

**This fundraising letter template is adapted from a previous Shad student's successful fundraising experience. While students are encouraged to create their own letters, this example is provided as a reference to support you in getting started.**

[Organization Name]  
[Organization Address]  
[City, Province, Postal Code]

**Subject: Support My Journey with Shad Canada – Investing in Future Leaders**

Dear [Recipient's Name],

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is **[Student Name]** and I am thrilled to share that I have been selected through a competitive application process to participate in **Shad Canada**, a prestigious STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) and entrepreneurship program for high-potential high school students across the country.

This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will allow me to live on a postsecondary campus this summer, collaborate with like-minded peers, work on real-world challenges, and gain invaluable leadership and innovation skills. I am told that no student from Haldimand County has attended Shad since 2005. Only 0.01% of grade 10 and 11 students across the country are given the opportunity to participate.

As a dedicated member of my community, I have always sought to contribute through **[mention any relevant volunteer work, school involvement, or initiatives]**.

Shad Canada will further empower me to develop solutions that can create a meaningful impact on society. However, this experience comes with costs, including program fees and travel. To ensure I can fully participate in this transformative program, I am reaching out to organizations like yours that are committed to supporting youth from our community to continue their development and education.

I kindly ask for your support through a **donation of [specific amount or open-ended ask]** to help me cover the expenses of this program. Your generosity will not only support my personal growth but will also contribute to a future where young leaders like me can bring innovative ideas back to our communities.

In return for your support, I would be honored to **[offer something in return, such as sharing a presentation about your experience at Shad, volunteering with the organization, or recognizing them in a meaningful way]**.

Thank you for considering my request. I would be happy to discuss this further at your convenience and provide any necessary information. Please feel free to contact me at **[Your Email/Phone]**.

I truly appreciate your time and support in helping me make the most of this incredible opportunity.

Sincerely,

[Student Name]