

John Gerretsen Youth Leadership Award

Through his compassionate and courageous leadership as a member of Provincial Parliament, and Mayor and City Councillor for the City of Kingston, John Gerretsen 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** was 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. 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 28, 2017. Successful applicants will be notified by May 19, 2017. 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 media releases, media opportunities and/or other means. This will be facilitated through School Board Communications staff of the respective recipient(s).

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 to the Accounting Department of respective school boards and with a reference of the **John Gerretsen Youth Leadership Award**.

Contact Information:

For further information, students may contact their school guidance department or the office of the Director of Education at 613-544-6925, extension 235.



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Please print or type.

1. Applicant's name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____ OEN Number: _____

2. Cover Letter:

Student applicants are to write a cover letter which describes their past experiences in leadership, what the proposed activities will help them learn and how they plan to use their learning. The cover letter should indicate why they believe they are a worthy recipient of the award.

3. 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, etc.)

3. Are there any other sources of funding that will contribute to the cost of the experience?
 yes no

If yes, please describe these additional funding sources.

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
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.

Application deadline is April 28, 2017, and may be addressed to:

Debra Rantz, Director of Education
 Limestone District School Board
 220 Portsmouth Avenue,
 Kingston, ON
 K7M 0G2
 613-544-6925 extension 235

or emailed to Wynando Moore, Executive Assistant to the Director at moorewy@limestone.on.ca