

# Youth Award

Have you helped make your school or community more inclusive?

A \$1,000 award is available, apply by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**!

## History of Award

The Port Nelson United Church Youth Award was established in September 2012 by the Church Council to recognize and celebrate the leadership of young people in the area of being inclusive, particularly pertaining to the needs and concerns of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered and Queer (LGBTQ+) people. The award offers a public and tangible way to celebrate Affirming – one of the church's core values.

The Port Nelson United Church Youth Award is given annually in the amount of \$1,000 to a student in their final year of studies at any secondary school in Halton Region, as selected by the Youth Award Committee.

## Award Eligibility

To be eligible for this \$1,000 award, you need to be:

- A student in the final year of studies at any secondary school in Halton Region
- A student who has demonstrated significant leadership in school or community in the area of being inclusive of others, with strong preference given to leadership in the area of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered and Queer (LGBTQ+) issues, concerns and needs

Examples of leadership experiences:

- Gay-Straight Alliance leader/member
- Leadership with persons with disabilities
- Intercultural events or initiatives
- Volunteer work with seniors

For more information about this award, please contact:

Port Nelson United Church  
905-637-5631  
office@portnelson.ca



## Application Instructions

To apply for this award, please submit the following information by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

- A letter (maximum 2 pages, double-spaced with 1-inch margins and using 12-point font) outlining reasons you would be a worthy recipient of the award. The letter must include personal contact information (i.e. name, address, phone number and email address), and must address your involvement in leadership pertaining to being inclusive, your goals for further education and/or career path, and any other pertinent comments that would assist the committee in its deliberations
- Two letters of reference from individuals qualified to assess your involvement and leadership skills (e.g., a teacher)

Please email, or mail these documents to be received no later than **May 1<sup>st</sup>** to:

Youth Award Committee  
Port Nelson United Church  
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Burlington ON L7N 1H7  
Tel: 905-637-5631  
Email: [office@portnelson.ca](mailto:office@portnelson.ca)

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- Mahatma Gandhi*