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The Ontario Public Student Trustee Leadership Scholarship 2021-2022

Background Information

The Ontario Public Student Trustee Leadership Scholarship is an award jointly provided by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) and the Public Board Council of OSTA-AECO. The intent is to recognize outstanding achievement in a leadership role and provide financial support to a graduating public board student trustee to assist with their post-secondary education plans (University, College, or Apprenticeship).

Student trustees represent the voice of students in decisions on education, and keep students informed of the changes in education which affect them. They play an important role in the education governance process and are actively working at the local board and provincial levels on a number of initiatives.



This scholarship is based on an outstanding initiative accomplished during the student trustee's term and how the initiative positively impacted the students in their board. Two scholarships, in the amount of \$500 each, will be awarded.

Selection Criteria

The successful recipient must:

- Be a student trustee who completed a one or two-year term at a public school board
- Be a student trustee who will be continuing their education in a post-secondary setting
- Submit a completed scholarship application that highlights a student trustee's successful leadership initiative that made progress in ensuring the education system better reflects student needs and priorities

All submissions will be reviewed by a committee composed of OSTA-AECO's Public Board Council executive members and trustees with the OPSBA-OSTA Liaison Committee.

Key Dates 2021-2022

November 5, 2021 – Initial applications sent to all English public school board student trustees
February 25, 2022 – Application reminder sent to all English public school board student trustees
May 20, 2022 – Application deadline
June 3, 2022 – Selection deadline by the OPSBA-OSTA Liaison Committee
June 17, 2022 – Announcement of successful recipient

Application Process

Applicants are asked to explain in a **maximum** of 200 words their suitability for the Ontario Public Student Trustee Leadership Scholarship. All applications must be accompanied by two letters of reference, one of which must be from a senior executive or member of the local board. Letters of reference should not exceed two pages in length. Letters of reference must be on official letterhead and include electronic or manual signatures. In addition, these two letters must be from different types of individuals. (i.e. not two trustees) Reference letters should be at least one page, and no longer than two pages, with a font size of 11 or 12.

Please send your package in PDF format to OSTA-AECO's Public Council Board President Jazzlyn Abbott at Jazzlyn.Abbott@osta-aeco.org by **May 20, 2022**. If you are unable to complete this application due to accessibility issues and have specific alternative format requests, please contact Jazzlyn Abbott.

Application submissions must include the following information:

- Name
- School Board
- Term(s) of Student Trustee
- Contact information - Email and phone number
- Leadership Initiative Overview:
 - How did your initiative reflect the needs and/or support the students at your board?
 - What were the approximate hours it took you to accomplish this initiative (i.e. conception to implementation)?
 - What makes your initiative unique?
 - How many people did this initiative reach?
 - What is the long-term impact of your project?
- Attach any media/additional documents related to your initiative

Additional Information (30 words max for each question):

- What are your plans for post-secondary education?
- How are you planning to continue to take on leadership opportunities?
- Is there any additional information you would like the committee to know about your time as student trustee?

