



LEADERS MTL Scholarships

Rules for Participating

DURATION

The “LEADERS MTL Scholarships” are organized by Youth Fusion (hereinafter “the Organizer”) and are held from midnight ET on October 21st to 11:59 p.m. ET on July 1st every year since 2018 and until the \$2,250,000 fund is spent (hereinafter “the period”).

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

1. Be a student in secondary 3 to 5 (grades 9 to 12) at the time of application, be over 14 years of age*.
**Specialized classes, FPT (preparatory training for work), FMS (training for a semi-specialized trade), IFP or pre-IFP (initiation to professional training), DAP (learning difficulties), DIL-M (mild intellectual disability, moderate), etc. are accepted.
CEGEP students from Indigenous communities, involved with Youth Fusion, can apply.*
2. Have participated in one or more Youth Fusion or FIRST Quebec Robotics programs OR be a part of Youth Fusion’s community.**
***Be referred by adults from secondary schools involved with Youth Fusion or Robotique FIRST Quebec if the student is not directly involved in a project.*
3. Be motivated to pursue full-time post-secondary studies in a vocational, college or university program at a recognized school in MONTREAL.
4. Have thoroughly completed the application form, have read the rules of participation, have notified the candidate if they are not the person filling out the form, and provide the required documents on time***.
****Required information: candidate’s contact details, support from an adult who acts as a reference.*

These documents ARE OPTIONAL. They allow judges to get to know the candidate.

- curriculum vitae
- visual material such as photos, videos, audio clips

(Hereinafter “eligible candidates”).



ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

The scholarships are open to any participant who is enrolled or will be enrolled in a recognized educational institutions that must be on [the list of Quebec's Ministry of Education for Montreal, Montreal East and Montreal West](#).

The educational institution must, with some exceptions, be located in the Montreal area. Depending on the applications received and at the jury's discretion, other schools located outside this territory may be accepted.

(Hereinafter "eligible schools")

INELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

Are not eligible:

The executives, directors and officers of Youth Fusion and Robotique FIRST Quebec, members of their immediate family (brothers, sisters, children, father, mother), their legal or common-law spouse as well as the persons with whom they are domiciled.

The jury members who have participated in the analysis of the applications, members of their immediate family (brothers, sisters, children, father, mother), their legal or common-law spouse as well as the persons with whom they are domiciled.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

To participate, eligible candidates must follow these steps:

- 1- Prepare the necessary documents to complete the form.
 - Letter of reference or message from an adult (required).
 - Curriculum vitae (optional).
 - Relevant visual material (optional).
- 2- Complete the form during the prescribed period, [accessible through the Youth Fusion website](#).
- 3- Once the form is filled out, the application will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
Personal development.
 - Demonstration of leadership and initiative.
 - Ability to recognize and apply strengths.
 - Ability to continuously improve.



Involvement in the school or community.

- Working for and with others to find and implement solutions to problems.
- Pursue passion/interests outside of the classroom.

Development competencies that promote leadership or academic perseverance.

Overall assessment of the application

Each application will be analyzed by one of the jury members. The application will then be analyzed by all jury members during a meeting, while taking into account the judge's assessment, their comments and the opinions of the other jury members. Nominations will also consider the following factors: gender parity, socio-demographic representation as fair as possible, school disadvantage level, financial need of the candidate, etc. Jury members will each share the selected applications as "favourites" and will deliberate on an approximate number of a dozen "favourite" applications.

- 4- Once the selection has been made, Youth Fusion will contact the respondents, the non-winners, the winners as well as the "favourites" to inform them of the next steps.

JURY COMPOSITION

The LEADERS MTL Scholarships will be awarded by an independent jury co-chaired by Monique F. Leroux, first woman president of the Desjardins Group, France Chrétien-Desmarais, President of the Society for the 375th, a representative of the Fondation du Maire de Montréal and Gabriel Bran Lopez, Founding President of Youth Fusion. Additional jury members may be appointed, subject to the approval of the Foundation of Greater Montreal and Youth Fusion.

Jury members only have access to the information related to the application, but not to the identifying information of the candidate.

AWARDS

The total value of the scholarships awarded will be \$2,250,000, an amount of \$2000 per scholarship, given in the form of a cheque, in the name of the recipient, i.e., a candidate who has been nominated by the jury. Anything not included is excluded.



SELECTION

Recipients will be determined according to the evaluation of the application based on the selection criteria presented in the section “LEADERS MTL Scholarships” available on the Youth Fusion website. The selection of recipients will be done no later than December 15th of the year following the application period, in the presence of witnesses, at the Organizer’s premises or virtually. Should there be a delay in the selection of candidates, the candidates and respondents will be informed by email.

The odds of winning a scholarship depend on the number of eligible applications received during the prescribed period.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. In order to be a recipient of the scholarship, each candidate must:

a) Be contacted by a representative of the Organizer by phone or email within 30 days of the selection date. The selected candidates must be contacted within a maximum of three (3) attempts and will be required to read the message sent to them. They must take the necessary steps to confirm acceptance of their scholarship within the prescribed period, failing to do so will result in the loss of their right to the scholarship.

b) Confirm that they meet the eligibility conditions and other requirements of these rules by completing the acceptance form before the required deadline AND read the terms and conditions of the scholarship, which are included in this email.

c) Provide an official document from their educational institution attesting to their full-time student status, with a date LATER than the withdrawal deadline, in effect in their educational institution. Accepted documents may be a proof of enrollment (if the candidate is already enrolled in a post-secondary program, a class schedule, an official letter from the registrar’s office, an academic transcript, etc.). Any change in the program, school or student status (full time/part-time) since the time of application must be promptly communicated to the Organizer. At the Organizer’s discretion, the change will or will not be accepted. The Organizer may, at its discretion, request a medical certificate to confirm the reason for the part-time status.

d) Failure to comply with any of the above conditions or any other conditions stated in these rules will result in the disqualification of the selected candidate and, at the Organizer’s discretion, the scholarship will be cancelled or a new selection for this scholarship will be made according to these rules of participation until a candidate is selected and awarded a scholarship. The same conditions will remain applicable with the necessary adjustments, if applicable.



e) Should the selected candidate refuse to accept the scholarship, the Organizer shall be released from any obligation to provide the scholarship and may, at its discretion, cancel the scholarship or select a new candidate as described in the previous paragraph.

2. Verifications. All applications and acceptance forms are subject to verification by the Organizer. Applications and acceptance forms that are incomplete, inaccurate, illegible, mechanically reproduced, altered, fraudulent, filed or submitted late, or contain an invalid or incorrect phone number, as the case may be, may be rejected and will not be eligible for the scholarship.
3. Process. Any attempt to sabotage the legitimate process of awarding scholarships is a violation of civil and criminal laws. Should such attempts be made, the Organizer reserves the right to reject the candidate's application and to seek legal redress.
4. Identification of the Candidate. The candidate is the person whose name appears on the application form as a student in secondary 4 (grade 10) or higher. The scholarship will be awarded to this person if they are selected and found to be the winner. This does not include the legal guardian, the parent or any other person who may have submitted an application for a student. However, an email will be sent to these individuals to ensure that the recipient fills out the scholarship acceptance form by the required deadline.
5. Limit of Liability. If the Organizer is unable to award the scholarship as described, the Organizer reserves the right to award a prize of equal kind and value. Under no circumstances shall the Organizer be required to grant more scholarships or grant a scholarship other than in accordance with these rules. Should more scholarships be offered than the number of eligible candidates or winners, the Organizer reserves the right to cancel the excess scholarships.
6. Limit of Liability – Use of the Scholarship. The recipient releases the Organizer from any liability for damages that may arise from the receipt, acceptance and use of this scholarship. The recipient acknowledges that upon receipt of the confirmation of the terms and conditions of the scholarship from the Organizer, the fulfillment of the obligations related to the scholarship becomes the recipient's sole and exclusive responsibility and the recipient agrees to sign an acceptance form to this effect.
7. Limit of Liability – Functioning. The Organizer is not responsible for the malfunctions of any computer component, software or communication line, for the loss or absence of network communication or for any transmission that is faulty, incomplete, incomprehensible or erased by any computer or network, and which may limit or prevent any person from



reading the rules of participation. The Organizer is not responsible for any damage or loss that may be caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by the downloading of any web page or software or by the transmission of any information related to the submission of an application. More specifically, if the administration, security, equity, integrity or proper conduct of the scholarship process is compromised or severely impacted by, but not limited to, viruses, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, computer fraud or computer technical failures or any other cause, the Organizer reserves the right, without notice, to cancel, modify, extend or suspend the process.

8. **Limit of Liability – Receipt of Applications.** The Organizer is not responsible for lost, misdirected or late applications, including due to any postal service problem or any failure for any reason of the website during the process, including any damage to a candidate's computer or mobile device.
9. **Limit of Liability – Out of Control Situation.** The Organizer will not assume any liability whatsoever in any case where its inability to act is the result of an event or situation beyond its control or of a strike, lockout, or any other labour dispute in the establishments of the organizations or companies whose services are used to conduct this scholarship process.
10. **Modification of the Scholarship Process.** The Organizer reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, modify, suspend, in whole or in part, or terminate this process if any event or any intervention by any person occurs which may impair or influence the administration, security, fairness or operation of the scholarship process described in these rules. No responsibility or liability will be incurred.
11. **End of Scholarship Process.** If for any reason the process is ended in whole or in part prior to the scheduled end date, the scholarship may be granted, at the discretion of the Organizer, among the applications duly registered and received. Under no circumstances shall the Organizer be required to grant more scholarships or grant a scholarship other than in accordance with these rules.
12. **Limit of Liability – Submitting an Application.** By submitting an application or attempting to submit an application, any person releases the Organizer from any and all liability and damages that they may suffer as a result of submitting or attempting to submit an application. To be declared a winner, selected candidates will be required to sign the acceptance form containing a statement of compliance with the rules of the scholarship process and confirming these disclaimers.



13. **Contacting Candidates.** No communication unrelated to this scholarship process, commercial or otherwise, will be sent to the candidate unless the candidate has otherwise consented to it. Any communication or contact will be made only in connection with this process in accordance with these rules, at the initiative of the Organizer.
14. Candidates consent to the free use, production and reproduction by the Organizer for internal purposes, without time limitation, in whole or in part, of material submitted as part of the scholarship process without any obligation on the part of the Organizer to credit the author of the material. Candidates also agree that the Organizer may translate the submitted materials as needed without the need to obtain the candidates' permission regarding the accuracy and precision of the translation. Candidates also agree that the Organizer may correct the spelling mistakes in the text if necessary. (Copyright)
15. **Personal Information.** By participating in the scholarship process, the candidate consents to the gathering of their personal information (full name, address including city and zip code, phone number, recording their image, voice, photograph and/or other representations and recordings) by the Organizer or its authorized agents for the purpose of administering this process and granting scholarships. By accepting the scholarship, the recipient authorizes the Organizer, as well as partner organizations such as the Foundation of Greater Montreal, to use and disclose, if necessary, the recipient's name, place of residence (city, province), application statement, photograph, image, voice and/or any other representations and recordings for promotional or advertising purposes in all media without further notice and without any compensation. The gathering, use and disclosure of personal information by the Organizer or its authorized agents are for the purposes and in the manner described in these rules.
16. **Copyright and Intellectual Property.** By submitting written and visual materials for the scholarship process, a photograph, a letter, an essay, a drawing or any other work (hereinafter "the Work"), the candidate or respondent guarantees that the Work is free of third party rights and that, as the owner of all necessary rights, the candidate or respondent submits the Work and authorizes, among other things, the use, modification, transfer, adaptation, publishing, communication or distribution of the Work in any format, media or technology, including but not limited to, television, wireless or online information technologies. The candidate or respondent agrees to provide, upon request, a proof of ownership of the intellectual property rights or copyright of the Work and to indemnify and hold harmless the Organizer from any claim, action or suit arising from any use of the Work.



17. Copyright. Any information and documents related to the scholarship process, including, but not limited to, application and acceptance forms, technical, technological or operational information and information relating to drawings, computer systems, software, logos, trademarks and intellectual property, are and shall remain the sole and exclusive property of the Organizer. None of this information and documents will be sent back to the candidates or respondents.
18. Decisions. By submitting an application, each person agrees to abide by these rules and the decisions of the Organizer, which are final and not subject to appeal.
19. If any paragraph of these rules is declared or found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, unenforceable or invalid, then that paragraph shall be deemed invalid, but all other paragraphs shall remain in effect.

The present document of rules for participating in the LEADERS MTL Scholarships process is available at <https://fusionjeunesse.org/bourses-leaders-mtl/> upon request to Youth Fusion.

20. In case of any discrepancy between the French and English versions of the rules, the French version shall prevail.