



Catalyst Student Leadership Program

What is the Catalyst Foundation?

Catalyst Foundation is committed to developing leadership in compelling nonprofit organizations as their dreams become action to transform lives.

Through the awarding of grants and scholarships, mentoring of developing leaders, and providing leadership training to schools and nonprofit groups we are seeking to advance leadership that is creative, committed, compatible and compelling.

We believe in:

Stewardship: Generous and careful allocation of our time, abilities, experience, energy, and resources.

Strategy: Working intentionally toward our dreams with thoughtful process and effective teamwork.

Learning: Continuous development of Character, Competence, and Context for lasting influence.

Creativity: Our capability is multiplied by our involvement with new ideas and perspectives.

Sustainability: Fostering progressive action towards dignified interdependence.

Synergy: Trusted relationships accelerate change and magnify meaningful outcomes.

Dreams are powerful; action makes them possible!

For more about us please visit www.catalystfoundation.ca

What do we believe about Leadership?

Leadership is multi-faceted and diverse. There are many ways to lead but all require the skills of Competence, the qualities of Character, and the discovery of a well-suited Context. These can be developed, and we are committed to assisting in that development.

Our Leadership Program:

The Catalyst Program for High Schools has been developed to help students identify their areas of great interest and provide them with some of the tools they will need as they pursue their dreams. We will

come into the school for a series of workshops over the course of the academic year with a group of students selected by the school. Students will develop a plan to take action toward accomplishing their dreams, and have the support of a skilled facilitator in the process. An outline of the sessions is below.

Program Format:

The program is designed to take place in 7 sessions of 75 minutes each in a classroom or seminar room with a group of 6-30 students. Participants would be expected to spend about one hour preparing for sessions.

Ideally the program will be run as an extracurricular club within the school day. The first cohort of students to experience the program in each school will have the \$25 program fee waived.

We are also prepared to alter or customise the program to suit a particular school or curriculum need.

Scholarships:

Catalyst is offering scholarships to promising leaders beginning in Spring 2009. While our knowledge of program participants may give us insight into their potential, the scholarships are not necessarily connected to the program. Details of the scholarship are available at: <http://www.catalystfoundation.ca/scholarship-program>

Facilitator:

Chris Wignall is the Executive Director of the Catalyst Foundation. He has extensive experience in leadership development and working with youth. Professionally, he has been involved in directing camps, corporate training, pastoral work, and experiential education; and is involved in several local and international non-profit organizations. He is also able to access a variety of other resource people to assist with particular topics or fields of interest.

Contact:

For more information, or to request a Catalyst Foundation program for your school please visit www.catalystfoundation.ca or contact Chris Wignall at chris@catalystfoundation.ca or 905-627-3970.