



YMCA of Niagara Making Waves Swimming and Leadership Bursary

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 or to recertify existing qualifications.

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 13 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
- Name and contact information of one reference included

Note: Due to a high volume of applications, only those who meet the requirements will be considered.

Requirements of the Successful Candidates

Successful candidates will be required to give a minimum of 20 hours of volunteer time with YMCA of Niagara aquatics as a helper with swimming lessons, Aquatic Youth Leadership, Lifesaving Fitness or the annual YMCA Move for Kids event. All volunteer hours must be completed prior to advancing to NLS through the bursary program.

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.