



La Chambre de commerce de l'**Ouest-de-l'île** de Montréal
The **West Island** of Montreal Chamber of Commerce

DISCOVER THE
STARS



20 YEARS

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2016 – 2017

**Offered to Secondary V Graduates
in our Community**

**An Industry / School Initiative
of
The West Island of Montreal Chamber of Commerce**

Discover the Stars Gala Partner



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The « *Discover the Stars* » Program

Dear Student,

Next year you will be starting Cegep and a whole new life. How would you like \$1,000 to help you on your way?

Initially, you will be judged based on the originality of your research and the quality of your essay, 600 to 800 words, (about 2-3 pages). If you are selected, you will be invited for a 20 minute interview with fantastic people, among them, directors of the companies that sponsor the contest. This interview will confirm your knowledge of your subject, it will allow us to get to know you better as well as provide you with a unique experience that you will never forget. Moreover, you can also have a chance to win one of the two \$3,000 scholarships from the “Aileen Proudfoot Memorial Award” Foundation established in 2000 by Mrs. Grace Proudfoot and Mr. Andy Proudfoot to honor the memory of their daughter Aileen.

Your chances of being selected to receive a scholarship are about two in three. This program is not only for straight-A kids, just ask for the names of the recipients in your school last year. To participate we just ask that you be enrolled in Cegep in science or in one of the scientific technologies programs for the next term.

Who are the generous sponsors who discovered 20 new stars in October 2016? Partners and sponsors come from private organizations involved in technology and business as well as financial and educational institutions. Their goal is simple: to let you know that they do exciting stuff that affects our future and to let you explore these fields for your own future.

In order to participate we ask that you prepare an essay on a subject of your choice that is of relevance in today's scientific and technological world. Based on your own personal interest, choose a theme involving the sciences or any scientific technology. Use ideas and notions to support your point of view that you find by consulting library books without having to read entire volumes. One of our sponsors is an aerospace company that works in telecommunications and is also involved in robotics, therefore instrumentation. Another is in food preservation; they use robotics but also advanced cryogenics. However, the fastest growing sector is biomedicine. Do you know why?

On behalf of our Sponsors and The West Island of Montreal Chamber of Commerce, welcome to « *Discover the Stars* »!

The President & Executive Director,



Joseph Huza

THANK YOU TO OUR 2016 BURSARY SPONSORS



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OVERVIEW

The scholarship program rewards commitment towards science and scientific technology from the Secondary V graduates of the Marguerite-Bourgeys and Lester B. Pearson School Boards. \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the winners from public high schools of The West Island of Montreal Chamber of Commerce (WIMCC) territory.

JUDGING

Candidates will be judged by a committee of three members: one representative from the academic field, one representative from the WIMCC and one representative from a sponsoring company.

ELIGIBILITY

The candidates shall be full-time students in one of the West Island schools of one of the above-mentioned school boards (see page 4).

The students must be in Secondary V and be accepted in a sciences program or a program related to scientific technology at a Cegep.

The students have leadership and/or creative skills as proven by their involvement in extracurricular activities, intra or extra-murals.

The students will be interviewed by a committee of the Program in April 2017.

SELECTING WINNERS

The committee will receive the number of entries expected from each school (see page 4). The school will screen students based on the proposed criteria.

The winners of the **“Discover the Stars”** scholarships will be selected by the members of the committee from among these entries.

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

	Points
A list of extra-curricular activities, including sports and associations to which you have contributed during high school; <i>curriculum vitae</i> (resume) format	10
Two letters of reference, one from outside of the school (volunteer organizations, sports clubs, and religious institutions or similar associations)	5
Secondary 5 academic transcript and MELS (Minister of Education Quebec) results;	5
Presentation of an essay as described on page 5	30
Interview	50
-responses to questions on the essay and related topics	
Total	100

HOW TO ENTER

Complete the scholarship application found at the end of this document.

Return your completed application along with your essay to your school's principal, who will approve and choose a limited number of applications. Attach copies of your Secondary 5 academic transcript and MELS results as well as the 2 required reference letters.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ESSAY TO THE CHAMBER: March 17th 2017

Once your school has selected your application they will send your file no later than **Friday, March 17th 2017 to:**

**Mélanie DesRosiers
The West Island of Montreal Chamber of Commerce
1870, boul. des Sources, suite 106, Pointe-Claire, Québec, H9R 5N4**

ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS AND APPLICATIONS

Marguerite-Bourgeoys School Board
Number of applicants

École secondaire	Pré- Univ	Tech
Collège Saint-Louis	5	2
Dalbé-Viau	5	2
des Sources	7	3
Dorval - Jean-XXIII	7	3
Félix-Leclerc	5	2
Saint-Georges	3	1

Lester B. Pearson School Board
Number of applicants

High School	Pré- Univ	Tech
Beaconsfield	4	1
John Rennie	6	3
Lakeside Academy	3	1
Lindsay Place	3	1
MacDonald	4	1
Pierrefonds Comprehensive	3	1
Riverdale	3	1
St. Thomas	5	3

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarships will be paid to the winners in the following manner: the first \$500 will be given to the student at the beginning of the CEGEP year at the "**Discover the Stars**" Awards Ceremony in the fall of 2017. The remaining \$500 will be remitted to the student **upon proof of successful completion of first semester courses, and proof of registration for the second Cegep term in a sciences or scientific technology program.** All information shall be sent to the offices of the Chamber of Commerce **no later than March 30th, 2018** since failure to produce such proof will result in non-payment of the second part of the bursary.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The « **Discover the Stars** » committee would like to thank all our sponsors, the school boards and high school personnel who promote and support this program as well as The West Island of Montreal Chamber of Commerce.

The West Island of Montreal Chamber of Commerce

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DESCRIPTION OF THE ESSAY

The majority of the sponsors of this program are part of what is known as “the new economy”. These enterprises have created significant employment in the Montreal area over the past few years. It is the talent and skill of our human resource base that attracted these companies to our region, and, in return, our sponsors are encouraging young people to join their ranks by helping them financially to enrol in a science or high-technology program at a Cegep.

As you know, technological advancements in the last few years have greatly affected our day-to-day lives and will continue to do so for years to come. In assessing tomorrow’s employment needs and trends, one cannot ignore the impact of driving forces such as research and development activities, the economic climate and sociological aspects.

You are invited to explore any theme relating to science or technology, be it related to a person, process or field of study. The title should mention your theme.

Please cite specific references. Keep in mind that the judges will not tolerate plagiarism, (and they are well-read themselves and they check). What they are looking for are the depth and breadth of your knowledge pertaining to your topic as well as your ideas and opinions.

For applicants wishing to pursue a university degree after Cegep, your essay should contain between 600 and 800 words while for those pursuing a scientific technical diploma the length should be between 300 to 500 words. Applicants are encouraged to include tables, maps and other forms of graphics in their essay: however, these should not be counted in meeting the length requirements.

Should you be selected, your application will be remitted by your school to **The West Island of Montreal Chamber of Commerce no later than Friday, March 17th 2017.**

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STUDENT'S APPLICATION FORM

Student's Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Postal Code: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Field of Study: SCIENCES (two year course) or TECHNOLOGY (three year course)

Parent/Tutor's Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cellular: _____
Email: _____

School's Information

Name: _____ School's Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Postal Code: _____
Principal's Name: _____ Signature: _____
Date: _____

I hereby apply for a « Discover the Stars » Scholarship and submit the following information. In doing so I fully recognize and accept the verdict of the Scholarship judges as final and incontestable. I declare that the above information is correct and I authorize the Committee and The West Island of Montreal Chamber of Commerce to use my name and photo to promote the contest.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Parent/Tutor's Signature:** _____

Please attach the following with this form: 4 copies of the original, plus the original (total of 5).

- **The required essay;**
- **The 3 sources of information requested (your curriculum vitae (résumé), Secondary 5 academic transcript and MELS results, and the 2 required reference letters, with at least one from outside of the school.**
- **A graduation photo (6.5 X 9 cm, original photo printed on the photograph's paper only)**

Once chosen the recipient will be asked to provide the following at a later date:

- **A letter of acceptance to a CEGEP as soon as possible**

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