

Can't WAIT!

La campagne pour



TFS Entrance Scholarship Case For Support

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**WHEN YOU'VE
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WE CAN'T WAIT!

**THE WORLD YOUR CHILDREN WILL INHERIT
WILL BE *DIFFERENT* FROM THE ONE WE GREW UP IN.
AND THEY NEED TO BE *PREPARED* FOR THAT WORLD.**

**WHEN TFS OPENED ITS DOORS,
THE CHALLENGES WERE *NATIONAL*.**

**TODAY, THEY ARE *GLOBAL*.
THEY ARE *BIGGER*, MORE *COMPLEX* AND
MORE *URGENT* THAN EVER BEFORE.**

**WE BELIEVE YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE
THE MINDS THAT *SOLVE* THE NEXT PANDEMIC,
IMAGINE NEW TREATMENTS TO FIGHT CANCER,
AND THINK OF *BETTER WAYS* TO IMPROVE GLOBAL
HEALTH OUTCOMES.**

**WE BELIEVE YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE
THE HANDS THAT DESIGN MORE *LIVEABLE*,
GREENER AND *SMARTER* CITIES.**

**WE BELIEVE YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE THE HEARTS THAT INSPIRE
AND CREATE A MORE *CARING*, *EQUAL* AND *JUST* WORLD.**

WE BELIEVE IN YOUR CHILDREN — IN OUR TFS STUDENTS.

**THAT'S WHY WE CAN'T WAIT TO BUILD
THE *SPACES*, *RESOURCES* AND *LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES* THEY NEED
TODAY SO THEY CAN LEAD THEIR WORLD TOMORROW.**

WE CAN'T WAIT. BECAUSE THEY CAN'T WAIT!



An EXCEPTIONAL FUTURE



From Cathy Yanosik
TFS Foundation President

What makes a school exceptional?

The answer for us at the TFS Foundation is our community.

Because the foundation of our success is our community. You can see that on our campuses every day. We believe our students are the thoughtful hearts and curious minds that will lead a more equal, just, and inventive world — just like our incredible alumni have done before. So, thank you for sharing your children with us.

Since we opened our doors, our community has come

together to make sure our students have what they need to transform their own lives and our society. Our community's hard work and dedication to the school's vision have built the spaces, resources, and opportunities that make TFS truly exceptional.

Now, it's time for us to come together again.

We will all help shape the future of TFS for our students and our corner of the world. Philanthropy built TFS and continues to help it evolve. Our community's strong tradition of giving has helped us grow and made us a leader in French-language education.

We all know the challenges facing society and our young people today — they are global, dynamic, and fast-paced. We also know that in this competitive world, we need to equip our students differently than we did in the past. Our school is doing that through its strategic priorities, which the TFS Foundation

supports. But we know there is more to do.

That's why I am thrilled to share that we are starting our most ambitious fundraising campaign yet: "Can't Wait!" La campagne pour TFS.

"Can't Wait!" will raise \$40M to build the state-of-the-art classrooms, resources, and learning opportunities our students need today to lead their world tomorrow.

Through this campaign, we will build new facilities at both campuses and grow our TFS Entrance Scholarship Program — a life-changing scholarship that is made possible by the generosity of our community.

The TFS Entrance Scholarship Program allows us to give the gift of an unparalleled education to students who are academically qualified for TFS but need help accessing our school due to financial barriers. Through this program, we have supported 11 exceptional young people, with the first five continuing their academic success in competitive post-secondary programs at prestigious universities across Canada and abroad. We are so proud to have helped these young leaders dream

without limits.

We're embarking on our most significant fundraising goal. And we can't wait to get started with your help.

Together, we can build the spaces and opportunities that reflect our longstanding commitment to student success, cultivating individuals who reflect and citizens who act.

We "Can't Wait" for you — our community — to join us in this exciting campaign. Your contribution today is an investment in the next generation of leaders, innovators, and changemakers — an investment in the future of TFS and, indeed, in the future we all share.

Thank you for believing in our mission and helping us shape this exceptional future for all of us.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy Yanosik".

In CONVE



With Norman Gaudet
Head of School

Our Head of School, Norman Gaudet, is a passionate educator and visionary who has more than 20 years of leadership experience in independent schools around the globe.

Throughout his career, he has put children at the centre of education. At TFS, he helps our students confidently navigate our rapidly changing world by setting the school's strategic priorities, which include championing a STEAM curriculum, creating confidence in students' relationships with the natural world, and helping develop the self-confidence needed to thrive at our school and beyond. M. Gaudet also oversees all aspects of the TFS Entrance Scholarship Program — a transformative opportunity for exceptional students who would otherwise not be able to access a TFS education due to financial barriers.

"Can't Wait!" will raise \$4.3M for the TFS Entrance Scholarship Program to welcome more exceptional students into our TFS classrooms.

As TFS launches "Can't Wait!", we sat down with M. Gaudet to talk about the TFS Entrance Scholarship's positive impact on recipients, our school and the community.

TFS Foundation: Why is the TFS Entrance Scholarship Program an important initiative at the school?

Norman Gaudet: Our scholarship program is important because the education we offer at TFS is unparalleled, so it's better for all of us when we get the chance to share what we do with even more amazing students.

I firmly believe that TFS is the model that other schools should try to replicate. We bring together academic rigour with unmatched bilingual fluency while prioritizing every child's well-being so they can thrive at our school and with the world beyond our walls.

You know, I was at a national education conference the other day, and the keynote speaker said that the most important thing in education today is preparing students to interface with three systems: the human world, the mechanical world and the natural world. Hearing that was so validating because that's our strategic plan, entirely. That's what we're doing at TFS. So, having as many talented kids as possible benefit from a TFS education and get prepared to take on the future is important for all of us.

CONVERSATION

***TFS:* What makes the TFS Entrance Scholarship different from others?**

NG: We give more to recipients than some other schools might. While we do have partial bursaries available for families experiencing short-term financial challenges, the TFS Entrance Scholarship is a full scholarship.

We offer the full tuition because we know the opportunity can break a potential cycle of financial hardship for recipients. The research suggests — and we see it anecdotally — that education is a transformative pathway for recipients and their families. That's why the TFS Entrance Scholarship is always a fundraising priority for us; we want to make sure that as many kids as possible can unlock their full potential through a TFS education.

***TFS:* What qualities do you look for in scholarship applicants?**

NG: Financial need aside, we look for strong academic standing, and applicants must also be excited and motivated to commit to the French language component of our education. But we also look at other qualities. Is this young person a kind person? Will they be a good citizen – a good friend to classmates? How do they present themselves? What are their interests? What do they want to do in the future? We really look at the whole child and all their skills and interests.

***TFS:* Multiple recipients have graduated from TFS to attend prestigious universities in Canada and abroad, some receiving scholarships into highly competitive programs at those schools. As an educator, what does their success mean to you?**

NG: It means everything to see them succeed. I am so proud of all of our graduates, but knowing that, in some cases, this education would've otherwise been out of reach, I am deeply moved by what this school offers students. It also reinforces how gifted, motivated and hardworking these scholarship recipients are. When that's paired with the strength of our education, the sky's the limit.

The success of the school can be seen in every year's graduation photo. Every student adds something to the whole. Individually, the kids are confident, keen and well-equipped to pursue their dreams in university, college and beyond. Which means, as a group, they are the best graduating class we could possibly produce. And, coming from TFS, that means the world.

***TFS:* How does the Entrance Scholarship Program improve the experience of TFS for all students?**

NG: The program benefits our whole community because we select really great and proactive kids. So that means every other student and teacher has one more amazing, kind and dedicated kid in their class that they can now call their friend — their student.

**DREAM!
OUT!
LOUD!**

**Aidan Jordan's
Journey with TFS**

“AT TFS, I WAS SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T SEE LIMITS.”

When you meet Aidan Jordan, you can't help but notice his quiet confidence. He has an energy grounded in knowing what it means to bridge worlds, seize opportunities and dream big. His journey with TFS is deeply personal and universally inspiring.

"I didn't really know what I was getting into," Aidan admits about his decision to attend TFS. He was encouraged by his mother and driven by curiosity and applied without fully understanding the scope of the opportunity. The school saw potential in him that he hadn't recognized yet. The school offered a scholarship that removed barriers and opened doors to a future he hadn't imagined.

At TFS, Aidan found himself navigating a new space that was filled with promise. "I've always felt like I'm straddling two worlds," he says. "But that's been my strength — I can relate, connect, and build bridges." His leadership extended beyond the classroom and sports fields, where he was a standout in soccer and basketball, to creating lasting impact through initiatives like the Black Excellence Society. "We needed a space to connect and really talk," he reflects. "It taught me empathy and gave me a sense of responsibility."

Empathy is at the heart of everything Aidan does. At Scott Mission Camp, where he transitioned from camper to counsellor, he broke language barriers with Spanish-speaking campers. "I know what it's like to feel out of place," he says. "The best advice I gave them was to be themselves and trust that the right people will come into their lives."

Now pursuing a dual degree in psychology and management at the University of British Columbia, Aidan carries those lessons with him. He's building the foundation for a future nonprofit to empower marginalized youth, an idea shaped by his experiences at TFS and the camp. "It's

not just about business for me — it's about creating something that helps people," he says. "I want to share what I've learned and make sure others have the opportunities I've had."

"At TFS, I learned how to say my dreams out loud — and more importantly, how to make them happen," Aidan says. Whether it's starting a music label, working in professional sports, or creating a nonprofit, he believes the foundation TFS gave him ensures he can build whatever future he envisions. "When you've been shown what's possible, it changes everything."

Aidan credits his parents and TFS for shaping his journey. "My parents sacrificed so much for me to be here," he says. "And at TFS, I was surrounded by people who didn't see limits — who encouraged me to aim higher and believe in myself." He recalls formative moments, like a teacher's candid advice: "Being nice will get you far, but you need to put in the work to stand out." While the words stung at first, Aidan recognizes their truth. "That pushed me to prove I wasn't just a nice kid — I was someone who could make real change."

As Aidan reflects on his time at TFS, he sees the ripple effect of his experiences. He learned to mentor younger students, work with teachers to address microaggressions, and inspire friends to dream bigger. "TFS equipped me to do anything I want in life," he says. "And if I can help someone else see their potential, like TFS did for me, then I know I'm doing the right thing."

Aidan remains unwavering in his purpose: to empower others, build connections, and create lasting change. His story is a testament to the power of opportunity, resilience, and the extraordinary things that happen when talent is supported.

We can't wait to welcome more exceptional students like Aidan to TFS!



Tomi Shittu
TFS Entrance Scholarship Recipient

Discover the

TFS ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The TFS Entrance Scholarship Program changes lives. It unlocks the potential of promising students. It also offers that opportunity without indebting or “othering” students and their families, which means recipients can dream without limits.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The TFS Entrance Scholarship is a transformative opportunity for exceptional, qualified students whose only barrier to attending TFS is financial.

The school established this scholarship program in 2016 through the generous giving of our community. Each year since, TFS awards one or more promising students entering Grade 7 or above a full scholarship, which covers tuition and ancillary fees like those associated with field trips and extracurriculars.

We cover these costs to make sure that scholarship students are never disadvantaged from their classmates and receive the full benefits of the TFS experience. TFS renews these scholarships annually so long as recipients remain in good standing.

The TFS Entrance Scholarship Program has supported 11 students, with the first recipients graduating over the last three years. These graduates have all continued their academic journey at prestigious universities in Canada and abroad, with some earning scholarships to competitive programs.

HOW IT WORKS

The TFS Scholarship Committee selects recipients through a rigorous vetting process. The committee reviews each applicant's academic merit, community involvement and financial need. It also hosts interviews with candidates to learn holistically about who they are beyond grades and essays and how they will get the most out of what our school offers.

School leadership does not disclose the identity of recipients to faculty, staff or the student body to ensure equal treatment.

OUR IMPACT

The TFS Entrance Scholarship is an opportunity that can change a young person's life. It gives them a solid educational foundation. It introduces them to new ways of thinking, problem-solving and communicating. It also challenges any self-limiting notions they may have about their futures. This opportunity empowers scholars to unlock their potential, discover their passions and connect with trusted adults who can help them realize their dreams.

It's also an opportunity that touches the whole TFS community. Our scholars bring their skills and knowledge home and act as role models for their siblings. Recipients also share a proactive and community-minded spirit, which they bring to our school community by starting clubs and special projects, volunteering at events, or giving their all to their classmates' initiatives.

The TFS Entrance Scholarship Program creates a community — at TFS and beyond — filled with the best and brightest individuals who reflect and citizens who act. That's why we can't wait to expand this transformative program with your help.

“It’s truly inspiring to see how the TFS Entrance Scholarship program opens doors for students who demonstrate incredible *merit, dedication, and potential*. I’m especially proud of how these students enrich our community through their willingness to give back, volunteer, and make a difference. Imagine the impact we could have if we were able to support even more of these bright, driven young minds!

JEAN-BASTIEN URFELS
Principal, Senior School



ANSWERS

The TFS Entrance Scholarship Program

Q:
How are prospective students selected for the scholarship program?

The TFS Scholarship Committee selects recipients through a rigorous process. The committee reviews each applicant's academic merit, community involvement and financial need. It also hosts interviews with candidates to learn about who they are and how their interests will thrive at TFS.

Q:
What are the requirements students have to meet for the TFS Entrance Scholarship?

TFS offers an enriched bilingual and academic program, so applicants must demonstrate strong academics and be motivated to learn or improve their French language skills. Applicants must also demonstrate community involvement and a significant financial need to qualify for the opportunity.

Q:
Once selected, how are scholarship students supported through their journey at TFS?

Scholarship students have equal access to our full suite of academic and wellness supports through the Learning Forum and by teachers, coaches and mentors. TFS leadership does not disclose a scholarship student's identity to faculty and staff to ensure there is no risk of prejudicial treatment. But, the Head of School meets with recipients throughout their time at TFS to ensure they are on track, well-supported and feeling good about their standing at our school.

Q:
How does the TFS Entrance Scholarship Program benefit other TFS students?

The scholarship program benefits our entire community because it means there is one more gifted, kind and proactive student at TFS to teach, learn from and befriend.

Q:
Why are scholarship opportunities important for TFS?

The education we offer transforms lives. Students graduate from TFS as critical thinkers, creators, innovators, and changemakers who are ready

to pursue their greatest ambitions and make their corner of the world a better place for all of us. So, the opportunity to share the education we provide with as many promising young people as possible benefits all of us. That's why we're grateful for the generous donations that make our scholarship program possible. The TFS Entrance Scholarship Program allows us to offer a life-changing education to qualified students who otherwise would not have access to it. That means we can help them dream and succeed without limits and for the betterment of all of us.

Financial details

Q:
Is there a recommended donation amount?

"Can't Wait!" is a transformational campaign for TFS. We haven't expanded our school's footprint in more than 20 years or aimed to raise so much for our TFS Entrance Scholarship Program. So, we're asking you to consider making a donation that's personally meaningful to you and your family.

We appreciate all gifts from our community and gratefully recognize significant commitments that help our school thrive.

To learn how you can be part of this campaign, including recognition opportunities, please contact TFS Foundation President Cathy Yanosik at cyanosik@tfs.ca

Q:
Will tuition be affected by this fundraising campaign?

No. This campaign does not impact our tuition fees.

Q:
Can we spread out our donation over time? Or do we need to contribute a lump sum?

You can make a contribution to TFS as a pledge over several years or through a one-time contribution. Our team is happy to work with you and your family to find out which option serves you best.

For more information about donating, please contact TFS Foundation President Cathy Yanosik at cyanosik@tfs.ca

Q:
Do donations qualify for a tax receipt?

Yes. All donations will receive an official charitable tax receipt for income tax purposes.

Donor recognition and updates

Q:
How will the school recognize donors?

We can thank donors through title naming and other recognition opportunities. Donations can also qualify you and your family to join Le cercle des philanthropes. To learn more about our recognition opportunities, please contact TFS Foundation President Cathy Yanosik at cyanosik@tfs.ca.

Q:
How will the TFS Foundation keep donors informed about the project's progress?

The TFS Foundation will send campaign updates to all donors. Donors who contribute \$25,000 or more will receive personalized reports from the TFS Foundation. Reports will reflect the progress of your supported projects or the impact made by your giving, such as contributions to our TFS Entrance Scholarship Program.

Q:
Can donations be made in honour of alumni, former teachers, or current students?

Yes. The TFS Foundation team will happily work with you and your family to honour anyone of your choosing appropriately with a pledge to the school.

To learn more about our recognition opportunities for you and your family, please contact TFS Foundation President Cathy Yanosik at cyanosik@tfs.ca.

THANK

Our TFS Community has raised more than \$2.5M in support of our bursaries and the TFS Entrance Scholarship Program since its inception in 2016. This generosity has come from the many families who have supported this program with named scholarships and the hundreds of alumni, parents and staff whose annual gifts have contributed more than \$400,000 to the general scholarship fund.

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JOIN *Us!*

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Now, it's your turn to invest in the future — empowering the next generation of individuals who reflect and citizens who act.

To learn more about how you can support our future through "Can't Wait!", please contact:

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Can't **WAIT!**

La campagne pour 

Our kids are facing a world that is getting more complex by the day – but a world that is also alive to more opportunities than ever before.

Your generosity will help us build the opportunities your children need today for the world we all need tomorrow.

We can't wait,
because they can't wait,
because the world can't wait for your kids.



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