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Writing scholarship reference letters can be a time-consuming task. Studentawards can help! This month's newsletter provides you with the tips, tools and tricks you'll need to speed up the letter-writing process. Start with our useful guide to structuring reference letters: How to Write a Scholarship Reference Letter.

The Team at Studentawards

WWF-Canada Green CommUnity School Grants Program

Do you have a "green" idea? Your school could win a grant of up to $5,000 to make this idea grow!

WWF-Canada is proud to announce the fifth cycle of the Green CommUnity School Grants Program. This program aims to support school projects that will help reduce their community's impact on the

environment, increase understanding of environmental issues, stimulate environmental leadership, and inspire students and communities to take action. Through the generous support of Loblaw Companies Limited, WWF-Canada will grant $600,000 over three years to Canadian elementary and secondary schools.

The application deadline is **Monday, April 2, 2012 at 3:00 pm EST**. Please **click here** to learn more about the WWF-Canada Green CommUnity School Grants Program.

Final Report: Research & Innovation Jobs - Opportunities and Challenges in the Toronto Region Labour Market.

Our most recent project studied the workforce supply and demand in over 60 occupations (business, sciences, engineering, IT, architecture & design, and health) in the Toronto Region.

The findings identified key labour shortages in IT and engineering, with a projected over supply of business graduates.

The results of this report were discussed with 90 senior representatives from government, businesses and academia on February 21st at the Toronto Board of Trade.

Please, find below the **links to our final report in electronic format** and to some comments by the Canadian media last week. Feel free to forward this message to other persons/institutions who might be interested this information.

We hope that your organization will be able to use this labour market information for career orientation purposes.

Truly yours,

Patrick Draper
President & CEO at Toronto Region Research Alliance (TRRA)

Final report
PDF format
e-magazine format

Previous reports released by our project
http://www.trra.ca/RIjobs

Some comments from the Canadian media
Toronto Star
National Post
CBC

Featured Tool: Personality Descriptors

This comprehensive list of personality and character descriptors will speed up your reference letter writing.

Featured Tool: Sample Reference Letters

Start with these useful templates that can be customized for your students.

Studentawards Educator Essentials

Our website has a section dedicated entirely to you! Educator Essentials contains news, past newsletters, and practical tools and handouts that you can use every day as you help your students pursue post-secondary education.

Award Deadline Alerts

Below are a few award highlights. **There are many, many more regional and targeted awards online**. Students simply need to register at www.studentawards.com to get a customized list of all the scholarships for which they are eligible.

Deadline	Scholarship/Award
March 31, 2012	**Canadian Aboriginal Writing Challenge** ▸ Description: • Aboriginal Canadians (Status, Non-Status, Inuit, and Métis) • Submit unpublished short story of a maximum of 1,400 words or 2,000 words, depending on age category • Story should recreate a moment or period in Aboriginal history, and be tied to Canadian and/or the participant's ancestral history
April 17, 2012	**Studentawards Easy Money Scholarships** ▸ Description: • Studentawards.com is giving away 3 scholarships of up to $1,500. Why? Because our mission is to make students' dreams of post-secondary studies at reality!
March 30, 2012	**Sears Canadian High School Design Competition** ▸ Description: • Currently enrolled in a Canadian high school or CEGEP • Must submit design project on a specified topic in one of the following areas: Industrial Design, Fashion Design, Architecture/Interior Design, Graphic Design

What's on Students' Minds?

Find out at the Studentawards Forum. With thousands of members, the Forum is a living, breathing online peer-to-peer community.

Check out one of this month's hot threads:

- Budgets!
- Any advice for a veterinarian hopeful?
- Anyone taken IDC4U?

The Studentawards Forum has always been about students helping students. Encourage your students to leave a post!

Scholarship Applications and Extracurriculars

Tips contributed by a student in our membership.... Read more

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