



**Canadian Student
Leadership Association**

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The Canadian Student Leader Awards

CSLA is pleased to offer twelve \$500.00 annual student awards to exemplary student leaders from across Canada. The aim of these awards is to recognize outstanding achievement and contribution to student leadership in secondary schools and communities across Canada. These awards are the highest recognition CSLA gives to student leaders in Canada.

There will be a Canadian Student Leader Award offered to one deserving student from each province, the territories, and one discretionary award. In the event that there is no eligible applicant from a province or the territories, the CSLA Board of Directors will, at their discretion, award additional discretionary awards as is deemed merited.

The CSLA Board of Directors will approve award winners. Applicants will be evaluated on whether or not they meet the award criteria.

Section One: Eligibility

To be eligible for the award, the individual must:

- Be a graduating student in a secondary school in Canada;
- Be in good academic standing (70%+ average over last two years of study);
- Be from a current CSLA member school;
- Have demonstrated a capacity for student leadership by making significant contributions to his/her school and/or community;
- Have provided service throughout his or her secondary school experience;
- Be planning on post-secondary education (see award requirements).

Section Two: Application Requirements and Instructions

In order to successfully apply for a bursary, applicants must complete the following:

- Submit the student profile (next section);
- Respond to our series of questions aligned with the Six Pillars of Leadership (next section);
- Submit an endorsement by a teacher who provides an anecdotal description (maximum 500 words) of the student's contributions to student leadership in

his/her school and/or community, and why he/she is deserving of a student leadership award; and

- Submit an official or unofficial transcript showing a current academic standing of 70%+.

**Award winners will be asked to provide permission to publicize their names and responses.*

All applications must be submitted to the Board of Directors by May 1st either electronically or in print form.

- Electronic submissions should consist of a single PDF document, and be emailed to info@studentleadership.ca
- Print submissions should be submitted with all application requirements included together in one envelope. Print submissions should be mailed to: 2460 Tanner Road, Victoria BC, V8Z 5R1

Section Three: Award Criteria

Award winners will be determined based on an evaluation of the following criteria:

1. Leadership Development
2. Leadership and service in school
3. Leadership and service in the community
4. Responses to Application Questions
5. Academic standing

Section Four: Award Requirements

Canadian Student Leaders Award winners will be asked to submit proof that they will be pursuing post-secondary education, where post secondary education is defined as:

Postsecondary education refers to those whose highest level of educational attainment is an apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma (including 'centres de formation professionnelle'); college, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma; university certificate or diploma below bachelor level; or a university degree (bachelor's degree; university certificate or diploma above bachelor level; degree in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or optometry; master's degree; earned doctorate). – Statistics Canada

Award winners will be able to put their scholarship towards tuition or other expenses related to their post-secondary education endeavours.



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**Canadian Student Leaders Award:
Student Profile**

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City and Province/Territory: _____

Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

School Name: _____

Advisor/Teacher Providing Endorsement: _____

Leadership and Service in Your School and Community

List all leadership or service activities in your school and community in which you **have been a participant** over the past three years:

List all leadership or service activities in your school and community that you **have led or organized** over the past three years:

Leadership Development

Have you attended the following (please check all that apply)? :

- Local leadership conference or workshop. Please list the conference and workshop names:

- Provincial leadership conference or workshop. Please list the conference and workshop names:

- National leadership conference or workshop. Please list the conference and workshop names:

- International leadership conference or workshop. Please list the conference and workshop names:

Please list any other programs, service opportunities, clubs, etc. that you have participated in the past three years, which have helped develop your leadership skills and have not been listed above:



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Canadian Student Leaders Award: Application Questions

Section One: Defining Student Leadership

CSLA defines student leadership as *“a concept related to the promotion, development and support of student-led initiatives, which aim to fulfill a need and/or help affect positive change in our schools and communities.”* With this definition in mind, please explain how your role as a student leader has allowed you to effect positive change in your school and community. Please provide examples of student-led initiatives you have organized, or participated in **(250 words or less)**.

Section Two: The Six Pillars of Leadership

The following are the Six Pillars of Leadership:

- a. Developing Effective Communication
- b. Enhancing Personal Leadership Skills
- c. Developing School Climate and Culture
- d. Leadership Program Management
- e. Implementing Student Activities
- f. Legal and Fiscal Accountability

The next series of questions will require you to consider these pillars and relate them to your experiences as a student leader.

1. Reflecting on your student leadership experience over the past 3 years, how have you enhanced your personal leadership skills? **(150 words or less)**.

2. Why do you think that developing effective communication is an important aspect of student leadership? Provide examples. **(150 words or less)**

3. Please provide an example of a program or event you have managed. What were some of your successes? Challenges? If you could do it again, what would you change? **(150 words or less).**



4. Describe your school climate/culture. How have you contributed to positive change to your school climate/culture? **(150 words or less).**

