

THE YOUNG CITIZENS FOUNDATION

STUDENT ASSISTANCE POLICY FOR ATTENDANCE IN THE ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA PROGRAM

THE RATIONALE

This program was specifically designed to assist Canadian youth to attend The Encounters With Canada Program. Although the Federal Ministry of Heritage fully funds the transportation cost of students travelling to Ottawa to attend the Encounters With Canada Program, many Canadian families cannot afford the \$675.00 registration fee. The Young Citizens Foundation feels that because the Encounters With Canada Program is a nationally funded program, students from lower income families should be represented, and thus, the Foundation is prepared to offer some financial assistance to those students if funding is available.

It must be noted that The Young Citizens Foundation is an independent public foundation that is not legally associated with the programs that it is helping to support.

We:

- are not members of the societies that oversee these programs;
- are not members of their boards of directors; and,
- play no part in the formation of their operational policies.

What is our motivation? – The Young Citizens Foundation and its Board of Directors understand that Canada's future depends upon developing Canada's youth into knowledgeable and committed leaders who have a passion for the values that Canadian citizenship training develops. It is in Canada's interest if we encourage students to attend such programs and to provide financial assistance when possible.

ASSISTANCE GIVEN

The maximum amount of assistance given will be up to \$200. The process is as follows:

1. The students and their parents fill in the application below and submit it to The Young Citizens Foundation.
2. Once the application has been approved the student will be notified.
3. The student takes the approved application to the school representative.
4. The school in which the student is attending will initially pay this amount to The Encounters With Canada Program as a part of the application process. However, this payment shall only be made after the school receives notification from the Foundation that the student qualifies for Foundation assistance.
5. The Foundation will provide a rebate to the school district upon verification that the student attended the EWC program. This verification will take the form of an email from the school principal confirming the student's attendance at EWC.

STUDENT CRITERIA FOR AWARDING ASSISTANCE

1. The student must meet the criteria set out by The Encounters With Canada Program to attend.
2. The student and their parent(s) must fully complete and submit the Student Assistance Application Form to the Foundation.
3. The student's family must be currently receiving benefits from the National Child Supplemental Benefit Program.
4. The student and their parent(s) must provide the Foundation with a copy of the notification letter that they received from the Canada Revenue Agency that the family is currently receiving assistance from the National Child Supplemental Benefit Program.
5. The parent and student agreeing to receive future information about the Foundation.

For more information on the National Child Supplemental Benefit Program, please go to:
<http://www.nationalchildbenefit.ca/eng/06/how.shtml>

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Because low income families exist across the country, the Foundation will be using regional quota considerations in approving assistance applications. This is done to maintaining some degree of regional equity.
2. Not all applicants who fit the criteria may get financial assistance as the Foundation's financial ability to provide the assistance is limited.
3. Qualified applicants who fit all of the criteria above will be considered on a 'first come, first served basis'.

THE STUDENT ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FORM

Please fill out the following information completely and accurately.

Student's Information

Full name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Mother's Information

Full name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Father's Information

Full name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Note: If one of the parents cannot supply the above information, please explain why.

School Information

Full name of School District: _____

Full Name of School: _____

School Address: _____

School Principal's Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

APPROVALS

Student Approval:

I _____ (please print) attest that the information given is complete and accurate, and I agree to receive further information and news about the Foundation.

_____ (student signature)

Parent Approval:

I _____ (please print) attest that the information given is complete and accurate, and I agree to receive further information and news about the Foundation.

_____ (parent signature)

I _____ (please print) attest that the information given is complete and accurate, and I agree to receive further information and news about the Foundation.

_____ (parent signature)

Again, if one of the parents cannot supply the above information, please explain why.

School Approval:

The school will initially pay \$200.00 to The Encounters With Canada Program as a part of the application process only after the school receives notification from the Foundation that the student qualifies for Foundation assistance.

The Foundation will provide a rebate to the school district upon verification that the student attended the EWC program. This verification will take the form of an email from the school principal to the Foundation, confirming that the student did attend the Encounters With Canada program.

Principal's Name: _____

Principal's Signature: _____

NOTE: Not all applications that have been submitted will be accepted because of the criteria stated above.

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING TO THE FOUNDATION

By fax to: **(250) 491-0520**

1. The completed and signed application form,
2. The most recent July Canada Child Tax Benefit Notice which contains verification of National Child Supplemental Benefit Program payments.
3. The letter of reference from your school principal or counselor on school letterhead.

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions please contact the Foundation by:

Phone: (250) 491-0610

Fax: (250) 491-0520

Email: info@youngcitizensfoundation.ca