

## 2018 START PROUD STUDENT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Start Proud is committed to recognizing excellence in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) student community across Canada as an opportunity to help students excel in their career. To support this commitment, Start Proud awards two scholarships each year to successful student leaders with bright futures contributing to their school/community through leadership on campus, entrepreneurial activities or advancing social causes. It is not required these experiences be LGBTQ+ related. Scholarship candidates are highlighted as role models for Start Proud's student network.

The scholarship recipients will be presented with an award from our sponsor, Modern Family Realtor, at our Out on Bay Street Conference so as to share their achievements with their network, Start Proud's student network and members of the LGBTQ+ community.

## INFORMATION FOR REFEREES

Reference letters are one of the most important elements of a student's application for the Start Proud Student Leadership Scholarship. As such, the Selection Committee is seeking specific information in each reference letter. Referees are encouraged to answer each of the following questions in a one-page letter by providing specific examples and by commenting on how the applicant compares with other students in each category.

**Leadership:** Given your experiences with the applicant, in what ways has the applicant demonstrated exceptional leadership through professional or community impact?

**Personal Success:** When have you observed the applicant achieve notable personal and/or academic success?

**Professional / Academic Orientation:** In what ways has the applicant demonstrated the determination and discipline necessary to set and achieve professional or academic goals?

**Future LGBTQ+ Community Involvement:** Given your experiences with the applicant, how do you believe the applicant will contribute to the LGBTQ+ communities in the future?

Referees can submit their letter in the body of an email or as a .pdf file according to the instructions they receive from Start Proud once the candidate has submitted an application.

For complete details on the 2018 Start Proud Student Leadership Scholarship please visit our website at [startproud.org/awards/#scholarship](http://startproud.org/awards/#scholarship).

If you have questions, please contact [scholarship@startproud.org](mailto:scholarship@startproud.org).

Deadline for candidates to submit applications: May 25, 2018 at 11:59pm EST.

**Deadline to submit reference letters: May 27, 2018 at 11:59pm EST.**