

# YRP/Community Advisory Council (PCAC) Leadership in Social Justice Achievement Award

York Regional Police and The Police Community Advisory Council will be presenting 12 Awards to recognize outstanding students with bright futures as upcoming leaders and dreamers in their communities. The YRP Leadership in Social Justice Achievement Award committee will provide 12 awards of \$500 to York Region Students who have been contributors in Social Justice, Equity and Human rights in their schools and communities. Achievement exists in many different forms and we want to hear about yours!

## **Selection Criteria**

- \* Must be a student attending a school in York Region
- \* Must be graduating high school or equivalent in June 2021 and attending an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution (College/University) in September 2021/January 2022 on a full-time basis
- \* Candidate must have demonstrated leadership towards the goals of equity, inclusion and social justice in one of the following areas: ability, age, culture, gender, gender identity, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status through community engagement or employment.
- \*Candidate must list any significant contributions made to the community throughout their years as a secondary school student.

## **How to Apply**

Complete the application Package

- Candidate must submit a 600-800 word written statement that describes their motivations in working to achieve equity, inclusion and/or social justice goals.
- Include two letters of recommendation from either: a school staff member, a family, a community organization or community member
- Candidate will consent to the publication of their name and image by the York Regional Police, if selected as a Youth Achievement Awards recipient. Candidate must list any extra-curricular contributions made throughout their years as a secondary school student.
- Candidate must list any significant contributions made to the community throughout their years as a secondary school student.

\*Submit by mail or e-mail copies of the supporting documents (letters of recommendation, proof of acceptance and/or enrollment by **Friday, August 27, 2021** to

Mail: Susanne Quintieri  
Community Services  
47 Don Hillock Drive  
Aurora, ON L4G 0S7

Email: Josie Rose  
Co-Chair, Police Community Advisory Council  
PCAC.YRP@gmail.com

### **Selection Process**

Award recipients will be selected by the PCAC Youth Achievement Awards Committee based on the above criteria.

The final recipients will be presented at the ***YRP International Human Rights Day Celebration*** on ***Thursday, December 9, 2021***.

Email or mail Applications along with all supporting documents must be received no later than Fridays, August 27, 2021.

- York Regional Police is committed to providing accessible documents. To request this document in an alternate format, please contact:

Corporate Communications Bureau  
47 Don Hillock Drive  
Aurora, ON L4G 0S7  
1-866-876-5423 extension 7677  
[corpcommrequest@yrp.ca](mailto:corpcommrequest@yrp.ca)

Thank you for your application and best of luck with your continued education!

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## Application Form Part 1: Candidate

Contact Information		
Last Name	First Name	Phone
Address		
City/Town	Postal Code	Email
Secondary School and address	Planning to attend the following Post-Secondary Institution	

### Personal Essay

Please attach a 600-800 word written statement describing and detailing your achievements in working towards equity, inclusion and/or social justice and goals, and your plans for future goals within the above-mentioned criteria.

### Extra-Curricular Contributions

Please attach a list of any clubs, activities, and organizations in which you have been involved throughout your years at secondary school that contribute to equity, inclusion and/or social justice.

### Contributions to the School/Community

Please attach a list of any significant contributions you have made to your community throughout your years as a secondary school student.

## Application Form Part 2: Academic Achievement

Please attach a copy of your most recent high school student transcript.

### Statement of Accuracy

I hereby affirm that I am a York Region resident, attending a York Region secondary school and planning to attend a post-secondary Institution as a full-time student beginning in September 2021 or January 2022. I also confirm that all information provided in my written statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I consent to the publication of my name and image by the York Regional Police, if selected as a Youth Achievement Awards recipient

I consent to the release of my high school transcript to support this application.

<b>Signature of Applicant</b>	<b>Date (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>
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### Application Form Part 3: Letter of Reference

Name of Candidate		
Last Name		First Name
Name of Person providing Reference		
Last Name		First Name
Position	Phone	Email

Please attach a brief letter outlining why you are recommending this student for the York Regional Police Leadership in Social Justice Youth Achievement Awards. Please comment on the candidate's positive actions in classes, extracurricular activities in school as well as how they have demonstrated leadership in the areas of equity, inclusion and/or social justice within their school and/or the York Region community.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>

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### Application Form Part 4: Letter of Reference

Character Reference from community member (cannot be a relative)

<b>Name of Candidate</b>
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Last Name	First Name
<b>Name of Community Reference</b>	
Last Name	First Name
Phone	Email

This award recognizes students who have demonstrated leadership in equity, inclusion and social justice in their community.

Please attach a brief letter of reference completed by a community member, indicating how long and under what circumstances you have known the applicant. Please explain why you believe that this applicant is a deserving candidate for the York Regional Police Leadership in Social Justice Youth Achievement Awards. Please outline how the candidate has contributed towards equity, inclusion and/or social justice in one or more of the following areas within their community: ability, age, culture, gender, gender identity, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>
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For further information, please contact:  
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