

John Gerretsen Youth Leadership Award 2016

Through his compassionate and courageous leadership as a member of Provincial Parliament, and Mayor and City Councillor for the City of Kingston, John Gerretsen has devoted his career to enabling positive change, and to advocating for citizens, young and old, throughout our community and province. In recognition of his long time commitment and stellar service to Kingston and the Islands, the **John Gerretsen Youth Leadership Award** has been established with the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area to support the leadership development of students in Grades 9 – 12 who would like to further develop their leadership skills.

The John Gerretsen Youth Leadership Award aims to support young leaders as they strive to develop their potential: to understand their strengths, weaknesses, and leadership style; to set worthy personal goals; and to develop the confidence, resilience, motivation, and skills to bring these goals to fruition. Growing their leadership skills may include developing their ability to create and utilize support networks, to guide others on an effective course of action, and to influence the opinions and behaviors of others to fully participate in community life and effect positive social change.

Eligibility:

Students are eligible if they are fulltime students at an English or French Public or Catholic Secondary School within the boundaries of Kingston and the Islands. Successful applicants will have previously demonstrated leadership in their school and/or community through such traits and activities as collaborating with others to achieve a worthy goal, solve a problem or facilitate change; leading, advocating and supporting others; being an accepting and inclusive role model; communicating effectively with others; and by demonstrating commitment, character, compassion and courage.

Application Process:

Applicants should complete the attached form and submit two letters of reference that describe the student's character and commitment to leadership that supports the application. Reference letters should outline how the student has demonstrated leadership in the past.

Eligible Leadership Activities:

Students may submit an application for leadership activities that include but are not limited to the following: a conference, seminar or leadership camp (e.g., Ontario Education Leadership Camp), a course or program, a government related opportunity such as student paige; or any activity that furthers the student's understanding and skill in a specific area of leadership (i.e., environmental or social justice).

Rationale:

As part of the application process, students will be asked to share why they want to participate in this leadership activity, what they would like to learn, how they will use what they have learned and how this new learning will be shared.

Financial Allocation:

There will be an annual disbursement of up to \$2,000 for the successful applicant(s). The annual total disbursement may be allocated to one individual or proposal, or may be divided amongst several.

Proposed Budget and Funding Sources:

Students will be required to provide an outline of their expected budget for the experience, including a breakdown of all costs (e.g., tuition, resources, transportation, meals, accommodation, etc.), and including any funding amounts that other organization(s) and/or family may (if at all) be able to contribute. Proposed budget can be up to \$2,000.

Timelines:

Student applications are to be submitted electronically or in hard copy to the office of their respective Director of Education by April 30, 2016. Successful applicants will be notified by May 15th, 2016.

Decisions regarding the awards will be made by a committee of senior representatives of School Boards, Queen's University, St. Lawrence College and Community Foundation of Kingston & Area.

Publication of allocations and recipients will include press releases, media opportunities and/or other means. This will be facilitated through the Board's Communication Officer.

The student will have 12 months from the date of being notified that he or she is a successful applicant to complete the leadership experience and submit expenses for reimbursement.

Contact Information:

For further information, please contact the office of the Terri Slack, Superintendent of School Effectiveness, ALCDSEB at 613-354- 6257 extension 473; or Shawn Lehman, Supervising Principal of Pathways for Student Success, LDSB at 613 544 6925 extension 229.



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for Kingston & Area

John Gerretsen Youth Leadership Award Application

Please print or type.

1. Applicant's name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____ OEN Number: _____

2. Proposed Leadership Activities:

Types of leadership activities include but are not limited to the leadership camp (e.g., Ontario Education Leadership Camp), attending a conference or seminar, etc. (student government-student paige, environmental activity).

3. Are there any other sources of funding that will contribute to the cost of the experience?

Yes ☐ No ☐

4. Outline of total budget for the experience that includes the cost of the entire experience (e.g., tuition, resources, transportation, meals, accommodation, etc.), as well as what other organizations(s) and family may be able to contribute.

| Item | Cost | Requested contribution from this Grant | Other Sources of Funding | Status Funding (requested, confirmed) |
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| Total Costs | | | | |

5. Please identify and provide contact information for your two references. One reference letter should address a school based activity and one letter should address a community based activity. Include these letters with your application.

| Name | Position | Organization | Email Add Phone? | Has known student for how long? |
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Applications are to be submitted by April 30, 2016 to one of the following:

Director of Education, Jody DiRocco
Algonquin and Lakeshore CDSB
151 Dairy Avenue,
Napane, ON
K7R 4B2
613-354- 6257 extension 448

OR Director of Education, Debra Rantz
Limestone District School Board
220 Portsmouth Avenue,
Kingston, ON
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613 544 6925 extension 235