definitions but it does not mean, simply, that you are the head of a group or organization. In general, it conveys the idea that you are a person with a **vision** or a sense of direction and purpose and that you share with others and that others follow or emulate willingly. The concept of vision or purpose incorporates:

- a. the ideas of **passion** (you need to be passionate about what you believe in);
- b. the understanding that you **articulate** your vision or ideas (that you express, speak out about and pronounce what it is that you believe in); and
- c. the evidence showing that you actively, passionately **pursue** your vision and try to accomplish it.

**5. Your application to receive the school's support for your nomination should reflect these points.**

Some of the other common attributes associated with leadership include:

- a. **Communication** - a leader must be able to speak about their commitment and demonstrate their interest in, passion about, and drive to accomplish their objective in a manner that compels others to be attracted to join in the vision.
- b. **Discipline** - a leader must be able to demonstrate the commitment to work towards the achievement of their goal individually or in directing the efforts of others. This aspect of a leader is shown through action – long periods of inactivity or ‘thinking’ do not serve as an inspiration to others.
- c. **Dedication** - this is similar to the idea of discipline but incorporates the idea of being willing to make the necessary and appropriate sacrifices to achieve the objective.
- d. **Fairness** - a leader gives recognition to the contributions of others and accepts the responsibility for failure when it occurs. This is the idea of share the fame – take the blame. Leaders recognize that all members of a group are equal and are able to deal with all individuals in a just and consistent manner.
- e. **Creativity** - Can you think outside the box? Can you see things that others did not see or consider? Can you approach a problem with a “What if ...?” mentality?
- f. **Open** - this is the idea of being willing, and able, to listen effectively to the ideas of others and being able to incorporate new ideas or new ways of doing something regardless of who the individual is who thought of the idea.
- g. **Assertive** - good leaders are not aggressive but they are assertive in order to establish expectations, obtain desired results, capably and competently communicate expectations and to avoid misunderstandings.

This is not a checklist for you to work through. This is a list of some points that may give you ideas that will help you to better explain your abilities. Use them as a helping scenario, not as requirements with which you need to attempt to comply.

***After That:***

1. A decision as to which applicant will receive the school nomination will be made before Winter Break.
2. The school’s nomination form will be forwarded to the Schulich Scholarship administrators. This will be sent shortly after the decision is made in order to meet the deadline around mid-February. Applicants must check the updated deadlines on the announcements.
3. The school’s nominee will receive an email from Schulich with the link to the application form. Only the school nominee may apply. There is no ‘open’ competition.
4. The school’s nominee will have until mid-February (Applicants must check the updated deadlines on the announcements) to complete and submit the application.
5. The Application requires:
  - a. Universities where the Nominee wants to attend
  - b. List of top three achievements (academic or other)
  - c. 600 word essay demonstrating why they would make a great Schulich Leader
  - d. Optional 250 word essay to outline extenuating circumstances
  - e. Two letters of reference (at least one from a school staff member)
  - f. Copy of an up-to-date transcript or credit counsel summary

- g. Headshot profile image for marketing purposes
- h. Schulich Leader Scholarship Application is due mid-February. Applicants must check the updated deadlines on the announcements.

**What you should submit to the Nomination Committee:**

1. **A concise document that covers the points:**
  - a. **Raised in this document**
  - b. **Indicate which two of the three criteria on which you are relying (or all three).**
  - c. **Other points or information that you believe strengthen your application for the nomination.**
  
2. **A document that is organized and easy to follow. The document should:**
  - a. **Be in Point Form.**
  - b. **Organized by the categories that you wish to cover.**
    - i. **You should cover the point mentioned in paragraphs numbered 1 through 6.**
    - ii. **You should provide an indication of your top three achievements together with an explanation (point form) as to how they meet the expectations of the institution to which you intend to apply.**
  - c. **Formatted in a manner that is easy to read. There is no required format.**
  - d. **States the positions that you are advancing and the evidence or reasons that support those positions.**
  - e. **Include a copy of your most recent marks printout. This is generally available to you from your counsellor.**
  
3. **The objective is that you must convince the Nomination Committee that you are the most deserving of receiving the Fraser Heights Secondary School nomination.**
  - a. **There is no open pool for this scholarship.**
  - b. **Only one student from the school will be able to apply.**
  
4. **Applications for the school; nomination are due around the end of November/beginning of December. Applicants much check for updated announcements.**
  
5. **Applications for the school nomination can be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee by email to [maion\\_d@surreyschools.ca](mailto:maion_d@surreyschools.ca) with the Subject Line Schulich Nomination or by delivering a hard copy of the application to Mr. Maion**
  
6. **All applicants are encouraged to review the material on the Schulich Scholarship website at <https://www.schulichleaders.com/> together with other information on the Internet.**