

# President's Leadership Scholarship Application

Concordia's most prestigious scholarship is awarded to high school graduates who demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence, have made a positive and significant contribution to their communities and display a capacity for leadership. Each scholarship covers the recipient's total education fees each year for the length of the degree program. Scholarships are renewable by registering in a minimum 80% of a full-course load in each subsequent winter session (September to April); maintaining a minimum winter session GPA of 3.5; and maintaining an appropriate level of campus or community service.

### **Scholarship Highlights**

- Total education fees
- Renewable in subsequent years

# Who can apply?

Applicants must:

- Be entering their first-year of post-secondary study directly from high school. Concordia will also consider applicants who:
  - a. Have taken time off between their high school and post-secondary studies if the break in studies is less than three years.
  - b. Completed university-level credits while in high school.
  - c. Attended a non-accredited program of study at a post-secondary institution and earned 9 or less transfer credits (e.g., Bible college).
- Be enrolled in a degree program in Arts, Management or Science.
- Present a final award average of at least 85.0%, calculated on five academic subjects including English and the four highest eligible courses from Groups A, B or C.
- Have made a positive and significant contribution to their school and/or communities through voluntary service (e.g., projects with community organizations, environmental protection and conservation efforts, or work with religious organizations).
- Have demonstrated the capacity to lead and motivate others.
- Be registered in a minimum of 80% of a full-course load (12 credits in each semester). Recipients whose registration drops below the required 80% minimum will immediately forfeit their scholarship.

#### How do I apply?

An application package includes:

- The completed Application Form
- A list of all your Grade 10 and 11 courses with final grades and of your Grade 12 courses with final or midterm grades if the course is in progress. The list must be signed by your high school guidance counsellor or principal
- Two Letters of Reference
- Applicant will also be contacted to participate in a phone interview or skype call.

#### Where do I send the application package?

Student and Enrolment Services Concordia University of Edmonton HA 120, Hole Academic Centre 7128 Ada Boulevard Edmonton, AB T5B 4E4

# When is the deadline for application? April 1

# When will I know if I'm a recipient? Applicants will be notified by May 30th.

#### What if I have questions?

Contact Student and Enrolment Services:

Phone: 780-479-9220

Toll free: 1-888-479-5200, ext 220 E-mail: finaid@concordia.ab.ca



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### Instructions for completing the application:

- This application is a PDF Fillable Form. The tab key may be used to move between fields in the form. Any fields requiring phone numbers or numerical amounts will accept only Arabic numerals dollar signs, decimals, and dashes will be entered automatically.
- All questions must be completed or marked 'not applicable' (N/A)
- Print the completed form, sign it, and submit it to the Student and Enrolment Services Office (HA 120). You may save and/or print a completed copy for your records.
- Handwritten, incomplete, inaccurate, or late applications are not considered.

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#### Part 2: School Activities (Student Government, clubs, athletics, etc.)

A school activity is one in which the student volunteers their time and energy, without compensation, for the benefit of the school community.

#### Instructions:

- 1. List your top three (3) school activities in which you have been involved within the last 2 years only. With each activity, list the dates of participation, the total number of hours invested and your specific responsibilities or accomplishments.
- 2. Also include a description, 75 words or less, with further explanation or comment on each of your involvements. Summarize the event/action and/or achievement and describe why it is important and the difference it made to the wider community.

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#### Part 3: Community Involvement (Community organizations or clubs, church, etc.)

A community service activity is one in which the student volunteers their time and energy outside of school, without compensation, for the benefit of the community at large.

#### Instructions:

- 1. List your <u>top three</u> (3) community service activities in which you have been involved within the last 2 years only. With each activity, list the dates of participation, the total number of hours invested and your specific responsibilities or accomplishments.
- 2. Also include a description, 75 words or less, with further explanation or comment on each of your involvements. Summarize the event/action and/or achievement and describe why it is important and the difference it made to the wider community.

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### Part 4: Leadership

A. Define leadership. (Maximum 150 words).
B. Using one real-life example from your volunteer community or school activities, describe how you made a difference by taking a leadership role. Explain your role, what was accomplished, what you learned, and how the experience contributed to your development as a leader and how it benefited others. (Maximum 500 words).
C. How do you anticipate you will continue being a leader while studying at Concordia?

#### **Part 5: Supporting Documents**

Documents required in support of your application include:

- 1. A list of all your high school courses with final or midterm grades, signed by your high school guidance counsellor or principal.
- 2. Two Letters of Reference

Please note that Referee Letters should be sent directly to Concordia by the people providing the references. If you include the Referee Letters in your application package, they must be in sealed envelopes that are signed across the flap by the referee.

#### Part 6: Declaration of Applicant

This information is collected in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act (Alberta) and the Taxation Act (Canada) and is required to determine your eligibility for this scholarship. If you have any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of this information you may contact Student and Enrolment Services at 780-479-9220 or toll-free at 1-866-479-5200.

#### I declare that:

- 1. I understand that Concordia does not consider incomplete or inaccurate applications;
- 2. All the statements I have made in connection with this application are true and complete in all respects and that I have not withheld requested information;
- 3. I consent to the disclosure and exchange of academic information by and between the Admissions and Financial Aid Office and the Registrar to verify my program of study, academic standing, and registration status to determine my eligibility for a financial award;
- 4. I will make myself available for a phone interview or skype call;
- 5. If selected as a recipient, I authorize the publication of my name and release of information for promotional purposes;
- 6. Referee letters received in connection with this application are confidential and will not be released to me;

Signature	Date
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# LETTER OF REFERENCE GUIDELINES PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

IMPORTANT: A COPY OF THESE GUIDELINES IS TO BE GIVEN TO EACH PERSON WHO WILL WRITE A LETTER OF REFERENCE.

You have been asked to write a letter of reference on behalf of a student applying for the President's Leadership Scholarship. The applicant has been asked to submit two letters of reference written by individuals (i.e. teacher, volunteer supervisor) in support of their volunteer/community service and/or extracurricular school activities. The referee cannot be related to the applicant. To assist you in the preparation of this letter, please refer to the instructions and information below.

General qualifications for President's Leadership Scholarship includes academic excellence, positive and significant contributions to the community and demonstrated leadership.

#### What should the letter include?

Please state the length of time and the capacity in which you know the applicant. Describe their role, their activities and their accomplishments and how their service and leadership have impacted the organization, club or community. In addition, please comment on the applicant's potential to excel in future leadership roles. Using specific examples, explain how the applicant's qualities and attributes demonstrate worthiness for scholarship consideration.

Please ensure that the letter is typewritten on letterhead, signed and includes your contact information. To ensure confidentiality, we would prefer that you return or mail the *Letter of Reference* directly to the address below. If you are giving the *Letter of Reference* to the applicant to deliver by hand, seal the envelope and sign your name across the sealed flap. The Financial Aid and Awards Office cannot accept hand-delivered *Letters of Reference* that are not sealed in this manner.

The student would appreciate a prompt response as the deadline for *Letters of Reference* is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you very much for taking the time to provide a letter of support.

## Return before April 1st, to:

Student & Enrolment Services Office Concordia University of Edmonton 7128 Ada Boulevard Edmonton, Alberta T5B 4E4