

October 18 is the deadline for school-sponsored applications.

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Dear teachers, counsellors and school administrators,

There are only four weeks left to submit sponsored applications. Your high school can **sponsor up to three candidates** before **October 18th**.

Grade 12 students can start their application today at [apply.loranscholar.ca](http://apply.loranscholar.ca). They may also view our [application overview](#) and a [sample application form](#).

Here are the steps to sponsor candidates:

1. Candidates wishing to be sponsored must select *Sponsored by (or seeking sponsorship from) my school* in the online application, and then enter the name and email address of the designated school contact in the *Educational Background* section.
2. Every candidate must get a reference letter, whether they end up in the sponsored or direct pool. The candidate needs to finalize their part of the online application in order to have the reference request email sent. The word limit is 250 words.
3. Once the reference letter has been submitted, the school contact will receive an email allowing them to log in and confirm whether or not the student is being sponsored by the school. The online sponsorship form takes about 2 minutes to complete.

Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that both the reference writer and the school contact have sufficient time to complete their parts before the deadline. If a student's sponsorship form is not complete by **8:00pm (Eastern**

**Time)** on **October 18**, that student will be entered into the direct pool.

**What We Look For:** As you know, our selection criteria are character, service and leadership. We are looking for young people who deeply value honesty, are curious by nature and are interested in a wide range of subjects. The scholars we select are willing to take meaningful risks and prioritize results over appearances. Each one has shown a sustained commitment to service in the community, has taken the initiative to create positive changes and is interested in working for a better world.

**Direct Pool:** If more than three students are interested in applying, please encourage the other students to apply to our direct pool. We understand that there are sometimes more qualified candidates than there are sponsorship spots, and offer the direct pool process for this reason. Although sponsored candidates have historically received more provincial awards and honour citations, we select Loran Scholars through both application processes.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Thank you for encouraging your students to apply!

With our appreciation,

The Loran Scholars Foundation

**Questions?**

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