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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 \*

York Region Children's Fund

## Address

### Street Number and Name \*

16915 Leslie Street

### City/ Town \*

Newmarket

Province \*

Ontario

Postal Code \*

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# Contact Information

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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.



July 8, 2024

The Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic

Attn: Selection Committee

Re: 2024 YRCF Stay in School Program

The York Region Children's Fund (YRCF) has a mission to help improve the quality of life for children and youth in the care and protection of York Region Children's Aid Society (YRCAS) through support for vital childhood enrichment, education support, and compassionate aid. With the community's help, we can enrich the lives of some of the most vulnerable children and youth, and ensure they have the opportunities needed to help them reach their full potential. The YRCF Stay in School Awards initiative, has two main components: Public School Awards for students in grade 8-12 who have demonstrated success within their school year, recipients receive a certificate of recognition for their achievements and are awarded a gift card; Post-Secondary Awards for students who are attending College, University or a Trades Program. Eligible students can apply for an annual Stay in School Award and receive coaching for their award from their YRCAS advisor. Last year, we awarded 53 Public School Awards and 17 Post-Secondary Awards. We are committed to supporting and encouraging educational achievement among young individuals.

The Canadian Federation of University Women Aurora/Newmarket started the Stay in School Awards 8 years ago following a presentation from the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth. The research showed that the high school graduation rate for youth that are on Extended Society Care was less than 50%. The provincial average is above 80%. The awards program promotes staying in school and our staff have told us that showing these young people the community cares about them, and their school achievement, is a real source of encouragement.

The York Region Children's Fund (YRCF) has sustained the initiative that was initially launched by the Canadian Federation of University Women Aurora/Newmarket. We are actively engaging with the community to fund the awards program aimed at recognizing and supporting youth who have persevered in their education and are making commendable strides.

Our very first award winner has completed law school, and another winner was accepted into the York University MBA program. Other great success stories including students entering the trades, film and music. There are bright hopeful results.

In support of



York Region  
Children's Aid Society  
Société d'aide à l'enfance  
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The YRCF obtains funding through donations and grants and these funds are provided to the YRCAS through the Children's Special Projects Fund. The Children's Special Projects Fund was created to support activities and needs outside of the Ministry's mandated funding. This fund supports the experiences and needs that add richness and normalcy to the lives of children and youth we serve, such as recreational activities, music lessons, household items, tutoring, tuition fees, textbooks, laptops and other school supplies. One of our goals is to encourage youth who are on Extended Society Care (previously known as Crown Wards) or voluntarily working with the York Region Children's Aid Society to stay in school.

The YRCF receives donations that are dedicated to our Stay in School Awards program, however, there are education needs above and beyond this. With the Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic funds, we will be able to provide more support and awards to help York Region children and youth achieve educational success!

YRCF is seeking \$5,000 from the Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic for our Stay in School Awards program.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at [diana.horrex@yorkcas.org](mailto:diana.horrex@yorkcas.org) if you have any questions or require further information.

Thank you for your consideration

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