

**MARY GATES LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP**  
**Information for Leadership Mentors**

**Student Instructions:** Please provide a copy of this form to your mentor who will write a letter supporting your application.

**Student's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mentor's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mentor's email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Mentor,

This student is applying for a Mary Gates Leadership Scholarship and has identified you as a mentor and letter writer.

Mary Gates Leadership Scholarships foster the civic education of University of Washington undergraduates. These leadership scholarships are investments in students, helping them develop their leadership capacity – vision, initiative, commitment, skill, and values – in an endeavor that they are passionate about. We seek applicants who are imaginative and intentional about their endeavors, and who can envision and articulate how they will stretch, grow, and contribute through this opportunity.

Each student applying for a Mary Gates Leadership Scholarship must identify a mentor who will write a letter of support and provide guidance to the student during the award period. Leaders in the community or at the University of Washington may serve as mentors. While serving as a mentor requires an investment of your time, the wisdom, insight, and enthusiasm you contribute is invaluable to this student's success and learning. To learn more about Mary Gates Leadership Scholarships or mentoring a student, please visit our website: <http://expd.washington.edu/mge/apply/leadership/index.htm>.

**Letter:** *This is not a typical letter of recommendation.* It is a statement of support and commitment to mentoring this student throughout the award period. Please write a letter of support for your student, commenting on the student's strengths and what you believe the student will learn through the leadership activity described. Most importantly, tell us how you will mentor the student in their leadership goals during the award period.

Your mentee will submit the application. Once the application is submitted, you will receive an email message with instructions asking you to login to our online system and upload your letter of support. Please confirm that the email address above is correct. If not, please notify your mentee, who should update your contact information in their online application. **The deadline to submit the letter will be on our website.**

The letter of support from the student's mentor is a required component of the application and must be received by the deadline using our online system. If you are unable to use the online form or have questions regarding the scholarships or the process, please contact us as soon as possible. Thank you for your support of this student's leadership development.

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