



The St. James Town Youth Council presents...

## St. James Town Youth Community Awards

The overall objective of the St. James Town Youth Community Awards Program is to promote, foster and sustain youth leadership in St. James Town with the goal of awarding and celebrating St. James Town youth for their service in the community, particularly those who identify financial barriers as hindering them from pursuing post-secondary education.

Please read the guidelines to make sure you are eligible before completing this application form to ensure that you meet the necessary criteria. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your fit for this award, please email [awards@stjamestownyouth.com](mailto:awards@stjamestownyouth.com).

**DEADLINE: April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 5:00pm**

What the St. James Town Youth Community Awards Program is aiming to provide:

- Formal recognition of your commitment towards community service
- Financial award to support post-secondary pursuits
- Mentorship program to connect to existing undergraduate students for support

### **Applicant Eligibility Criteria:**

- ✓ Applicant must be a resident residing within the St. James Town community, *bordered by Bloor Street East, Wellesley Street East, Sherbourne Street East, and Howard Street.*
- ✓ Applicant has volunteer experience in any community.
- ✓ Applicants must be under 29 years of age at the start of the academic year – September 1, 2014.
- ✓ Applicant may not be a member of the St James Town Youth Council.
- ✓ Post-secondary Institutions listed on application must be registered/recognized public colleges or universities. Note that Private Career Colleges will not be accepted (eg. Everest).
- ✓ The minimum average cut off will be at 70% for your top six Gr. 12 courses. While this program does not significantly rely on academic performance, we still believe applicants should have achieved an average grade of at least equivalent to the curriculum's expectations.
- ✓ Application form must be neat, legible (if submitted on paper) and entirely complete
- ✓ Application must be received by the deadline date – April 30<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 pm. Late applications will not be considered.
- ✓ The applicant has never been granted this particular award before.

## **1st Stage: Application**

Please fill out the online application form; copy and paste the following URL into your web browser:  
<https://docs.google.com/a/stjamestownyouth.com/forms/d/1IsL4tWHqBTcLzYmvLwWBFWDDeuMOpAXfQ-SanHksxJI4/viewform>.

## **2nd Stage: Interview**

Applicants will be contacted for an interview by the SJTYCA if they move on to the next round. The interview process will be conducted by the appointed Selection Panel. Applicants will be required to bring specific items to the interview:

- Most recent Transcript from high school that you have attended or are currently attending.
- Proof of Income (If requested)

**IF AND ONLY IF** the ONLINE application is not working, send your application to our Main Office by mail: 225 Wellesley Street E., Unit 4B, Toronto, ON, M4X 1X8. The application must be received (not sent out) no later than the deadline. You are only required to send one application.

If you change your personal contact information after applying, please let the Awards Committee know so we can be in touch with you for any reason related to this application. If there are any unanswered questions or concerns, please contact [awards@stjamestownyouth.com](mailto:awards@stjamestownyouth.com).

Applicants who are successful must let STJYC know of their new student number by July 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 (if applicant does not hear about acceptance by this date they must contact us by July 15<sup>th</sup> to let us know).

## **Selection Panel**

This panel represents professionals from a variety of different backgrounds including academia, the arts, or athletics and have previous work experience with youth. This panel will be involved in all aspects of the selection process, from assessing all applicants to selecting applicants for interviews. The interview process is expected to lead to the selection panel's unanimous decision to award two successful recipients.

## **Mentorship Program**

The St. James Town Youth Community Awards (SJTYCA) will be recognizing youth leaders residing in St. James Town who have shown tremendous dedication to the betterment of their communities. The award will serve to not only provide financial support in post-secondary endeavours, but also provide a support system for recipients through a mentorship program. The SJTYCA is accepting applications for this volunteer opportunity to students in universities or colleges across Canada.

Qualifications/expectations of mentors:

- enrolled in a post-secondary institution & in good academic standing (B+ average)
- proven experience as mentor or leader (both formally or informally)
- available by phone/email/social media to assist mentee with academic or campus-life questions
- strong understanding of their program, course options
- experience in campus student groups or able to direct students towards student resources

Interested students in university or college are encouraged to visit [stjamestownyouth.com](http://stjamestownyouth.com) and fill out an application form. For more information, please feel free to email us at [awards@stjamestownyouth.com](mailto:awards@stjamestownyouth.com).

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