



Danforth East Community Association's Young Leaders Scholarship

The Young Leaders Scholarship will award \$2,000 to a high school student entering post-secondary studies or training who is involved in supporting/improving their communities.

The Danforth East Community Association (DECA) was formed by a group of neighbours in 2007. The mission of our volunteer run organization is to build a stronger, more vibrant, and walkable community, and to empower residents of our neighbourhood through community involvement. In the ten plus years since founding the group has: created the East Lynn Park Farmers' Market, launched the Danforth East Arts Fair, incubated and run commercial revitalization initiatives along the Danforth including the pop-up shops, raised \$30,000 towards sponsoring Syrian refugees in partnership with community organizations, and run several successful annual events including the Danforth East Community Yard Sale, The Pumpkin Parade and Festival of Lights, amongst other things.

To be eligible, you must:

- Be entering your first year of post-secondary education or training in fall 2018
- Live or go to school within DECA boundaries (Main Street east, Lumsden/Mortimer north, Monarch Park west and the train tracks to the south)
- Be actively working to improve your school and/or neighbourhood in some demonstrable way

SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: INFO@DECA.TO

DEADLINE: TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018

Application Guidelines

1. BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Answer the following questions:

- a. What high school do you attend?

- b. Where do you plan on attending post-secondary education? What do you plan on studying/training for?
- c. What people or events have inspired you?
- d. In what ways do you hope to continue to contribute to your community, during and after post-secondary education?

2. ESSAY OR VIDEO

You must submit an entry that addresses the following:

Describe leadership roles/involvement you have taken in your school and/or community that involve promoting, supporting and celebrating any of the following: diversity and inclusion (gender/ability/orientation/ethnicity/religion, etc.), environmentalism, youth/seniors, mental health, civic engagement, and/or community building/involvement.

You may do this by choosing one of the following options:

- a) short essay (up to 500 words)
- b) video (max. 5 minutes with 150-word summary). Include a link to your online video.

3. TWO REFERENCE LETTERS

Please have each of your references provide a letter which outlines your school and/or community involvement. At least one reference letter must be from a representative of your school or a community agency.

Reference name	Relationship to you	Telephone number