



2023 CANADIAN WOMEN IN STEM SCHOLARSHIP

Application Summary

The annual \$10,000 *FIRST* Canada Canadian Women in STEM Scholarship, sponsored by the Murai family, is awarded annually to one young woman in robotics who demonstrates a deep dedication to the advancement of equity, diversity, and inclusion in STEM through impressive leadership and a strong passion for the field. Our mission with this scholarship is to level the playing field for motivated girls to pursue meaningful careers in STEM and feel empowered to inspire and remove barriers for other young women. It is our dream that with this scholarship, we can work towards a future that truly values and celebrates the contributions and successes of all women in STEM.

The *FIRST* Canada Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the "Canadian Women in STEM Award." Canadian female students who are team participants in the 2022 or 2023 *FIRST* Robotics Competition or *FIRST* Tech Challenge program in Canada are encouraged to apply. One scholarship will be awarded per school calendar year and will be announced in 2023. To be eligible for the scholarship, candidates must:

- Complete and submit the application form by 11:59 pm (ET) January 31, 2023 date.
- Be currently enrolled, or have been enrolled, in a Canadian high school.
- Participate on a *FIRST* Robotics Competition (FRC) or *FIRST* Tech Challenge (FTC) 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 2023; and
- Use the scholarship to pursue a major or degree program at the college or university in engineering or science.
- Be a student who is a dedicated role model in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math)



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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for the Scholarship, you must provide each of the following documents to the *FIRST* Scholarship Committee through the online application no later than 11:59 p.m. (ET) January 31, 2023. If there is some reason you are unable to apply on-line please email joanna.whitney@firstroboticscanada.org for other options

- Your completed 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 STEM role model, your participation in the *FIRST* Robotics competition, and the impact of the program on your life. What sets you apart from others? Have you experienced adversity as a woman in STEM, and how did you overcome that and use it to your benefit? 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 the *FIRST* Scholarship Committee for instructions on what materials you should provide in lieu of a letter of recommendation and transcript. If you are unable to apply online please email: joanna.whitney@firstroboticscanada.org

FIRST Canada will announce the recipient of the Scholarship in 2023. 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.