

The Award

Wanted: Graduating students who are ready to dedicate their lives to pursuing the dream of serving and helping others.

If you want to make a meaningful difference in the lives of people in need in our community, country, or around the world we want to meet you.

In partnership with The Halton Learning Foundation and LiveDifferent.com, the Catalyst Award offers 4-6 selected students a \$500 cash award and a life-changing trip to the Dominican Republic (summer 2012, dates t.b.a.) to see firsthand the needs and the people who are making a lasting difference in the problems of poverty today. You will meet some world-class leaders and organizations who are changing the way help is given, and spend time with some inspirational families who are pursuing hope in the face of desperate need.

In addition, you will have access to a personal mentor for at least one year as you take your first steps towards your dreams after high school.

If this sounds like you, please let us know.

Application Process:

Applications are due March 1, 2012.

The complete application package should contain the following items:

1. A one page letter telling us why you are interested in the Catalyst Award and how you think it could impact you.
2. 1-2 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.
3. Academic transcript (academic performance is not a primary factor in assessing applicants)
4. Resume of extracurricular and community activities (including paid and unpaid work, arts, athletics, hobbies, social service, etc.)
5. 3 reference letters, from: a school official, a community leader (employer, clergy, coach, supervisor, etc.), and someone knowledgeable about your dream
6. Applicants are encouraged to include a 90-120 second video introducing yourself and describing your dream

Finalists will be contacted by Catalyst staff to arrange an interview to be held the week of March 5-11th. All applicants will receive notification regarding award decisions by March 30th.

Applications should be mailed or delivered (not email) to:

**Catalyst Award
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 candidate for Dominican Trip and to pursue their dream
- need for funding and mentoring

For more information please visit: www.catalystfoundation.ca/catalyst-award

Note: We will be holding a small series of meetings for recipients and their families to prepare for the Dominican Trip and answer any and all questions.

Questions regarding the Catalyst Award can be directed to:

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