



Centennial Scholars Entrance Award 2017/18 – Reference Form

Centennial Scholars Entrance Awards (CSEA) assist students in making the transition to UBC from secondary school or another post-secondary institution. The purpose of this program is to financially support academically qualified students who show a keen interest in joining and contributing to the UBC community, but who would not otherwise be able to attend without significant financial assistance. This program offers entering students one time and renewable awards up to \$40,000 payable over four years. There are opportunities for students studying on UBC's Vancouver campus to receive full-ride awards, ranging in value up to the full cost of a student's program and living expenses.

Criteria

The successful candidate:

- Is a strong academic student.
- Demonstrates financial need.
- Is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- Is entering directly from high school or transferring from another post-secondary institution.
- Is applying to a direct entry undergraduate program at UBC and who does not have a previous degree.
- Has a reference from a member of your school or community.
- Meets all UBC admissions requirements.

Instructions

Please **read the instructions carefully** before filling out the Reference Form

- The reference requires a written statement endorsing the financial need of the applicant. In addition, provide supporting information, which can include leadership ability, commitment to community or school. Your candid assessment of the applicant's academic promise, character and financial circumstances is essential to help the Awards Adjudication Committee to decide this year's recipients. The information you provide will remain confidential and only be used by Enrolment Services for the purposes of the Centennial Scholars Entrance Awards adjudication.
- Consideration for the Centennial Leaders will be given to students applying to the Vancouver Campus who demonstrate, in addition to academic merit, qualities such as leadership skills, involvement in student affairs, contribution to community service and/or recognized achievement in a field(s) of interest. Centennial Leaders awards can cover up to the full cost of the student's program and living expenses. If you would like to nominate the applicant for the Centennial Leaders, please indicate through your responses how the student would meet this criteria.
- The reference form is a deciding factor on the success of the student's application.
 - Use powerful and specific statements to indicate the student's abilities and character
 - Address both the student's accomplishments and activities but focus on the student's financial circumstances
- Feel comfortable saying "no"
 - Tell the student if you don't feel comfortable giving them a reference. A weak reference will not help the student.
- Help with the application
 - Offer to read and critique the student's Description of Circumstances. Your input is valuable in helping them put together an effective application.

Application Deadline

Completed applications (including Supporting Documentation) must be received by **December 1, 2016**



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_____ Student Name (Surname, Given Name)

_____ UBC Student Number

Personal Reference Information

_____ Name (Surname, Given Name)

_____ Title

_____ Organization

I have known the student for _____ years.

_____ Phone Number

Reference Evaluation

1. Describe the capacity in which you have worked/interacted with the student you are supporting. Please comment about what has impressed you the most in your interactions, and provide specific examples. (100 Words)

2. Is there anything about the student's family, community, school, or background that would help put the student's successes or challenges into context for us? (100 Words)



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3. Is there anything about the student's financial circumstances that make it necessary for the student to apply for a Centennial Scholars Entrance Award in order to come to UBC? (100 Words)

4. How would you characterize this student's resilience and how they cope with disappointment, failure, or adversity? (100 Words)

5. What do you think is most memorable or notable about this student? (100 Words)

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Date (YYYY/MM/DD)

Signature