

We are thrilled to share that Leah McShane from Ecole Sir John Franklin High School within Yellowknife Education District No. 1 (YK1) has been named a 2026 Loran Scholar.

Leah McShane was born in the Northwest Territories and has contributed greatly to the school community and the Yellowknife community.

This year, the Loran Scholars Foundation selected 36 exceptional youth from more than 5,400 applicants who have demonstrated they have embraced the challenge of leaving the world better than they found it. As graduating high school and Cégep students, the pursuits and accomplishments of the newest Loran Award recipients are exemplary, but it is their values-driven approach to leading and their dedication to uplifting their communities that distinguish them as Loran Scholars.

Leah is president of her student council and green team. She is a competitive cross-country skier and helps coach the local program. Leah has helped create a territorial sports organization for cycling. She coordinates and teaches her local Sunday School ministry. Leah works at her local pool as a swim instructor and lifeguard.

Loran firmly believes empowering values-driven youth is the key to a brighter future for us all. Looking beyond marks, Loran's mission is to find young people with character—those who display the courage to push boundaries and challenge the status quo, a commitment to service that improves the lives of others, and who have intrinsic leadership potential.

We believe that identifying such promising young people means looking beyond grades to find students with character—those who show courage by pushing boundaries and challenging the status quo; display a commitment to service that improves the lives of others; and demonstrate intrinsic leadership potential.

Loran Scholars benefit from a four-year, comprehensive leadership-enrichment program, tuition waivers at one of 25 university partners, financial support, and a network of values-driven peers and mentors—unlike anything else offered in this country.

To learn more about the 2026 Loran Scholars and the Loran Award, visit [www.loranscholar.ca](http://www.loranscholar.ca).

Congratulations Leah McShane!!