

# YMCA Community Programs - Youth Action Program Leader Volunteer

Locations	Schools within the Niagara Region (Niagara West, Welland, Port Colborne, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Fort Erie)
Time Commitment	2-3 hours per week

## Why Volunteer for the YMCA?

The YMCA is a charity dedicated to building healthy communities. The YMCA of Niagara delivers programs in Health, Fitness and Aquatics, Community Outreach, Child Care, Day Camp and Employment & Immigrant Services throughout the Niagara Region. We are committed to nurturing the potential of children, youth, and families, promoting healthy living and fostering social responsibility within the community. Our focus on inclusiveness and accessibility means we serve people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities through all stages of life.

### **NATURE & SCOPE**

To provide assistance in leading games and activities for children and youth participating in Youth Action recreational programs. Volunteers can help people grow in many ways that are consistent with the YMCA's mission of building body, mind, and spirit.

#### **EXPECTATIONS:**

- To appreciate and support the YMCA values, mission and vision.
- To demonstrate energy, dedication and enthusiasm.
- To appreciate and desire to generously serve all.
- To thrive in an atmosphere of change and ambiguity.
- To work as a member of a team.
- To achieve planned results through personal initiative.
- To model commitment to service excellence and quality.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- To provide assistance in leading recreational activities such as crafts, sports, active games and special events (depending on program).
- To build positive relationships with participants.
- To be in YMCA dress code (volunteer t-shirt and black bottoms).
- Participate in training and adhere to the YMCA Child Protection Policies and Procedures as established by the YMCA of Niagara.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Previous experience with children and youth is an asset but not required. Training will be provided.
- Patient and caring attitude. Energy, enthusiasm and flexibility.
- 18 years of age or older.
- A clear and satisfactory criminal record check inclusive of the vulnerable sector search (PVSC) issued for the YMCA of Niagara
- Interview and 3 references will be required.

#### TRAINING AND SUPPORT:

- Volunteer orientation inclusive of relevant YMCA Policies and Procedures.
- Supervision and support from YMCA staff, Team Leader and Program Coordinator.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Complete an online volunteer application at <a href="https://ymcaofniagara.org/volunteer/opportunities/">https://ymcaofniagara.org/volunteer/opportunities/</a>

Accessibility accommodations and material in alternative formats for individuals with disabilities can be arranged upon request.

For more information for this and other opportunities at the YMCA of Niagara please visit our website: www.ymcaofniagara.org