



## 2024 DON BOSSI LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIP SUMMARY

*FIRST* Canada is proud to recognize Don Bossi for his excellence and outstanding leadership and celebrating his legacy by launching the “Don Bossi Leadership & Innovation” scholarship of \$5,000 to encourage and support high school students who wish to pursue post-secondary education and a career in a leadership and business role.

The ideal candidate would be someone who has demonstrated strong leadership traits and demonstrated innovative thinking and wants to motivate positive change in the community and in business.

The *FIRST* Canada Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the "Don Bossi Leadership & Innovation." Canadian students who are *FIRST* team participants in the 2023-2024 *FIRST* Tech Challenge or *FIRST* Robotics Competition program in Canada are encouraged to apply.

One scholarship will be awarded per school calendar year. To be eligible for the scholarship, candidates must:

- Complete and submit the application form by January 31, 2024
- Be currently enrolled or have been enrolled in a Canadian high school.
- Participate on a *FIRST* Robotics Competition or a *FIRST* Tech Challenge team in Canada;
- Be eligible to enroll, and agree to enroll as a full-time student in an accredited college or university starting no later than the fall semester of 2024; and
- Use the scholarship to pursue a major or degree program at the college or university in the fields of entrepreneurship or innovation leadership.
- Be a student who is a dedicated role model in *FIRST*.

The *FIRST* Canada Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship recipients. A total of one scholarship will be awarded per school calendar year. One winner will be announced in 2024.



## **2024 DON BOSSI LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

To apply for the Scholarship, you must provide each of the following documents to the *FIRST* Scholarship Committee through on-line submission no later than January 31, 2024:

- Your completed on line application form (indicate on the form which event you/your team are attending)
- A letter of recommendation from a high school instructor from whom you have taken one or more classes
- A brief essay (no more than 500 words) in which you discuss your desire to be a role model, your leadership (entrepreneurial, innovative or community), your participation in the *FIRST* Tech Challenge or *FIRST* Robotics competition, and the impact of the program on your life. What sets you apart from others? How are you making a difference and what is your plan to do so moving forward?
- Your official high school transcript If you are a home-schooled student, please contact [joanna.whitney@firstroboticscanada.org](mailto:joanna.whitney@firstroboticscanada.org) for instructions on what materials you should provide in lieu of a letter of recommendation and transcript.

All materials should be submitted through the online form. If you are unable to submit your application please reach out to [joanna.whitney@firstroboticscanada.org](mailto:joanna.whitney@firstroboticscanada.org) for alternative ways to apply.

*FIRST* Canada will announce the recipient of the Scholarship in 2024. To receive your initial disbursement of Scholarship funds, you must send *FIRST* Canada, no later than the end of the second week of classes, a letter requesting the funds and confirming the college or university to which the funds should be sent.