

SAHRA BULLE FOUNDATION

Centre for Learning and Teaching

in collaboration with

University of Windsor

Office of the Vice-President, People, Equity, and Inclusion

CALL FOR PROPOSALS — STUDENT TRACK

4th Annual #IAmSahraBulle Conference

November 26, 2026 · Vanier Hall, University of Windsor · Windsor, Ontario

2026 CONFERENCE THEME

“From Awareness to Action: Ending Violence in Our Homes, Schools, and Communities”

*Held during the UN 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence
November 25 – December 10, 2026*

PROPOSALS OPEN	SUBMISSION DEADLINE	PRESENTER NOTIFICATION	CONFERENCE
September 3, 2026	September 28, 2026	October 6, 2026*	November 26, 2026

*Placeholder — confirm actual notification date.

Who Can Apply

This proposal is open to students — **high school students (grades 9-12)** and **university/college students** (undergraduate or graduate). Individual presenters or small student groups (max 3 per group) are welcome to apply.

What We're Looking For

- Gender-based violence and intimate partner violence awareness
- Girls' education and equity
- Healing, resilience, and survivor support
- Advocacy, activism, and community organizing
- Policy, institutional accountability, and systemic change
- Social media's impact on relationships and community — and how it can fuel conflict
- Personal storytelling and lived experience (shared with dignity and care — disclosure of personal trauma is never required)

Presentation Format

Each student presentation slot is **15 minutes**. Format is flexible — a talk, spoken word, short multimedia piece, or group panel. All selected presenters receive our trauma-informed “Presenting with Care” guide ahead of the conference.

Support Along the Way

Students don't have to do this alone. Support is available through University of Windsor faculty and high school teachers to help develop your presentation topic and build your presentation skills.

Students interested in receiving additional guidance are encouraged to contact **info@sahrabullefoundation.ca**.

As part of this support, Dr. Maddie Brockbank, Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work, will be available on Monday, September 21, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to provide mentorship and answer

questions.

Fartumo Kusow, Founder of the Sahra Bulle Foundation, will also be available on Thursday, September 24, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to offer guidance.

How to Apply

Submit your proposal through the student submission form linked on this page. Your submission should include:

- Your name and school/university
- Grade level or year of study
- Presentation title and a short description of your topic (150–250 words)
- Presentation format (talk / spoken word / multimedia / group panel)
- Group members' names, if applicable
- Any accessibility or support needs
- Contact email and phone number
- Parent/guardian contact (required for presenters under 18)

A note for educators and parents: Student presenters under 18 will need parent or guardian consent to present publicly. Our trauma-informed guide will be shared with both student and guardian ahead of the conference.

What Presenters Receive

- Complimentary full-day conference attendance
- Support available from the Foundation's program team as you prepare
- Trauma-informed facilitation guide
- Recognition in the official program, website, and social media
- A formal letter of participation

The Foundation does not currently offer honoraria.

Questions? info@sahrabullefoundation.ca — we respond within five business days.
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