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Application to Receive Funds

The Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic has raised over \$1 million to date and has financially assisted several community organizations to provide much needed services to residents living in the Town of Aurora. Recipient selection is conducted annually by the application review and disbursement committee of the Town of Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic and is based on the information provided in this application.

Funding Criteria and guidelines;

- Individual applicants and community groups must demonstrate financial hardship or a limited means to retain funds in another manner. Individual applications demonstrating financial hardship will be kept confidential.
- Individuals and organizations may not receive funding for more than two consecutive years.
- Funding requests for more than \$5,000 in a calendar year will not be accepted.
- Funding requests for more than 50% of an initiative will not be considered and applicants must demonstrate how the remaining funds will be or have been obtained
- Applications should demonstrate a benefit to the residents of the Town of Aurora that receiving the funding will provide
- Successful applicants will be required to report back in any way they deem appropriate regarding the utilization of funds within six (6) months of receiving funds

Name of Individual or Community Group *

The Optimist Club of Aurora

Address

Street Number and Name *

14800 Yonge Street - PO Box 28509

City/ Town *

Aurora

Province *

Ontario

Postal Code *

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Contact Information

Email Address *

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On a separate document, please outline your initiative and any supporting documentation you have. The information being provided should align with the funding criteria guidelines found above. Please attach your documentation with this this form.



June 10, 2024

Greetings,

On behalf of The Optimist Club of Aurora we would like to apply for a grant to be awarded from the Annual Mayor's Golf Tournament. We are a service group who support the community of Aurora in various ways but mainly and more importantly the "youth" of Aurora. Our motto is Bringing out the best in the Youth of Aurora.

We have many initiatives that are typically the same year after year but each year the needs in Aurora continue to grow, and we must continue to find ways to raise funds to help address these needs. We support in service or funds to such things as Art Shows, Scholarships, Music Programs, Essay Contests, Youth Sports, High School Mentoring Programs, Youth Mental Health Needs. One of the highlights of our year is the Optimist Annual Chess Tournament, open to all schools in Aurora with winners in each category moving on to Regionals. The latter has been a staple in our budget for years. Our newer initiatives are programs centering around feeding and clothing children in Aurora whose families are struggling due to Financial or Personal hardship.

A few years ago, we had requests from 2-3 schools in Aurora who needed funds to help with their Healthy Snacks Programs. At first it was Elementary but just recently we have requests from a High School as well. At present we are supporting 6 schools twice a year. We are just a small portion but a valuable part of their support system. Their main support will be withdrawing this coming school year. We are determined to continue with our current levels but anticipate their needs will increase, as well as the probability that more schools will need assistance, due to the loss of their main support.

Most recently we have been avid supporters of the KIND program.... Kids In Need Delivered. This program supports emergency types of requests, a school or neighbour or another community group contacts our liaisons with specific needs a child or families may have, mostly clothing, especially shoes and boots etc. Recently we have had requests for a couple of children who needed glasses. With the help of our local Optician, we were able to purchase much-needed pairs for these youngsters.

Our main source of fundraising is our Mobile Kitchen which is used for BBQ's at schools and community events. At present we are tracking income at \$10,000 with an expense at \$17,000 for programs and donations. We would like to apply for a \$5,000 grant but of course would be grateful for whatever denomination may be granted. As detailed above, this money would be well spent on youth in Aurora, specifically to maintain our level of support for the Snacks and KIND programs. Thank you for the opportunity to apply.

Carol Bartlett, Treasurer 2023-2024