

2026 Nomination Guide

Select your
Schulich Leader Nominee

Give them a chance
to win a **\$120,000**
Schulich Leader Scholarship

100 STEM* scholarships
awarded annually

Nomination deadline
January 28, 2026

*Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics



Creating the next generation
of technology innovators

What are Schulich Leader Scholarships?



Schulich Leader Scholarships are prestigious undergraduate scholarships awarded to high school graduates enrolling in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) programs at our 19 Canadian partner universities (see reverse).

Recognizing the increasing importance and impact that STEM disciplines will have on the prosperity of future generations, businessman and philanthropist Seymour Schulich established this \$200 million scholarship fund in 2012. Schulich Leader Scholarships enable Canada's top universities to attract and retain exceptional STEM talent here at home, empowering them to become the innovators and entrepreneurs our country needs.

What do Schulich Leaders receive?

50 scholarships valued at
\$120,000
for engineering

50 scholarships valued at
\$100,000
for science, technology or mathematics

- + Shared learning to develop future leaders
- + Entrepreneurship training and competitions
- + Mentorship and access to our network of top innovators

What is a Schulich Leader Nominee?

A Schulich Leader Nominee represents the top STEM student in your graduating class and in turn becomes eligible to win a \$120,000 or \$100,000 scholarship.

This dynamic student displays an entrepreneurial mindset, demonstrating leadership, charisma and creativity. Strong consideration is given to students with financial need.

Academic excellence is implied for acceptance into university. We are looking for charismatic future leaders with grit and determination, not necessarily the top academic student in your graduating class.

Benefits at a glance



Chance to win \$120,000 or \$100,000 scholarship



Recognition on a national stage and within your school

What is a Schulich Leader?

A Schulich Leader is a Nominee who has been selected by one of our 19 partner universities to receive \$120,000 or \$100,000 to pursue an undergraduate degree in an eligible STEM program. In addition to this large financial award, they join an elite network and benefit from student enrichment opportunities throughout the year.

Only Schulich Leader Nominees are eligible to become Schulich Leaders.

How does your school submit a Schulich Leader Nominee?

How it works

Limited to one student per high school, four per cégep. If your school had a 2025 Schulich Leader, you can nominate two students.



School appoints representative to submit Nominee and spearhead nomination process



School displays promotional materials to notify staff and students



School representative submits Nominee (due January 28, 2026)



Nominee submits scholarship application (due February 18, 2026)



Universities review applications and make offers (March 7–June 15, 2026)

Student eligibility criteria

- > Graduate high school or cégep in the 2025/2026 academic year
- > Be a Canadian citizen
- > Plan to enroll in an eligible STEM program at one of our partner universities (see reverse) (view eligible programs at schulichleaders.com/universities)
- > Meet the following criteria:
 1. Entrepreneurial-minded (exhibiting leadership, charisma and creativity)
 2. Strong consideration will be given to students with financial need
 3. Intend to pursue a career in one or more of the following focus areas:
 - (A) Technology
 - (B) Engineering
 - (C) Entrepreneurship and business enterprise
 - (D) Applied scientific research

We are **NOT** considering students who:

- > Focus on activism (environmental/social/political)
- > Intend to become a practicing physician and/or medical researcher (e.g. Doctor, Dentist, Nurse, Psychologist, Pharmacist, Optometrist, etc.)
- > Intend to pursue a career in academia or conduct theoretical research

Get started

1. Submit your Nominee

School representative submits nomination online. Email info@uja.schulichleaders.com if you are not on our electronic mailing list and we will send you the link. Nomination deadline is **January 28, 2026**.

Nomination form requires:

- > Name and contact information for your school
- > Name and contact information for your Nominee

All nominations are verified by the Schulich Leader Scholarships office. Once a nomination is verified, the student is emailed a link to the scholarship application.

2. Nominee submits scholarship application

Scholarship application deadline is **February 18, 2026** at 12pm ET.

Application includes:

- > Contact information for two Referees who will upload reference letters in support of the nomination
- > Note: Referees will receive an email to an online reference request form after the nominee submits their completed scholarship application

All letters of reference and scholarship applications must be completed and received by the February 18, 2026, deadline.

- > The universities they wish to attend
- > Their top three achievements
 - 50 words maximum per achievement
- > Short answer to convey their career aspirations 10 years from now
 - 50 words maximum
- > Essay highlighting what they're passionate about
 - 250 words maximum
- > Essay highlighting how they demonstrate an entrepreneurial mindset (including leadership, charisma and creativity)
 - 250 words maximum
- > Essay highlighting what makes them an ideal candidate for this award
 - 250 words maximum
- > Optional essay to outline extenuating circumstances
 - 250 words maximum
- > One minute video upload
- > Copy of up-to-date transcript, credit counsel summary or detailed academic report
- > Headshot profile image for publicity

3. Scholarship recipients selected

Universities select Schulich Leader scholarship recipients using their own rubric. All winners are confirmed by **June 15, 2026**.

Partner Universities

100 annual scholarships

19 Canadian universities

University of Waterloo

University of Toronto

McMaster University

Queen's University

Western University

University of British Columbia

McGill University

University of Alberta

University of Calgary

York University

Dalhousie University

University of Ottawa

University of Victoria

Simon Fraser University

University of Saskatchewan

University of Manitoba

University of New Brunswick

Memorial University

Université de Montréal

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