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STUDENT COMMITMENT

UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

GUIDE FOR RESPONDENTS

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All candidate application files must be created by March 31
For the university, the deadline for submitting applications is April 21

Forces AVENIR aims to recognize, honour and promote the commitment of students in projects that contribute to the development of socially conscious, responsible, active and persevering citizens who are both dedicated to their community and open to the world.



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2020 Forces AVENIR University winners

SELECTION PROCESS

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** As you know, every year during the Forces AVENIR Gala, we present three finalists for each of the seven Project categories within the honour roll. We announce the AVENIR award winner for each category in turn, and among the 21 projects, we also reveal the winner of the Excellence Project category. Exceptionally, in 2021, FA may change this procedure. This formula could be adapted if the number of projects presented by the universities to the juries is not sufficient enough to select three finalists per category. Should this be the case, we will announce the winners of the Project categories during a webcast activity prior to the Gala. In that event, only the seven winning projects will be invited to this recognition evening and will be considered finalists for the AVENIR award in the Excellence Project category. *

FIRST STEP

For the first step, a jury at each participating university will select, when necessary, no more than 2 applications per category. There are a total of 7 categories. For this step in the selection process, the participating university is in charge of appointing the members who will make up the jury.

SECOND STEP

***For the second step,** a jury made up of 3 members called the *specialist jury* will select the 3 finalists in each of the 7 categories and then select a winner for each category from among these 3 finalists. For this step in the selection process, Forces AVENIR is in charge of appointing the members who will make up the 7 specialist juries.

THIRD STEP

For the third step, a final jury called the *Project Grand Jury* made up of between 5 and 7 members will select the Project Par Excellence award recipient from among the 7 winning projects. For this step in the selection process, Forces AVENIR is in charge of appointing the members who will make up the Grand Jury.

PROJECT CATEGORIES

For the first step, a jury selects (when necessary) a maximum of two candidate applications per category, from each of the participating universities. There are three different personality categories: undergraduate, graduate, and Perseverant. During this step, jury members are selected by the participating university.

***For the second step,** the grand Personality jury, made up of five to nine members, selects nine finalists in the undergraduate category, and among them, the three winners of the category. The grand jury also selects three finalists in graduate category, and three finalists in the Perseverant category. Among these six finalists, the jury designates a winner for each of the categories. Lastly, among the six finalists in the undergraduate category, the three finalists in the graduate category and the three finalists in the Perseverant category, the grand Personality jury also selects the Excellence Personality winner. During this step, jury members are selected by Forces AVENIR.

IMPORTANT: The Forces AVENIR program aims to recognize engaged students. In participating, students should be aware that they will be promoted in various media as a means of advocating positive role models for society.

PERSONALITY CATEGORIES

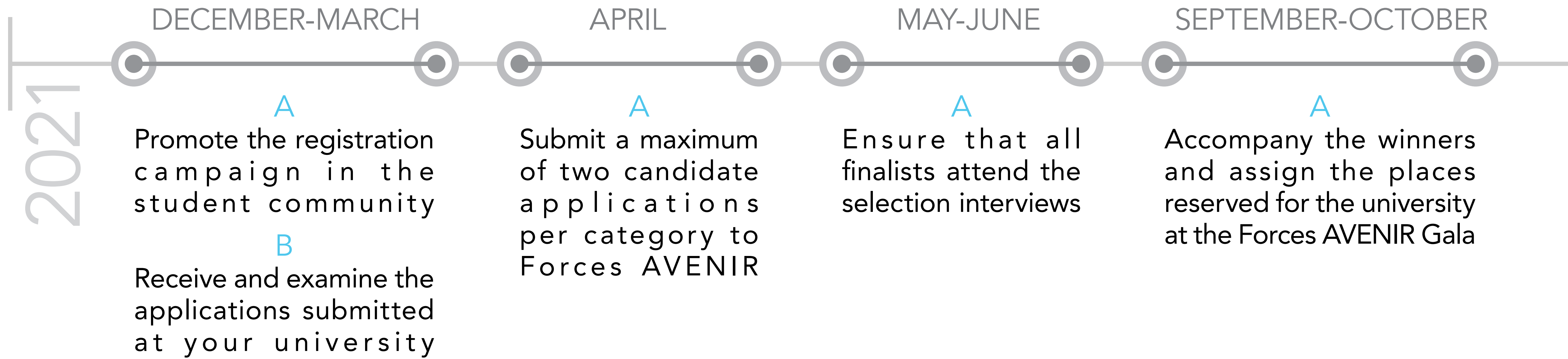
*** MANDATORY SELECTION INTERVIEWS:** IN ORDER TO SELECT THE 3 FINALISTS AND THE AVENIR TROPHY RECIPIENT FOR EACH OF THE CATEGORIES, THE JURIES WILL REQUEST AN INTERVIEW WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 4 BEST APPLICATIONS. THESE INTERVIEWS WILL TAKE PLACE IN MAY OR JUNE. IT IS MANDATORY THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND THIS INTERVIEW, EITHER IN PERSON, BY PHONE OR BY VIDEOCONFERENCE.

**** MANDATORY SELECTION INTERVIEW:** IN ORDER TO SELECT THE FINALISTS AND WINNERS OF EACH CATEGORY, THE GRAND PROJECT AND THE GRAND PERSONALITY JURYS WILL INVITE THE BEST CANDIDATES FROM EACH CATEGORIES TO AN INTERVIEW. INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD IN MAY OR JUNE, AND THOSE INVITED MUST BE PRESENT, WHETHER IN PERSON, BY PHONE OR BY VIDEOCONFERENCE.



Winner 2020
Un livre à la fois
(Arts, literature and culture)
UQAM

ANNUAL PLANNING



Winner 2020
Mini-École des sciences de la santé
(Mutual aid, peace and justice)
Université Laval



Winner 2020
Humain avant tout
(Health and Healthy Living)
Université de Montréal



Winner 2020
Philippe Boucher
(Personality avenir - undergraduate)
Université Concordia

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY



PROJECT CATEGORIES

The project must not be carried out as part of a university undergraduate program worth more than three credits;

The project must not take place in the context of a course or a research program that is part of the requirements for obtaining a graduate degree;

At least 80% of the students involved in the project must meet the criteria of the personality categories;

The project must be initiated, made operational or be carried out during the period of eligibility, that is to say from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021;

The project must not be a former recipient of a University Program AVENIR award in the Project AVENIR category.

PERSONALITY – UNDERGRADUATE

Be an undergraduate student.

PERSONALITY – GRADUATE

Be a graduate student. If a candidate is enrolled in both a certificate or undergraduate program and a graduate program, they must submit their application in the Personality AVENIR - Graduates category.

PERSONALITY – PERSEVERANT

Be a undergraduate or graduate student.

ALL PERSONNALITY CATEGORIES

Be registered as a full-time student (or be recognized as such by their university) for at least one semester during the period of eligibility, that is to say from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021;

Be no more than 35 years of age on March 31, 2021;

Not have been paid to participate in any project;

Not be a former recipient of a University Program AVENIR award in the Personality AVENIR category.

PROJECT CATEGORIES



These categories aim to recognize, honour and promote students or groups of students who have distinguished themselves by carrying out projects relating to one of the following fields:

ARTS, LITERATURE AND CULTURE

Project pertaining to the performing arts, visual arts, cinema, arts and crafts, literature, architecture, design or heritage.

MUTUAL AID, PEACE AND JUSTICE

Project aimed at promoting community service, humanitarian cooperation, social inclusion and open-mindedness, the respect of human rights or the establishment and promotion of a just society.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP, BUSINESS AND SOCIAL ECONOMY

Project relating to economic growth or to the creation, expansion or recovery of a business venture.

ENVIRONMENT

Project focusing on the environment, be it in the area of sustainable development, environmental protection, recycling, reuse, recuperation, natural resources or environmental education.

AVENIR PROJECT PAR EXCELLENCE

The AVENIR Project Par Excellence award recipient will be selected from among all the applications in the Project categories. The winner will have distinguished themselves from all the other candidates and the student or group of students will have demonstrated a constant pursuit of excellence in all their activities.

HEALTH AND HEALTHY LIVING

Project linked to health awareness and prevention, research, or improving public health in fields or aspects of life such as physical activity and fitness, mental health, nursing, diet and medicine.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Project of a scientific or technological nature which involves research, experimentation or popularization and/or seeks to improve or foster innovation in the field of science, technology, engineering, mathematics or computer science.

SOCIETY, COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION

Project of a social nature linked to communications, education or political action, which addresses social issues or public concerns.



Winner 2020
Raphaël Leblanc
(Personality avenir - undergraduate)
ETS

PERSONALITY CATEGORIES



Winner 2020
Philippe Parent-Simard
(Personality avenir - undergraduate)
UQTS

PERSONALITY AVENIR - UNDERGRADUATE

The Personality AVENIR - Undergraduates awards will be presented to undergraduate students who have distinguished themselves through a balance of academic, personal and social achievements, as well as by their leadership, the concrete impact of their engagement and consistency in all the specified criteria throughout their studies.

PERSONALITY AVENIR - GRADUATE

The Personality AVENIR - Graduates award will be presented to a graduate student who has achieved distinction through a balance of academic, personal and social achievements, as well as by their leadership, the concrete impact of their engagement and consistency in all the specified criteria throughout their studies.

PERSONALITY AVENIR - PERSEVERANT

The Perseverant Personality category recognizes a student who has made efforts and developed strategies throughout their entire life in order to overcome challenges, nourish their motivation, experience successes, get into university, and succeed in their academic studies.

AVENIR PAR EXCELLENCE

The Personality AVENIR Par Excellence and Project AVENIR Par Excellence award recipients will be selected from among all the candidates. The winners will have distinguished themselves from all the other candidates and the student or group of students will have demonstrated a constant pursuit of excellence in all their activities.



CONTENT OF THE APPLICATION FILES

The online application form for the **PROJECT CATEGORIES** includes:

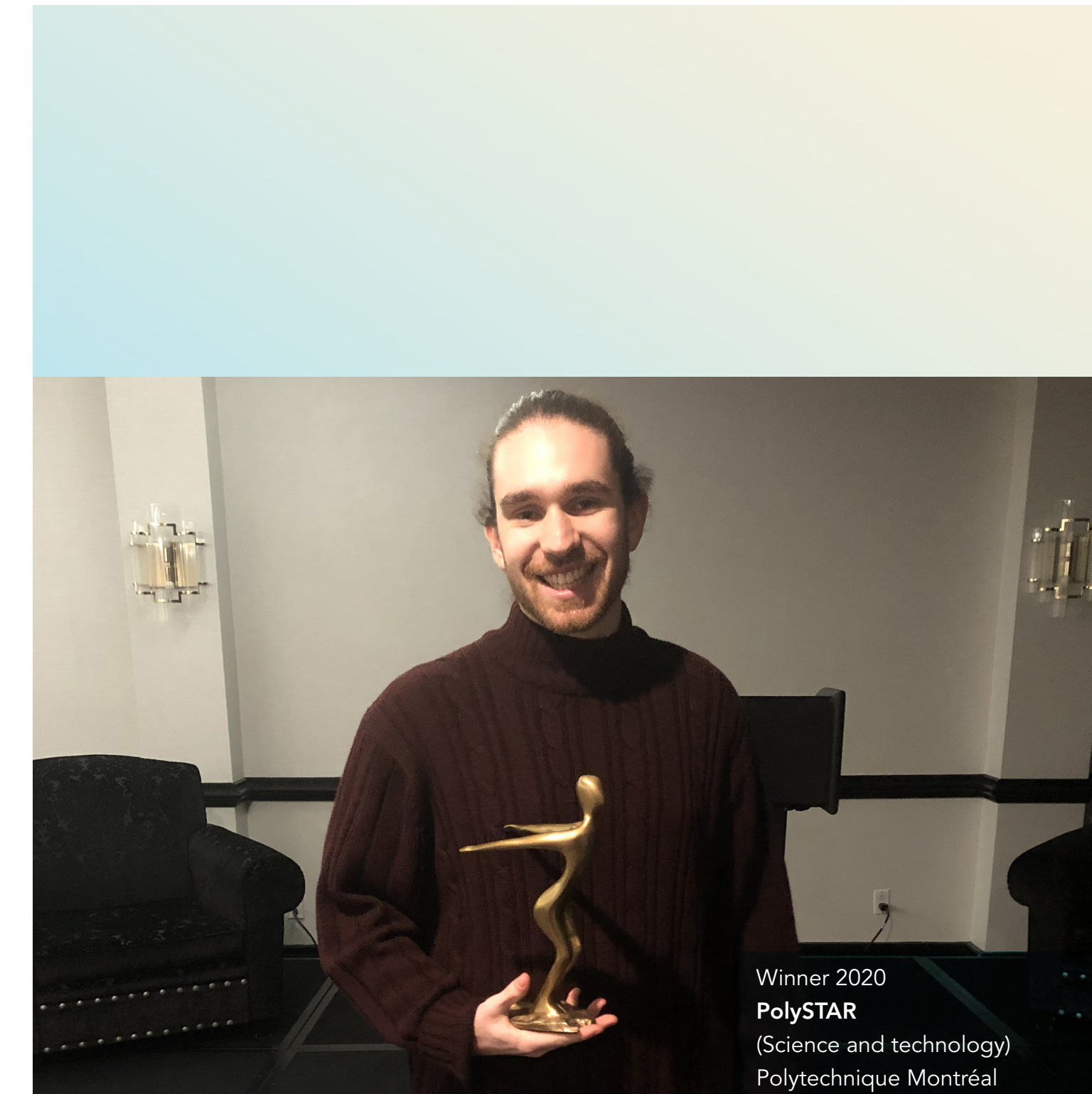
- 200-word summary of the project and a 1,200-word presentation explaining how the project meets each and every criterion for selection;
- Three letters of recommendation supporting the Forces AVENIR application;
- A press review or other documents relevant to the application (optional);
- Ten colour photographs of the project and its members with the names of the people in the photos in order.

The online application form for the **PERSONALITY - UNDERGRADUATE and GRADUATE** includes:

- A 200-word summary of the student's educational path and involvement and a 1,200-word presentation explaining how the candidate meets each and every criterion for selection;
- An essay of a maximum of 750 words in answer to the following question: "Based on your engagement and your studies, how do you perceive your role as a citizen in the society of the future?";
- A detailed curriculum vitae;
- Three letters of recommendation supporting the Forces AVENIR application;
- Transcripts for all university studies (undergraduate and graduate studies, if applicable);
- Ten colour photographs of the candidate bearing witness to his/her involvement;
- A press review or other documents relevant to the application (optional).

The online application form for the **PERSONALITY - PERSEVERANT** includes:

- A 200-word summary of the student's academic progress and perseverance, and a 1,200-word presentation explaining how the candidate meets each of the selection criteria;
- An essay of a maximum of 750 words in answer to the following question: "Based on your life path and your training, how do you view your role as a citizen in the society of tomorrow?";
- A detailed curriculum vitae;
- Three letters of recommendation supporting the Forces AVENIR application;
- Transcripts for all university studies (undergraduate and graduate studies, if applicable);
- Ten colour photographs of the candidate bearing witness to his/her involvement;
- A press review or other documents relevant to the application (optional).



SELECTION CRITERIA

PROJECT AVENIR

Tangible results of the project on its milieu according to its specific context. What kind of impact has the project had on the community and the people concerned? What were the consequences and end results?	30 POINTS
Relevance of the project in regard to the specific category and context. How imperative was it that the project be carried out? Does it focus on a specific cause, fulfil a specific goal or address a specific problem?	15 POINTS
Innovative nature. Originality of the project according to the specific context. Is the project new and original or do similar projects already exist? Is this the first year the project was carried or is it a recurring event?	15 POINTS
Influence of the project. Does the project have an impact on other people or only its members? How far-reaching and comprehensive is it? This criterion refers to the project's positive influence: does it extend to a group, the university community, the city or the entire province? It also refers to the project's visibility.	15 POINTS
Scope of the organization. How many people participated in the project? (Modest scope: 3 members; major scope: 100 members.)	10 POINTS
Educational impact of the project for the participants or the people who benefit by it. Do all those touched directly or indirectly by the project learn something new thanks to the project? Does it inform people about a particular issue, subject, situation or problem?	5 POINTS
Pursuit of funding. demonstration of the efforts carried out as well as the resourcefulness of the participants. How did the members go about securing the funding needed to successfully carry out their project?	5 POINTS
Quality of the presentation. Is the file's visual presentation satisfactory? Are there any spelling mistakes? Is the reasoning used to defend the project coherent? Is the application properly structured and easy to read?	5 POINTS
TOTAL	100 POINTS

PERSONALITY AVENIR - UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE

Balance between social commitment, academic success and personal qualities. It should be clear that the candidate's activities do not take precedence over their studies and that he/she remains constant and efficient at school.	20 POINTS
Responsibilities and leadership. Is the candidate a leader? Is the candidate required to justify the actions taken? Does the candidate have important responsibilities?	20 POINTS
Achievements and tangible results. What kind of impact has the candidate's actions had on the community and the people concerned? What have these actions achieved?	20 POINTS
Consistency in all the specified criteria throughout the course of studies. Is the candidate's involvement consistent or irregular? Has the candidate been socially committed since the beginning of their studies or is this the first time?	20 POINTS
Multidisciplinary nature. Is the candidate involved in only one area of activity or is he/she interested in a variety of disciplines (sports, art, health, etc.)?	15 POINTS
Quality of the presentation. Is the file's visual presentation satisfactory? Are there any spelling mistakes? Is the reasoning used to defend the project coherent? Is the application properly structured and easy to read?	5 POINTS
TOTAL	100 POINTS

PERSONALITY AVENIR - PERSEVERANT

Resourcefulness. Difficulties encountered and efforts made to overcome one or many life challenges (description of challenges and the difficulties they cause, and explanation of efforts required to overcome the various obstacles).	20 POINTS
Perseverance. Strategies and efforts made in different spheres of life (personal and academic) to overcome difficulties and thus continue and succeed in their studies.	20 POINTS
Academic progress . Academic progress (presentation of the evolution of all academic progress and explanation of said progress).	20 POINTS
Concrete achievements. Concrete achievements (description of one or many concrete achievements and their observable and measurable results).	20 POINTS
Student commitment. Student engagement activities (presentation of one or many activities in which the student is involved and explanation of how these activities contribute to an improvement in their quality of life).	10 POINTS
Motivation. Sources of motivation or inspiration (presentation of one or many sources of motivation).	10 POINTS
TOTAL	100 POINTS

ACCESSING THE PLATFORM

Three easy steps:

- 1** Go to inscription.forcesavenir.qc.ca and enter your email address and password to log in. If you have not yet created a username, you will receive an email asking you to create a password that will allow you to access the platform. Simply follow the steps indicated.
- 2** Update all your information and add your photo.
- 3** Follow the applications of your students in the « Dossiers de candidatures » tab.



GUIDING CANDIDATES AND PROJECT MEMBERS THROUGH THE ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCESS

Three easy steps to be followed by students:

- 1** Go to inscription.forcesavenir.qc.ca and click on « *Créer une candidature universitaire* ».
- 2** Enter all the requested information to create your account.
- 3** Select the appropriate category and complete the application form.

PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES



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