



YMCA of Niagara

Making Waves Swimming and Leadership Bursary Application 2020

Purpose

Through the gift of generous donors, the YMCA is pleased to have the opportunity to offer opportunities for participation in Aquatic Enrichment courses as well as Aquatic Certification courses through a bursary covering up to 90% of an annual YMCA Child membership and up to 90% of the cost of all certification courses required to become a qualified lifeguard and swim instructor.

Selection Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of YMCA Senior Staff based on the following criteria:

- A minimum of Star 5 level to qualify for a Child Membership bursary
- A minimum of 12 years of age to qualify for Aquatic Qualification courses
- An explanation in essay or resume format demonstrating leadership experience and initiative
- A commitment to future involvement in YMCA Aquatics
- is enrolled or intends to be enrolled in a YMCA Aquatics program
- An explanation in essay format of demonstrated financial need

Requirements of the Successful Candidates

Successful candidates will be required to give a minimum of 20 hours of volunteer time annually with YMCA of Niagara aquatics as a helper with swimming lessons, Aquatic Youth Leadership, Lifesaving Fitness or the annual YMCA Move for Kids event.

Upon completion of all qualification courses, and a successful employment interview candidates will be required to work a minimum of 5 hours per week during a lifeguard shift and swim instructor block for a minimum of one year.

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Part 1: Personal Information

Legal Name:

Preferred Name:

If different from legal

Date of Birth:

DD/MM/YYYY

Age:

Preferred Pronoun:

☐*She/her*☐*He/him*☐*They/them*☐*other: _____*

Current Address:

City:

Postal Code:

Phone (Home):

Phone (Cell):

Email:

Swimming Levels Achieved:

Swimming Levels Applying to Achieve:

*If you do receive the **Making Waves Swimming and Leadership Bursary**, would you be willing to write a short letter at the end of the program explaining the impact the bursary had for you? We would use this information to help encourage other people to donate to the bursary fund. We would not share your name or any identifying information if you request to be anonymous. Saying 'no' will not affect your chances of getting a bursary.*

YES:

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NO:

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Part 2: Personal Questions

- 1) Describe your financial need and how the Making Waves Swimming and Leadership Bursary will help you achieve your goals? (minimum 200 words)

- 2) List your achievements and Participation

School Club(s)/ Team(s)/ Group(s)/Achievement(s)	Years
Community Club(s)/ Team(s)/ Group(s)/ Achievement(s)	Years
Volunteer/Community service Hours	Years
YMCA Experience	Years

- 3) Reviewing your list of Community service and extracurricular activities, please identify the one that meant the most to you. (minimum 200 words)**

- 4) What is your biggest accomplishment that demonstrates Leadership? Please describe the leadership role that you played in it. (minimum 200 words)**

- 5) Why are you interested in the Making Waves Swimming and Leadership Bursary program? How will your experience help you become a YMCA Lifeguard and Swim Instructor? (minimum 200 words)**

- 6) What else should the Y know about you that wasn't already asked?**

Part 3: Letter of Reference

I, _____ have known _____
(Print Full Name) (Print Applicant's Full Name)

For _____ and have worked with the applicant _____
(Number of Months/Years) (In What Capacity)

_____.

Please explain why you recommend this applicant for the Making Waves Swimming and Leadership Bursary Program. Please provide specific examples of their leadership skills (minimum 250 words):

Date (DD/MM/YY)

Signature

Phone Number

Email Address

Part 4: Bursary Application Checklist

It is the Candidate's responsibility to ensure this application is completed in full. Those that submit an incomplete application, or do not align with our criteria will not be considered.

To ensure your application is complete please use the checklist below:

**Personal Information**

- Each box is filled out where applicable
- Email is typed correctly (this is our primary way of contact)

**Personal Questions**

- Each response answers the question fully
- All responses meet the minimum amount of words

**Reference**

- Reference form is filled out and handed in with application