



The City of Sault. Ste. Marie Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Leadership Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) Leadership Scholarship.

MYAC provides a voice for the youth of Sault Ste. Marie, while advising City Council of important issues that concern the City's younger population. In an effort to facilitate opportunities for local youth and create equitable opportunities for marginalized people, MYAC will be providing two scholarships valued at \$1,000 respectively. One of the scholarships will be designated for applicants who identify as a marginalized person (see Section A) and the other scholarship will be available for applicants who do not identify as a marginalized person or do not wish to be considered as part of the marginalized person application pool. Self-identification is a personal choice. As a marginalized person, you can apply to either application pool.

Regardless of application pool, the scholarship will be awarded to applicants who demonstrate MYAC's core values and strong leadership qualities.

MYAC's CORE VALUES:

- Be a voice for and act as a positive advocate for youth in Sault Ste. Marie
- Make a positive impact in our community by providing a community link between youth of Sault Ste. Marie and City Council to encourage the development of facilities and programs that will enhance the quality of life, health, and well-being of the youth in our community.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Must be a student entering post-secondary education
2. Current Sault Ste. Marie resident

APPLICATION CRITERIA:

1. Completed Application Form (see Section B)
2. A written essay with a minimum of 250 words detailing applicant's demonstration of MYAC core values and leadership qualities (see Section C)
3. Submission of two reference letters

All submissions will be reviewed by the current Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

KEY DATES:

Application deadline **June 30, 2028**

Announcements of winners **July 15, 2028**

Section A: MYAC Definitions

Marginalized People: Individuals who are marginalized belong to groups of people that have been systematically disadvantaged and have experienced barriers/discrimination that negatively effects their ability to succeed (Ontario Human Rights Commission).

Examples of people who are marginalized:

1. Racialized people: A common term that is being used now for people from racially marginalized groups, is BIPOC, which stands for Black, Indigenous, People of Colour.
2. LGBTQ2S+
3. People with Physical/Mental/Developmental Disabilities - applicants may have different physical/accessibility needs
4. Immigrants/Refugees

Section B: Application Form

Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____

Email Address _____

Telephone _____

I have completed grade 12 Yes No Please identify school _____

How do you plan on continuing to develop your leadership skills?

I self identify as a Marginalized person. Yes No

Section C: Attachments

1. An essay with a minimum of 250 words detailing how you demonstrate MYAC Core Values, your Leadership qualities and include an example of when you were the voice for youth.
2. Two reference letters. (Excluding relatives)
3. Copy of your acceptance letter from a post-secondary school.

"I acknowledge that the information I have provided is truthful. I understand that if I am a successful applicant, the funds will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution."

Signature of applicant:_____ Date:_____

All information is required before application is considered.

Please send all required information to **myac@cityssm.on.ca**