

## Application Process

### Canada 150 Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurism (ICE) Scholarship

**Note: the due date for applying is May 10, 2021**

Based upon the Lethbridge School Division Vision Statement – *Learners are innovative thinkers who are successful, confident, respectful and caring* – the ICE Scholarship seeks Lethbridge School Division students who produce and demonstrate projects that are innovative.

**Innovation is the ability to generate new, useful and valuable ideas or methods that can be applied to real-life situations.**

The major focus for the awards will be a demonstration of a project, achievement or learning endeavour that illustrates innovation.

While the main criterion for the awards is evidence of innovative thought and creativity, projects could, but not necessarily, also have a focus on entrepreneurship: in other words, relevance to the world of business.

Fields of focus are limitless and could include any of:

**fine arts, media, and literature**

**business entrepreneurship**

**health and wellness**

**cultural diversity**

**social entrepreneurship**

**science, technology and mathematics**

**trades**

**practical arts such as fashion and foods**

**environmental studies**

**horticulture and agriculture**

The above fields are only indicative of possibilities, and any other topic or field will also be considered, as the awards are intended to encourage thinking beyond the norm or 'box.'

The project could be an idea that started in one of your classes, but it could also come from hobbies, interests or personal situations or circumstances.

This project can be yours alone, submitted by you individually, or it can be a group project. Note, however, the \$1,000 scholarship would then be shared among the group members.

There will be two categories of scholarships available to students, one category for Grade 9 and Grade 10 students and the other for students who are in Grade 11 or Grade 12. There will be up to two scholarships awarded for each category.

Because of the monetary value of the scholarships, and aside from the innovative qualities of the project, there must be evidence of significant effort in terms of time, materials, research and, possibly, mentorship that went into the project being submitted.

## There are three general possibilities for how you might go about your project:

- The project could be one you have already completed, in which case you would simply complete the application and submit it before the May 10, 2021 deadline.
- The project could be one which you have begun but not completed, in which case you would complete the project and submit your application, again before May 10.
- The project could be an entirely new one. In this case, you would begin and complete the project for submission prior to the April deadline.

### Timelines for choosing winners:

- The application process will begin on February 12, 2021. You will be able to submit your application either directly to the Lethbridge School Division Education Centre at 533 – 15<sup>th</sup> Street South, or online via the District web page, where scholarship information will be posted on February 12.
- All applications must be submitted on or before May 10, 2021.
- Applications will be initially judged by a Selection Panel in order to develop a list of finalists. Finalists will be notified by May 17, 2021. Initial applications will be judged according to the rubric or chart that is part of the Application Requirement Form.
- Finalists will be invited to present their projects live before the Selection Panel sometime during the month of May, 2021. Those who are selected as finalists will be provided with information about what the presentations should be like or could contain.
- Scholarship winners will be announced before the end of the 2020/2021 school year, and the actual award cheques will be presented on June 22 during the final board meeting of the 2020-2021 school year.

To apply, you must complete the information required on the attached **Application Form**. Note, that in addition to information about you and the project, you will need the signature of an administrator or counsellor from your school. Good luck!

## Application Form

First, tell us about you. Make sure the following information is included with your application:

Name(s)

Contact information: cell, email

Grade

School

Now as well, please submit the following information in written form and in a maximum of two single-spaced, word-processed pages. Be sure to complete all sections as directed. Each section must be completed in no more than 200 words.

1. Give a brief overview or description of your project. In other words, what is it that you attempted to achieve with your project and indicate why you thought that it would be innovative.
2. Why did you take on this particular project? Tell us what or who motivated you to do it?
3. Tell us about your project plan. How did you organize to do your project? How did you set out to do any necessary research? What materials were needed, and how did you gather those materials? Who helped you with the project and in what ways? Tell how you organized your time and provide a timeline of your work on the project.
4. What have been the learning outcomes for you or your group? What did you learn from attempting and completing the project?
5. How is the final project innovative and what positive impact, value and/or real-life application does it have for you, your school or community in general?

\*\*Signature of school administrator or counsellor \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE THAT ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION EDUCATION CENTRE BY 4 P.M. ON MAY 10, 2021, EITHER IN PRINT FORM OR ONLINE THROUGH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE, WHERE THERE WILL BE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING APPLICATIONS.**

