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The Executive 2000 Institute of Canada has established the *Noble Prize of Character Leadership Award*, offering national in-course awards to recognize and foster outstanding character development, creative leadership, active citizenship and academic consistency in upper-year post-secondary students. These students include those who, after enrolment in a post-secondary program, find their place and begin to demonstrate these qualities. The Executive 2000 Institute seeks to include students who, prior to being enrolled in a post-secondary program, may not have even considered applying for a merit-based award.

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DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS

Executive 2000 Institute will distribute the following awards by September 2007 for use during the 2007-2008 academic year :

Twelve (12) \$3,000 one-time scholarships awarded upon maintenance of a minimum of C (60%) GPA and continued demonstration of outstanding character and leadership, innovation and service to the community for which the student was originally selected.

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

An applicant must meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply for the leadership award *The Noble Prize of Character*:

- Canadian citizenship, permanent resident or protected person within the meaning of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*.
- Enrolment in a recognized undergraduate first-entry program leading to a degree, diploma or certificate at an eligible and approved Canadian post-secondary educational institution.
- Full-time (defined as 80 per cent of a full course load) enrolment in a program of at least two years' duration (16 months) that is recognized by the student financial assistance program in the student's province or territory of residence. If you are a student with a recognized disability you may apply with 60% of a full course load.
- By the end of the 2006-07 academic year, have completed one of the following:
 - First year of a current program leading to a diploma or certificate,
OR
 - First year of a current program leading to an associate bachelor or bachelor degree,
OR
 - For Quebec CEGEP students: First year of a current program leading to a DEC,
OR
 - For Quebec university students who have completed a DEC in CEGEP: First year of a current program leading to an associate bachelor or bachelor degree.

- Cumulative post-secondary school Grade Point Average of at least C or the equivalent.
- No previous receipt of a substantial merit scholarship to support post-secondary education, regardless of the source of the scholarship (e.g., school, private source, etc.). Students applying after their first year may not have received more than \$3,500 to date in scholarship money based solely on merit; students applying after their second year may not have received more than \$3,500 in scholarship money based solely on merit in any one year, with a total of no more than \$5,000 to date.
- Submission by the deadline of the fully completed application to the institution representative at the Canadian post-secondary educational institution currently attended by the applicant.

CANDIDATES APPLICATION PROCESS

The *Noble Prize of Character* Leadership Award Program has been built in partnership with Canada's post-secondary institutions. Participating institutions can contact Executive 2000 Institute to coordinate the nomination process. Each eligible and approved candidate may send their completed application form to Executive 2000 Institute: 255 Duncan Mill Road, Suite 702, Toronto Ontario or call (416) 447-3202.

There will be two phases to the scholarship nomination process.

During Phase 1, Students will submit their applications directly to Executive 2000 Institute. For information on the deadline to submit your application, please visit the Program's website www.exec2000.com or contact Executive 2000 Institute at (416) 447-3202 or email: exec2000.com

In Phase 2, a selection committee set up by Executive 2000 Institute will independently review all nominations to ensure they meet the selection standards and eligibility criteria of the award. Note that being nominated does not guarantee receiving an award. The committee, as a group, will then rank the files and decide on final award determinations.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate exceptional merit without regard to financial need.

The emphasis for award selection includes:

- Active and significant service towards the betterment of community
- Outstanding development of twelve character traits (as defined in the book "The Inner Global Village")
- Demonstration of leadership and of the ability to motivate and direct others (as defined in "STS" training)
- Solid academic performance.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Executive 2000 Institute's application materials will be mailed to institution representatives and are available for download from the Program's web site, www.exec2000.com. Applications must be submitted on the official forms provided by Executive 2000 Institute's representatives, on photocopies of these forms or on copies from the Program's web site. Forms that are recreated or reformatted will be disqualified.

1. Application (7 pages):

Use a typewriter or computer to complete your form. Minimum character size for all responses is 11-point. If necessary, you may neatly print the application in blue or black ink (do not use a pencil or other ink colors). Applications that are illegible will be disqualified. Answer all questions thoroughly. Answer the questions within the space provided – appendices, extra pages or material such as certificates will not be read.

PAGE 2 – under *Previously Attended Schools*, please include secondary and post-secondary schools attended. Under *Merit Scholarships*, list only those scholarships that are based solely on merit. Any scholarship that is based on a combination of merit and financial need does not need to be listed. Include all merit scholarships received for academic, artistic or athletic achievements, regardless of their source (e.g., school, private source, etc.). If the information you wish to list in the *Employment* section exceeds the allotted space, select those jobs of longest duration or that are most meaningful to you.

PAGE 3 & 4 – list each activity in chronological order only once, selecting the section that best characterizes it. If the information you wish to list exceeds the allotted space, select those activities of longest duration or that are most meaningful to you. Please note that Executive 2000 Institute may ask you to provide a reference for any of the activities at a later date.

PAGE 5 – answer all twelve questions thoroughly on an audio/visual CD or tape, the answers' total time not exceeding one hour. This tape/CD must have the applicant sharing the answers of the twelve questions in a simple format or creative way. The answers to the twelve questions will justify the applicant's outstanding development of the twelve character traits (as defined in the suggested reading, *The Inner Global Village*), a key selection criteria for the award.

PAGE 7 – be sure to sign and date the required certification and release.

Carefully proofread your application for spelling mistakes. Submit three copies (an original and two photocopies) of the fully completed and signed seven-page application to your institution representative. All three copies must be in proper numerical order. Executive 2000 institute will not accept applications without the nomination of the institution.

2. One Letter of Recommendation is required:

The Letter of Recommendation should assess your personal character and be able to attest to your commitment to leadership, community service and innovation. Any

additional letters will be discarded. This letter may not be from a relative or roommate/partner. You should fully apprise your recommender about the leadership award *The Noble Prize of Character* and your reasons for applying. You are advised to allow your recommender at least two weeks to write the letter. Submit three copies of the sealed recommendation letter with your application by your institution's deadline. Applications submitted without a letter of recommendation will not be considered. Read all instructions on the *Letter of Recommendation* form for details.

3. Post-secondary transcript(s):

Submit three copies of your transcript(s) with the application. At least one copy should be an official transcript. The transcripts should have all the grades for the degree, diploma or certificate you are currently pursuing. If within this time period you transferred institutions, please include the relevant transcripts from your previous institution(s) with your application.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE

All application material must be submitted in one 9" x 12" envelope to your institution representative on or before your institution's deadline (April-May2007). Do not fold your application. Late applications will not be accepted. Forms submitted by the student directly to Executive 2000 Institute will be disqualified.

The following constitute a complete application:

- 3 copies of the application form (all seven pages, fully completed with all questions answered, legible and signed).
- 3 copies of your post-secondary school transcript(s): At least one copy should be an official transcript.
- A copy of a tape/CD answering the (12) Character questions in a simple format or creative way.
- A letter of recommendation – in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature written across the seal. The sealed envelope should contain 3 copies of the completed and signed letter of recommendation and 3 copies of its accompanying form.

AWARD NOTIFICATION

Nominated applicants will be notified by telephone and/or email by Executive 2000 institute of the outcome of the selection in September 2007. Information on the status of your application will not be given over the telephone.

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QUESTIONS?

Visit the Program's web site, www.exec2000.com
Or call 1-416-447-3202 with your program questions.