

## GSACS Education Foundation

### Grade 9 Scholarship Application Expectations



In addition to several straightforward questions, there are some sections of the application, which may require advance preparation, such as the following three (3) areas:

#### Character Reference Letter

The applicant is responsible for submitting one (1) character reference letter.

The applicant must initiate the request for the character reference letter. (This means the applicant must ask the person to write the letter and share the questions below with the person writing the letter). The character reference letter should be from a non-family member, must be objective in tone, and include answers to all four (4) of the following questions:

1. What is your relationship to the applicant?
2. How long have you known the applicant?
3. Did the applicant personally request your support as their character reference?
4. Please describe using examples and/or situations of how the applicant has demonstrated knowledge, positive intent, and well-informed decision making that contributed to the well-being and respect of self and others.

**What is the character reference person's relationship to the applicant? \***

The following are possible choices for the character reference: Teacher, Coach, Educational Assistant, Priest/Pastor, Employer, Principal, Other (must state the relationship)

#### Extra Curricular Activities

The applicant must list two (2) extra-curricular activities and detail them in the application.

Examples of these activities could include, but are not limited to athletics, fine arts, performing arts, volunteerism, and leadership. For the purpose of this application, we

will also accept employment.

**Please answer the following questions in each of your responses. All responses should be well constructed, and in short paragraph form. Paragraph construction will be part of the evaluation, more so than content.**

1. What is the extra-curricular activity?
2. How long have you been involved in this activity?
3. What is one (1) strength you have developed from participation in this activity -  
OR - What is one (1) opportunity you received because of your participation in this activity?

## Consideration Questions

The purpose of this scholarship application is to help students learn to enhance their capabilities in critical thinking and self-directed task completion.

**The evaluation committee is looking for a comprehensive and well-articulated, robust responses, with a supporting example for each of the following three (3) considerations. All responses should be in short paragraph form.**

1. Please describe your greatest strength. How have you demonstrated this strength in helping yourself succeed? How do you believe you are able to use this strength to help others succeed? \*
2. What is your favorite subject in school? What are two (2) reasons why you picked this subject? Does this subject inspire you to pursue career opportunities in the subject area? \*
3. As part of our Faith, we are all called to love and serve. In what ways do you show love and/or provide service to your neighbours? \*

**Good Luck and please submit, using the Google Form, before the September 15, 2025 deadline.**

Please contact us at [foundation@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:foundation@gsacrd.ab.ca) if you have any questions or concerns.