

**2017-18 Application to be nominated for the  
LORAN SCHOLARSHIP  
at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School**

Each Secondary School can nominate three (3) graduating students, who plan to apply for university, for the Loran Scholarship. The application deadline to the Loran Foundation is October 18<sup>th</sup>. The scholarship committee at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School requires that you complete these nomination tasks and submit your answers to Mrs. Egan, in Guidance, by Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Award - \$10,000 a year, renewable for 4 years

Academic requirement - minimum average of 85% (calculated including the most recent 3 years of final grades).

Non-academic requirement - the selection criteria are character, service and leadership. A student nominated by St. Mary Catholic S.S. must have completed their Community Involvement hours. Additional criteria for the Loran Scholarship organization states that they are looking for young people who deeply value honesty, are curious by nature and are interested in a wide range of subjects. The scholars selected are willing to take meaningful risks and prioritize results over appearances. Students must have shown a sustained commitment to service in the community, have taken the initiative to create positive changes and are interested in working for a better world.

*Direct Pool: If more than three students are interested in applying, the other students will be encouraged to apply to the direct pool. Please understand that there are sometimes more qualified candidates than there are sponsorship spots, and the direct pool offers the same process for this reason. Although sponsored candidates have historically received more provincial awards and honour citations, Loran Scholars may be selected through both application processes.*

Check out more details at <http://www.loranscholar.ca/becoming-a-scholar/#eligibility-criteria>

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**St. Mary REQUIREMENTS to be completed & submitted by Mon, October 2<sup>nd</sup> by 9:00 a.m.**

1. Provide a copy of your Community Involvement placements completed.
2. What is your academic average based on the Loran Scholarship criteria?
3. You must request a reference letter from a teacher, a member of the community or someone else who is familiar with your activities. The reference writer may not be a family member or a friend. Who have you selected as a reference? And, in a paragraph, explain why.
4. Answer the next two questions. Each answer to have a word limit of 300 words.
  - a) Describe what you consider to be your most significant volunteer contribution to date in terms of its value to your school or larger community. Why is it important to you and to others?
  - b) Describe a time you challenged yourself by taking on a task/project/leadership role. Why did you do it? What happened?