

September 8, 2026

Re: Request for Sponsorship and Donations

Dear Optimist Members,

The Central Ontario Leadership Seminars (COLS) is pleased to announce that our next three-day leadership seminar will take place from Friday, May 28, 2027, to Sunday, May 30, 2027, at the University of Guelph's main campus.

Thanks to the generous and continued support of Optimist Clubs, our 2026 seminar was a tremendous success. As we prepare for another outstanding program, we remain committed to encouraging leadership potential and active community involvement among young people from across Central Ontario. Through an engaging mix of speakers, panel discussions, team-building activities, and hands-on learning, COLS helps students discover their strengths, build confidence, and return to their communities ready to lead.

COLS is run entirely by dedicated volunteers, and no student is required to pay to attend. No one is paid for their work in planning or delivering the program. This makes the support of community partners essential and deeply appreciated.

Sponsoring Students

For 2027, we are able to keep the sponsorship cost at \$400.00 per student. This amount covers the following core expenses:

- Accommodations and meals: \$250.00
- Facility rentals and insurance: \$50.00
- Administration and supplies: \$85.00
- T-shirt with CENON logo on the back: \$15.00

Your sponsorship helps ensure that every student, regardless of socioeconomic background, has the same opportunity to attend, learn, and grow through the COLS experience.

If your club is able to sponsor one or more students, or contribute financially at any level, your support will be used solely to help deliver our three-day leadership conference.

Cheques may be made payable to **Central Ontario Leadership Seminars** and mailed to:

Central Ontario Leadership Seminars
c/o Stephen Galbraith

1606-83 Redpath Avenue
Toronto, ON M4S

We can also accept eTransfers to payments@cols.ca. Please include your club's name in the message.

If there are any restrictions on how the funds may be used, please let us know by emailing sponsorship@cols.ca.

Nominating Students

Your club may know Grade 10 students who would benefit from attending the three-day conference. If your club would like to sponsor and specifically identify students to attend, please contact us so we can arrange their registration and advise what information will be required.

We will make every effort to respect sponsorships within geographic areas, though in some cases this may not always be possible.

Invitation letters will be sent to our network of schools early in the new year. If your club would like to directly nominate students, please let us know as soon as possible.

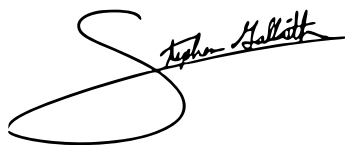
Thank You

We could not run this program without the generous support of Optimist Clubs. Together, we can help develop Ontario's next generation of leaders and provide students with an experience that can shape their confidence, service, and future community involvement.

If you have any questions about COLS, our activities, or additional sponsorship opportunities, we would be pleased to provide more information.

To confirm your club's sponsorship or to discuss how you can support COLS 2027, please contact me at sponsorship@cols.ca or 289-969-1059.

Yours in Leadership,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Galbraith", written over a large, stylized, looped initial "S".

Stephen Galbraith
Treasurer and Director
sponsorship@cols.ca