

YORK UNIVERSITY SCIENCE SCHOLARS AWARD REFERENCE FORM

Seeking Applicants of Exceptional Promise

The York Science Scholars program provides up to 10 first-year entering students with awards worth \$10,000 each. This Faculty of Science award is assessed separately from, and in addition to, any other York University or Faculty of Science admissions awards and scholarships.

The York Science Scholars Award of \$10,000 is provided in two parts:

- \$5,000 as an entrance scholarship
- \$5,000 as a summer research placement or mentorship experience following the first year of study

Reference Submission Process

Thank you for helping us assess candidates for the York University Science Scholars Awards. Please complete this form but if you feel there is not enough space for you to complete the “comments” section, please feel free to put your comments on a separate document and attach it to the email. Please submit your reference form (and comment sheet, if applicable) directly to us via science@yorku.ca. Please use the subject line: {Name of candidate}, YSSA Reference by **February 20, 2026 9:00 AM (EST)**.

Applicant and Referee Information

Applicant Name: _____

Referee Name: _____

Referee Address: _____

City & Province: _____

Country: _____

Postal Code: _____

Referee Phone: _____ Referee Email: _____

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How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity do you know the applicant? _____

How would you assess the candidate as compared to others you have interacted with, in the capacity you have stated?
Please circle/check your assessment:

Strong leadership ability:

Significantly above average Above average Average Below average

Positive interpersonal skills/Emotional intelligence level:

Significantly above average Above average Average Below average

Academic/Demonstrated cognitive ability:

Significantly above average Above average Average Below average

Generosity of/Orientation towards community spirit:

Significantly above average Above average Average Below average

Conscientiousness:

Significantly above average Above average Average Below average

Please feel free to comment, more generally, on the candidate's suitability for the York Science Scholars Award. You may choose to include your comments in a separate document and then submit it alongside this form.

Signature: _____ Date: _____