

**2020-2021 University of Toronto Book Award/National Scholarship Application**

Due to Mr. Nicholson at 3:00 p.m. on October 3, 2019 (Hard Copy Only)



**1. ACADEMIC OBJECTIVES**

Describe your academic objectives and indicate how these are appropriate to your long-range goals. (100 word maximum)

**2. SELF LETTER OF REFERENCE**

The students who are nominated for the University of Toronto National Scholarships can be distinguished from other students who may have equally high academic results by virtue of their breadth of interest, creativity, intellectual energy and involvement in the life of their school and community.

Write a letter of reference for yourself in the third person describing how the applicant meets these criteria. The letter should refer to specific achievements and experiences. It may also comment on any weaknesses the candidate may display. Please refer to yourself only as "the applicant", "the candidate", or by using gender neutral pronouns such as "they" or "their". (300 word maximum)

**3. ESSAY**

The following words are offered as a stimulus to thought and discussion and are open to creative interpretation:

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Choose a topic or theme suggested by one or, if you prefer, by a combination of the words and write a short essay, formal or informal. Essays will be assessed on the basis of originality, coherence and clarity of expression. Applicants whose essay does not clearly and directly relate to one or more of the prompts will be disadvantaged.

Do not use any additional sources. (800 word maximum)

**4. ORIGINAL WORK**

For the final stage of the competition, each of the students chosen as a National finalist will be asked to submit an individually authored original work to be evaluated by a faculty member in a related field. The final adjudication will include a discussion of the work. In the event that you are selected, it would be useful for us to know a little about the work you would submit.

We recommend that the original work - which could take a variety of forms, for example, a piece of creative writing, a science project, a film, an essay, a solution to a mathematical problem - relate to the academic field you wish to enter at university. Our experience shows that the discussion you are able to have with a faculty member can be more meaningful for both parties when the work relates to your primary academic interest. The piece does not have to be developed specifically for this competition; it could have been intended originally as a class assignment or a contest entry.

Describe the topic and form of the work you would submit. Do not submit the work itself. (50 words maximum)

Field of Study/Subject

**5. LETTER OF REFERENCE**

Choose a person within your school or community to send us a confidential reference letter in support of your application. Once you have submitted your application, an electronic message will be sent to your referee with instructions for submitting the reference online. We strongly recommend contacting your referee well before submitting your application, to allow ample time to prepare and submit a reference letter.