



Entrepreneurial Initiative Award

Description: The mission of the OSTA-AECO Entrepreneurial Initiative Award is to honour the achievements of students who participate in innovative activities in areas including but not limited to mathematics, business, science and technology. OSTA-AECO recognizes the initiative of students who have visions to make a difference in the present and future world .

These annual awards are the best opportunity to pay tribute to the hard work, dedication, and excellence of the province's most inventive students. Additionally, they inspire youth leadership through their efforts to start up amazing projects across Ontario. This award is given out to support those students who go above and beyond the status quo to bring new ideas to the world.

Criteria:

- Demonstrates leadership and creative thinking
- Has established new projects, businesses, inventions, councils or challenged theory.
- Dedicates their time to serve their community
- Perseveres through obstacles and is willing to make sacrifices to achieve a goal
- One page reference letter highlighting why you are a suitable recipient for this award
(Note: reference may not be from a family member)
- **Must be a graduating student**

Reference letter should outline why the candidate is deserving of this award. The reference should explain what the student has done in their community and how their innovations have created a difference. The person who created the reference letter should briefly explain their connection to the candidate as well.



Application Questions:

Name:

School (include school board):

Email (contact information):

Phone Number (contact information):

1. Briefly describe different initiatives that you inspired or took a leadership role in.

2. Describe or discuss a major challenge or recurring barrier that presented itself in the activities mentioned in question #1 and then, explain how it could have been avoided and what steps you took to overcome it. **(2000 characters max.)**



3. What would you say is your most meaningful impact you have had on an individual person (please refrain from using the names of the individual(s))? **(1200 characters max.)**

4. What advice would you give to other entrepreneurs who are facing the same challenges on their journey of innovation? **(1200 characters max.)**



5. Using only the area provided below, demonstrate the difference you have made in your community (using words, pictures, illustrations and/or other media).