



United Way
Peel Region
Young Leaders Council

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

2016/2017 YOUTH IN ACTION GRANT

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: FRIDAY OCTOBER 21, 2015 at 5 p.m.

A GUIDE TO YOUTH IN ACTION GRANT



ABOUT THE YOUNG LEADERS COUNCIL

The Young Leaders Council is a group of individuals ages 20-35 who are active and emerging leaders working together to promote the engagement of millennials within Peel Region. We empower Peel's emerging leaders to build strong communities, help kids be all they can be, and move from poverty to possibility.

From September 19th to October 21st, the Youth in Action Committee of the United Way of Peel Region's Young Leaders Council will have the responsibility of choosing youth-led projects that align closely with one of the three focus areas in United Way's investment strategy (From Poverty to Possibility; All That Kids Can Be; Strong communities). Each eligible project can be awarded a one-time grant of up to \$2000.

Find our application on our website:

<http://www.unitedwaypeel.org/our-work/investment-strategy/youth-in-action-grants>

Or contact Jagneet Singh at

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DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The Youth in Action Committee along with staff will review all applications and participate in the decision making process. The Committee is part of United Way's Young Leaders Council. During the decision-making stage, shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview with members of the Youth in Action Committee.

Before submitting your application, carefully read all the steps as well as the eligibility and selection criteria below.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered eligible, an application for Youth in Action Grant must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Address one of the three focus areas of United Way of Peel Region's investment strategy:
 - a. Poverty to Possibility
 - b. All That Kids Can Be
 - c. Strong Communities
2. Focus on achieving one or more of the following outcomes:
 - a. Youth have increased positive skills and healthy lifestyles, including increased awareness about mental health
 - b. Youth have increased positive social skills to succeed, respect diversity, personal empowerment and self-confidence
 - c. Increased youth engagement, leadership opportunities and inclusion in their families, school and community
 - d. Children and youth have increased social competence, including life skills and school success
 - e. Youth have been provided with information to help them identify services within their city and neighborhoods that help with accessing basic needs in life
3. Reflect genuine youth volunteer ownership and leadership in their design, implementation and evaluation
4. Provide a clear and achievable action and evaluation plan, clearly defining the outcome(s) that the project is striving to achieve
5. Build and strengthen skills and abilities of youth involved with the project
6. Clearly benefit the local community as well as support neighbourhood development
7. Be inclusive and accessible to your target group (i.e. language and/or cultural diversity)

WHAT PROJECTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE?

- Projects that are for youth but not initiated or led by youth
- Projects not inclusive and accessible to all
- Overnight camps, workshops or activities
- Fundraising projects for other groups, organizations, religious groups or political organizations
- Projects that include alcohol
- Projects that require membership fees in clubs
- Projects that use funds to pay fines and penalties

WHO CAN APPLY?

Youth between 14-24 who have great ideas on how to develop and promote youth involvement in their community in Peel Region:

- Youth that create awareness and change about youth issues
- Youth that create opportunities to foster youth leadership
- Youth that enable youth to become involved and active in their community
- Youth that enable youth to realize their potential

All applicants **must** work with a sponsoring organization.

WHAT IS A SPONSORING ORGANIZATION?

A sponsoring organization is a registered charitable organization. United Way of Peel Region can only provide grants to registered charities. Projects need a sponsoring organization that can provide their registered charitable number on the grant application form. The organization receives the funds on the youth/youth group's behalf and is responsible for the funding.

The youth group and the Sponsoring Organization are responsible for completing an agreement to outline the working relationship for the project. It is strongly recommended that you contact possible sponsoring organizations well in advance to discuss and secure their support for your project and application.

YOUTH IN ACTION TIMELINE – IMPORTANT DATES

**September 26th to
October 21st, 2016**

Applicants have until **5 p.m. on October 21, 2016** to submit their applications.

No applications will be accepted after this period.

**October 22nd to
November 4th, 2015**

Review period for Youth in Action Committee to check the eligibility of the applications received.

All eligible candidates will be invited to an interview day on **November 12, 2016**.

**December 2016
to July 2017**

Grants distributed to groups.

Projects are executed between December 2016 and July 2017.

July 31, 2017

Deadline to submit project final report is **July 31, 2017**.

All dates are subject to change following reasonable notice from the Young Leaders Council.

If you have questions regarding the Youth in Action program or the application process, contact:

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