



## GE Foundation Scholar-Leaders Program in Canada Information and Instructions

The GE Foundation Scholar-Leaders Program in Canada is a unique program that provides financial support and skills development opportunities to 15 accomplished first-year undergraduate students from recognized institutions who are pursuing degrees in the fields of engineering and business/management and are a member of one of the following groups: **Aboriginal peoples\***, **women in Engineering programs\*\***, and **persons with disabilities\*\*\***.

The program is funded by the GE Foundation, the philanthropic organization of the General Electric Company, and is administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE) on behalf of the Foundation.

\* A Canadian resident Aboriginal individual who is either First Nation status or non-status, Métis or Inuit

\*\* Women in Engineering programs must be attending one of the following institutions: University of Alberta, McMaster University, University of Toronto • McGill University, École Polytechnique, Queens University

\*\*\*A disability is defined as "a functional limitation that is caused by physical or mental impairment that restricts a student's ability to perform the daily activities necessary to participate in studies at a postsecondary level or in the labor force, and that is expected to remain with the student for the student's expected life."

### Why Apply?

- A \$4,000 per year scholarship for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> years of your undergraduate program
- An opportunity to be mentored by a business leader at GE in Canada
- Participation in GE Foundation Scholar-Leaders activities, including a specially designed, all expenses paid, leadership development seminar at GE Canada in Mississauga, Ontario
- Participation in community development projects

### Who Can Apply?

*Only applicants who meet the eligibility criteria described below will be considered for the award*

#### **Aboriginal peoples OR women in engineering programs OR persons with disabilities who:**

- Are Canadian residents
- Are first-year full-time students at:
  - a. A recognized university within Canada if you are an Aboriginal person or a person with disabilities, or
  - b. University of Alberta, McMaster University, University of Toronto, McGill University, HEC Montréal, École Polytechnique or Queens University if you are a woman in an engineering program
- Are studying engineering or business/management (Aboriginal peoples and persons with disabilities considered for both fields)
- Have high academic performance, as demonstrated by first semester university results and high school transcripts.
- Demonstrate financial need

### How to Apply?

The application form and all **Supporting Documentation** must be submitted by **April 15, 2008**, to:  
**GE Foundation Scholar-Leaders Program in Canada**  
Institute of International Education  
809 United Nations Plaza  
New York, NY 10017  
USA

**Supporting Documentation** – In addition to your application form, the following documentation is required:

- A. Essay
- B. High school transcripts – official copy, may be sent directly by high school
- C. First semester university results (if available) – official copy, may be sent directly by university
- D. Two letters of recommendation (see instructions on form provided)
- E. Proof of Aboriginal ancestry – photocopy of Band/Treaty card; Métis membership card; Inuit Beneficiary card. Students who are non-status First Nation may send a photocopy of the band card issued to parent or grandparent (*for Aboriginal students only*)
- F. Medical / disability documentation from a qualified doctor in which your ability to undertake the proposed study program is indicated (*for applicants with disabilities only*)

#### **English translations must accompany any documents not in English.**

Incomplete application materials or application materials received after **April 15, 2008** will not be considered. Application materials will not be returned to applicants.

### What is the Selection Procedure?

A selection committee will evaluate all applications. Each applicant's motivation and academic potential will be assessed. You will be informed in May 2008 about the success of your application. Selection decisions are final. There is no appeal process.

### Who Can I Contact for More Information?

If you have any questions, please contact IIE:

Email: [gefslp-canada@iie.org](mailto:gefslp-canada@iie.org)

Phone: 1-800-486-0308

Fax: 1-212-984-5393



# GE Foundation Scholar-Leaders Program

Use English to complete the application. Please print clearly in blue or black ink.  
**Deadline:** Applications must be received by IIE by **April 15, 2008**

## Applicant Data

**Please check one:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal student – Engineering<br><input type="checkbox"/> Female student – Engineering<br><input type="checkbox"/> Student with disability – Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal student – Business<br><input type="checkbox"/> Student with disability – Business |
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Family Name		Given Name(s)		Middle Name		Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy)		Male <input type="checkbox"/>			
								Female <input type="checkbox"/>			
Address While in School				Permanent Mailing Address							
City		Province		Postal Code		City		Province		Postal Code	
Telephone Number			Email Address			Telephone Number			Email Address		

*As all program-related correspondence will be sent via email, all applicants are **required** to check their email accounts at least once a week to facilitate faster communication during the application process.*

**ABORIGINAL HERITAGE:** (for Aboriginal applicants only)

Aboriginal Ancestry:	Native Affiliation: e.g. Cree, Ojibway, etc.		
<input type="checkbox"/> First Nation Status	Name of Reserve (if applicable)		Province
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Status	Name of Métis Association (if applicable)		Membership #
<input type="checkbox"/> Métis	Name of Territorial Registration (if applicable)		Province
<input type="checkbox"/> Inuit			Membership #

How did you find out about the GE Foundation Scholar-Leaders Program?

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## Applicant Education Data

University Attending		Anticipated Graduation Date (mm/yy)	
Degree Sought (e.g. Bachelor of Science)		Major or Field of Study	Length of Program (in years)

Please list the last three schools, colleges, or other universities you have attended, starting with the most recent.

Period of Study		Institution		
dd/mm/yy	dd/mm/yy			
From	To	Name of Institution	Program	Degree Granted (if any)

## Activities, Awards and Honors

List all school and community activities in which you have participated during the past five years (you may attach one additional page if needed). Please spell out acronyms. Place a check in the year in which you participated in the activity.

Activity (e.g. student government, sports, community service, volunteer work, leadership programs, religious groups)	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Position Held/Additional Description

List all awards that you have received in the past five years that you believe are relevant to this scholarship competition. Please include a brief sentence describing the nature of the award (e.g. level of prestige of award or what award is for).

Award	Description	Year(s) Received (e.g. 2005)

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## Essay

**Essay Topic:** Describe your field of study and what has influenced your decision to pursue this path. How would this program help you to achieve your goals and facilitate your growth as a leader in your chosen field?

**Essay Instructions:** Please attach your essay on a separate sheet. Make sure your name is on your separate essay page and then attach it to this form. This should be written in a narrative (essay) form and NOT be a mere listing of facts. This essay will be an opportunity to provide information about yourself, which you feel might be helpful to the selection committee. It will be read with interest. Please limit your essay to 1000 words or less. If you choose to write your essay in a language other than English, you must also provide an English translation.

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## Financial Information

Please complete your calculations for the current eight-month period from September to April. Please state amounts in Canadian dollars.

Expenses:		Resources:	
Tuition, Fees & Books		Savings	
Rent & Utilities		Earnings during school term	
Food & Personal Care		Contributions from parents/spouse	
Clothing		Investments (please specify)	
Transportation		Other income (tax rebate, family allowance)	
Child Care		Scholarships/Bursaries confirmed for current academic year	
Other Expenses (please specify)		Student loan (received or expected to receive)	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Notes/Comments:</b>			

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## Certification

By my signature below, I certify that I meet the basic eligibility requirements of the program and that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to give proof of the information that I have given in my application. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. This application becomes the property of the Institute of International Education (IIE) upon submission. I also agree that, if selected as a GE Foundation Scholar-Leader, IIE, GE and the GE Foundation may use my name, likeness and biographical information in promotion of the GE Foundation Scholar-Leaders Program, in any media whatsoever.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

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## Additional Documents

Thank you for completing an application for the GE Foundation Scholar-Leaders Program in Canada. You are almost finished! In addition to the completed application, you are required to provide originals (where possible) or clear, certified photocopies of the documents listed below for each year of enrollment in high school.

For your application package to be considered complete, please ensure that you send the items below:

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- Essay
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## GE Foundation Scholar-Leaders Program

### Confidential Reference Form and Letter

**Instructions:** This reference form and letter should be written in English by a person who knows the Applicant well (although NOT by a family member) — for example a teacher/instructor/professor, scout leader, advisor to an extracurricular club, employer/job supervisor, etc. The person completing this form and letter should place them in a sealed envelope, sign the back of the envelope over the sealed flap, and return to the Applicant.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

1) How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

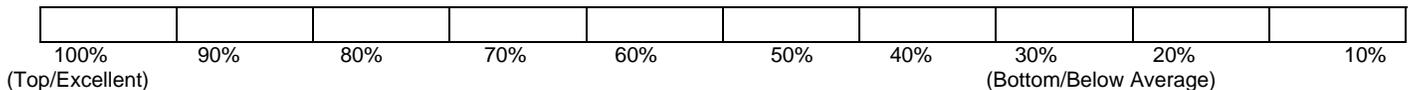
2) In what capacity have you known the applicant? (Check one.)

- Teacher or Professor
- Scout Leader
- Volunteering Advisor
- Employer or Job Supervisor
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

3) In the rating chart below, please evaluate the applicant in comparison with other students whom you have known during your professional career.

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average
Academic Performance				
Intellectual Ability				
Work Habits				
Sense of Social Responsibility				
Resourcefulness and Initiative				
Capacity for Independent Study				

4) Please indicate where the applicant would rank among students currently or recently in your department.



5) Please include a one-page reference letter (typed or printed clearly) of the applicant's academic, professional and personal merits and ability to pursue and successfully complete a program of study in the proposed field. Please comment on the candidate's. **YOUR COMMENTS WILL BE KEPT IN THE STRICTEST OF CONFIDENCE!**

**Please complete this form and return it to the candidate in a signed, sealed envelope** so that it may be included as part of the complete program application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

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Title

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Institutional Affiliation or Business Firm, if applicable

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Signature  
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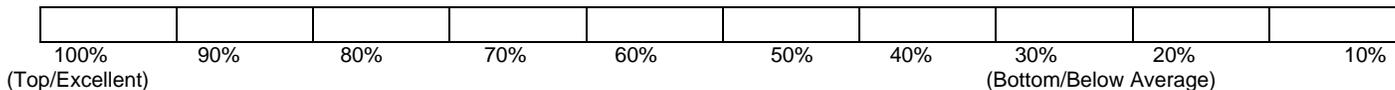
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