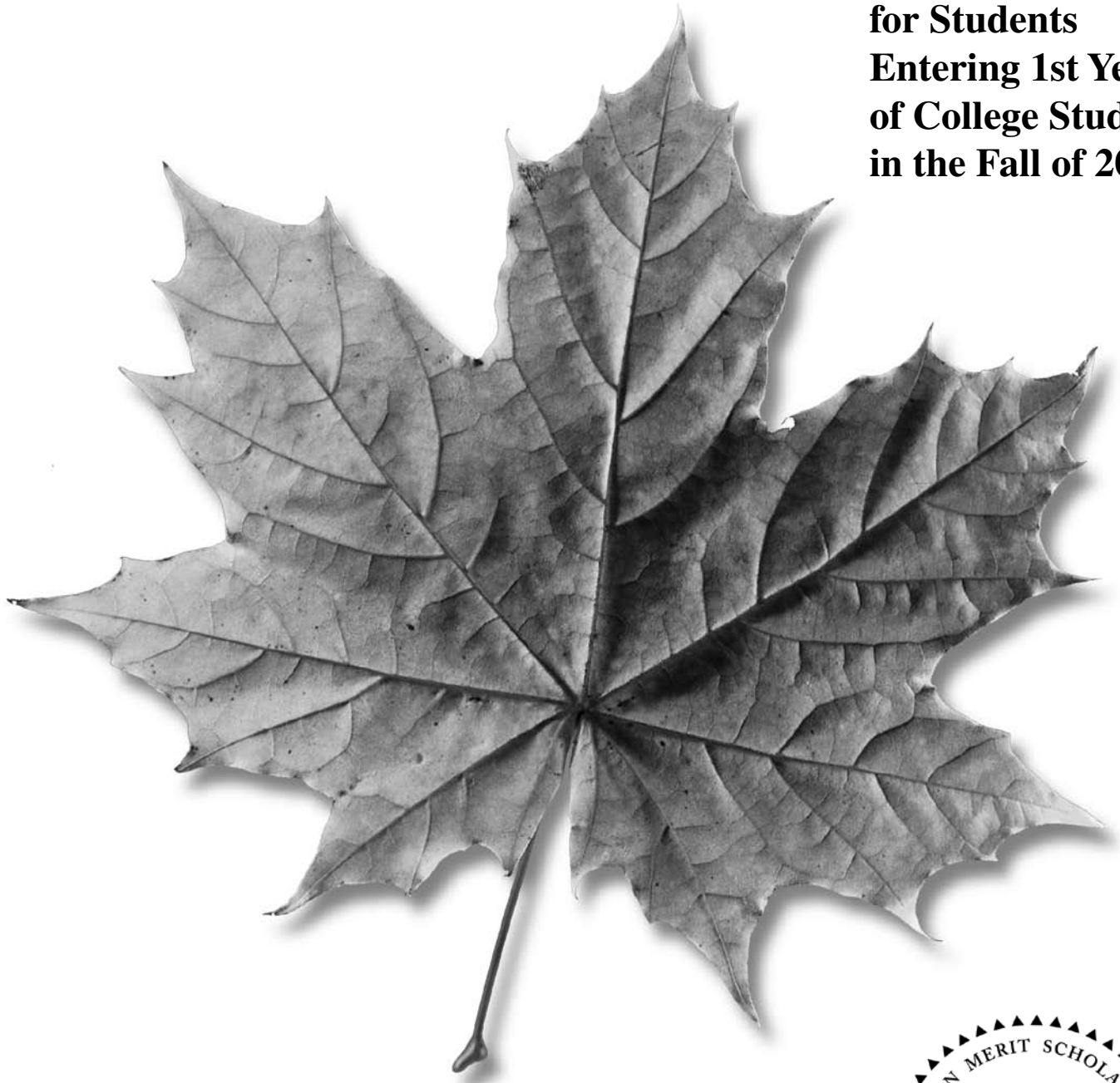


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**Application Form
for Students
Entering 1st Year
of College Studies
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FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 1ST YEAR OF COLLEGE STUDIES IN THE FALL OF 2006

DESCRIPTION OF THE AWARDS

The Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship for Colleges program was established in 1999 by the generous contribution and vision of The W. Garfield Weston Foundation. Administered by the Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation, the program is designed to recognize outstanding college-bound students who show a strong commitment to their field of study and are interested in making positive contributions to their communities.

The Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship for Colleges program will distribute the following awards to students entering their 1st year of college studies in Canada for use during the 2006-2007 academic year:

- Up to **25 GWMSC National Awards** which comprise: a tuition waiver from a consortium college renewable for one or two additional years; an \$8,000 stipend renewable for one or two additional years; and access to summer program funding.
- Up to **18 GWMSC Regional Awards** which comprise: a \$4,000 one-year scholarship.
- Up to **15 GWMSC Provincial Awards** which comprise: a \$2,500 one-year scholarship.

CONSORTIUM COLLEGES

All public and accredited colleges in Canada are eligible to participate in our program as long as they are able to waive tuition for the candidates who are chosen as GWMSC National Award recipients. The colleges presently in the consortium are:

Algonquin College, Assiniboine College, Collège Boréal, British Columbia Institute of Technology, Cambrian College, Centennial College, La Cité collégiale, The College of the North Atlantic, Conestoga College, Confederation College, Douglas College, Durham College, Fanshawe College, Fleming College, George Brown College, Grande Prairie Regional College, Holland College, Humber College, Keyano College, Kwantlen University-College, Lakeland College, Lambton College, Langara College, Loyalist College, Malaspina University College, Marine Institute, Maritime College of Forest Technology, Mohawk College, Mount Royal College, New Brunswick Community College, New Brunswick College of Craft and Design, Niagara College, Northern College, Northern Lights College, Northwest College, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Nova Scotia Community College, Olds College, Red River College, St. Clair College, St. Lawrence College, Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology, Selkirk College, Seneca College, Sheridan College, University College of the Fraser Valley, University College of the North, Vancouver Community College, all public CEGEPs in Quebec.

SELECTION CRITERIA

GWMSC entrance awards were established to recognize and award the outstanding college-bound student who is:

- passionate about his or her field of study, curious, and willing to try new things;
- caring about his or her family, neighborhood and community; and
- truly interested in becoming involved and making a difference in society.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to be eligible for a GWMSC entrance award, a student must:

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- be presently completing secondary school diploma/credentials OR have been out of school for a minimum of three years (students presently enrolled in colleges doing their high school equivalency are eligible to apply);
- be entering his or her first-year of full-time college studies in the fall of 2006 leading to a diploma or applied degree (university transfer programs, post-graduate, and pre-university DEC studies are not eligible);
- be entering college studies of at least two years in duration; and
- have a minimum average of 75% in courses required for college program of choice.

APPLICATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS

- Photocopy the form as needed.
- Complete the application form by using a computer or typewriter, or printing neatly in blue or black ink. Note that pages 7-8 must be typed. To complete electronically, please download the application from our web site at www.gwmsc.ca, fill-in and print.
- Answer all the questions. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Use the space provided. Extra pages will not be read.
- Proofread your application carefully.
- Find a reference who can complete Page 9. Make sure to choose someone who is not a relative but who knows you and your activities well. Provide him or her with a copy of your completed application.
- Submit one original application and one photocopied application to the mailing address listed below.
- Submit one official transcript and one photocopied transcript with your application.
- Staple the original transcript at the end of the original application and staple the photocopied transcript at the end of the photocopied application.
- Do not forget to *sign and date* your application.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ADULT LEARNERS

Adult learners are asked to submit one additional page which should include a brief biographical sketch, a more extensive employment history, and a paragraph about why they decided to pursue college studies.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS & DEADLINE INFORMATION

- All applications must be *received* (not postmarked) **by April 12th, 2006**.
- Applications must be sent using Canada Post services only. These include: regular mail, Priority Courier, and xpresspost that do not require a signature.
- Applications sent by fax, hand delivered or mailed through private couriers (ie: Purolator, UPS, Fedex, etc.) are *not* accepted.
- Mail completed entrance applications to:

GWMSC Entrance Awards
The Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation
53 Yonge Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, ON M5E 1J3
- To receive an acknowledgement of receipt of your application, please include a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

SELECTION PROCESS

After receipt of all entrance applications, GWMSC selection committees will assess the applications and select candidates to attend regional interviews. Successful applicants asked to attend interviews will be notified two weeks before regional interviews. Regional interviews will be held May 27th, June 10th and June 24th, 2006.

FURTHER INQUIRIES

Please call the CMSF office toll-free at **1-866-544-2673** or **416-646-2120**, visit www.gwmsc.ca or email us at westonawards@cmsf.ca.

GARFIELD WESTON MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGES Application Form

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 1st YEAR OF COLLEGE STUDIES IN 2006

IMPORTANT: Applicants must read instructions on pages 2 and 3 before completing this application.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First Middle Preferred Name

Full Home Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Home Telephone: () _____ Other Telephone: () _____

Approximate population of my city/town: _____ Place of birth: _____
City Province Country

Gender: Female Male Date of birth (dd/mm/yy): _____ Preferred language of correspondence: English French

Marital Status: _____ Do you have any children? _____ If so, what are their ages? _____

Citizenship or permanent residency: _____ Language(s) spoken at home: _____

How many brothers do you have? Older _____ Younger _____ How many sisters do you have? Older _____ Younger _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Relationship (e.g. mother, step-mother, etc.): _____ Relationship (e.g. father, step-father, etc.): _____

Living Deceased

Living Deceased

Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____

same as my mailing address above

same as my mailing address above

Full Address: _____ Full Address: _____

Telephone Number: () _____ Telephone Number: () _____

How did you learn about this scholarship?

Teacher(s)/counsellor(s) Advertisement/poster GWMSC web site Friend(s) School Paper

Studentawards.com email College representative Other (please specify) _____

Studentawards.com website

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW

I certify that the information provided in this application and in the accompanying documentation is true, accurate and complete. I authorize the provision of any information held or to be held by post-secondary and secondary institutions, references, community groups and others, relating to my application, including but not limited to personal evaluations and transcripts, to the Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship for Colleges program (the "GWMSC"). I understand and accept that: (1) such information, as well as the personal information contained in this application, will be used by the selection committees of my college and the GWMSC for the purposes of selection, for statistical analysis, and to facilitate ongoing administrative correspondence with applicants and to improve the selection process; (2) the GWMSC will not release application evaluations or the results of the evaluation process, except to inform me if my application has been accepted for an award; and (3) for all questions regarding my personal information held on file by the GWMSC, including updates thereof, I may contact the GWMSC at the address on the GWMSC web site. Finally, if my application is selected for an award, I authorize the publication of my name, city and educational institution on the GWMSC web site, annual report, newsletters and other publicity materials.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Name of your current school: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Approximate # of students: _____ Years Attended (Start and End dates): _____

Mailing address: _____

City/Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

School contact person: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

List all other schools (secondary and post-secondary) attended in chronological order.

Name of school and program of study	Location	Start (mm/yy)	End (mm/yy)	Graduation Date

PLANS FOR COLLEGE STUDIES

Post-secondary institutions you are considering, in order of preference:

Institution Name	Location	Program Name	Year(s) of Program
1 st			
2 nd			
3 rd			

CAREER PLANS

Career choices you are considering: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

1. What is it about your selected college program(s) of choice that interests you?

2. How have you prepared yourself for your selected college program(s)? What requirements did you have and how did you fulfill them?

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

List any employment you have held in the last 3 years.

Employer	Short description of your position and responsibilities	Start/end dates	Hours per week

ACTIVITIES

Please tell us what activities beyond the classroom you have been involved in during the last 3 years.

Extracurricular/Artistic/Athletic activities:

Activity	Short description of your involvement	Start/end dates	Hours per week

Volunteer work:

Activity/Name of organization	Short description of your involvement	Start/end dates	Hours per week

Hobbies/interests:

Conferences/trade show/competitions attended:

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Answer the questions on the following two pages by reflecting on your experiences of the last 3 years.

1. Please list the three activities within either your school or the community at large which have been the most important to you and briefly state why each was important.

i.

Activity:	
Your role and period of involvement:	
Who or what prompted your involvement:	
Importance:	

ii.

Activity:	
Your role and period of involvement:	
Who or what prompted your involvement:	
Importance:	

iii.

Activity:	
Your role and period of involvement:	
Who or what prompted your involvement:	
Importance:	

2. How have you already contributed to your community (family, neighbourhood, school, field of study, community at large) and how do you believe your college education will help you make a more meaningful contribution?

3. Describe a time you challenged yourself by taking on a task/project for which a successful outcome was uncertain. What setbacks did you encounter? How did you deal with them?

4. Based on an experience where you had the responsibility of leading a group, describe the strengths you showed in that situation and describe the attributes of a leader you aspire to most.

5. List five tasks which you have completed which, taken together, tell us who you are:

- i. _____
- ii. _____
- iii. _____
- iv. _____
- v. _____

Note for adult applicants: Please ensure you have submitted your additional information (requirements listed on page 3).

LETTER OF REFERENCE

This page is to be filled out by your reference. Make sure to choose someone who is not a relative but who knows you and your activities well. Provide him or her with a copy of your completed application.

Name of reference: _____ Title: _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Day Telephone: _____ Evening Telephone: _____

Email: _____

I have known the applicant for the period of _____ to _____

I know the applicant in my role as: _____

Please state briefly the applicant's qualifications to receive a GWMSC award in the space below. Extra pages will not be read.

I have reviewed the applicant's activity page and attest that it is a truthful and accurate reflection of the applicant.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

THE W. GARFIELD WESTON

FOUNDATION

History of The W. Garfield Weston Foundation

The W. Garfield Weston Foundation had its origins in 1959 and is named in honour of William Garfield Weston, a Canadian who established successful business enterprises throughout Canada and in many parts of the world. The Foundation is supported by an endowment from the Weston family.

The founder believed that as the funds were generated through the hard work and success of Canadian businesses, that grants should be given in Canada for the benefit of Canadians.

For over forty years the Foundation has made donations to Canadian charitable organizations reflecting a wide spectrum of urban and rural needs, from medical and nutritional research, to programs in the arts, education and the environment. These grants were distributed throughout all of the Provinces and Territories.

In 1997, the board of the Foundation decided that it should become more proactive and narrowly focused in its grant making. Consequently, the Foundation currently focuses the majority of its funds on four specific organizations that execute innovative work in the areas of education and the environment. In education, *The Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation* provides scholarships for college and university students, while *Children First: School Choice Trust* offers tuition-assistance grants for parents who could not otherwise afford to send their child to an independent elementary school in Ontario. A one-time gift to the *Ontario Science Centre* for their Innovation Centre will foster a greater understanding of science and technology in youth. *The Nature Conservancy of Canada* administers the Foundation's environment-related grants, using it for land conservation projects across Canada. The Trustees of the Foundation also make donations to charities which they search out themselves.

For more information please visit <http://www.westonfoundation.org>



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