



The Catalyst Award

Introduction:

The Catalyst Award is made available by the Catalyst Foundation (www.catalystfoundation.ca) to support the ongoing development of young leaders who have dreams of serving their community, culture, and world.

Purpose:

These variable size awards (\$500 – \$3000), administered by the Halton Learning Foundation, are awarded to graduating students to assist in the realisation of their dreams. The number of awards will be determined based on the applications received.

Award:

In addition to receiving funds, successful applicants will be contacted monthly by Catalyst staff to monitor the progress of the applicants “dream” and to provide encouragement and coaching for a period of at least one year.

Awards will be presented at a reception for scholarship recipients and their guests before the end of the school year.

Eligibility:

Catalyst Awards are available for graduating students from Halton Public Schools who are pursuing further education, experience, training, or development towards a plan for the benefit of others, particularly the poor, neglected, and vulnerable in Halton, across Canada, and around the world.

Application Process:

Applications are due March 31, 2010.

The complete application package should contain the following items:

1. 2-3 page proposal explaining the nature of the dream you want to pursue. It should include what you plan to accomplish, who you hope

to help, how you will prepare yourself to lead this effort, who will be working with you on the dream, and a summary of the costs/budget involved

2. academic transcript (academic performance is not a primary factor in assessing applicants)
3. resume of extracurricular and community activities (including paid and unpaid work, arts, athletics, hobbies, social service, etc.)
4. 3 reference letters, from: a school official, a community leader (employer, clergy, coach, supervisor, etc.), and someone knowledgeable about your dream

Finalists will be contacted to arrange an interview with Catalyst staff. All applicants will receive notification regarding award decisions. Applications should be mailed (not email) to:

Catalyst Scholarship
c/o Halton Learning Foundation
JW Singleton Centre
2050 Guelph Line
Burlington, ON
L7R 3Z2

Criteria for Selection:

Awards will be determined at the sole discretion of the Catalyst Foundation based on factors including:

- nature and scope of the dream
- apparent readiness of the candidate to pursue the dream
- need for funding and coaching

Questions regarding the Catalyst Scholarships can be directed to:

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