

## **CUC Youth & Young Adult *Supporting the Dawning Future* Subsidy Application**

The Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) is committed to increasing financial accessibility for youth (ages 14–20) and young adults (ages 18–35) to attend regional, national and continental conferences and leadership development opportunities.

This subsidy's goal is to help make it easier for youth and young adults attend these kinds of events. The CUC recognizes that these opportunities provide important ways for youth and young adults to build connections within their larger communities and to find space for their own spiritual nourishment, enrichment and growth.

To encourage and support this valuable denominational participation the CUC will provide subsidies of up to \$200 per individual per year for this purpose.\*

*We are inspired by the concept of abundance rather than scarcity and encourage generosity and creativity across the board in securing funding for youth and young adults to attend conferences and trainings.*

### **Application Guidelines:**

This subsidy is need-based and the following criteria will be applied in the consideration of each application.

Conferences and Trainings that this subsidy could be applied to include, but are not limited to, the following:

- CUC Regional Youth Cons
- OWL "Weekend Cons"
- Regional Fall Gatherings
- CanUUdle
- UU-UNO Spring Seminar
- Annual Young Adult Weekend at Unicamp
- CUC Annual Conference and Meeting
- OPUS
- Chrysalis Trainings
- OWL Trainings

- 1) Subsidies are available to congregationally or denominationally active youth or young adults.
- 2) Subsidy funds can be used for registration fees, accommodations, and/or travel costs.
- 3) Subsidy awards will be sent by cheque to the home of the recipient or, in the case of a CUC run event, the award will be put against the event's registration fee.
- 4) Subsidy requests must be received a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the event.
- 5) Unused subsidies (for instance if the applicant cannot attend due to unforeseen circumstances) are to be returned to the CUC.

\*The subsidy awards committee retains discretion over the amount awarded to any given individual and may choose to increase or decrease the allotment given based on the applicant's individual circumstances, their expressed needs and their proximity to the event's location.

Priority consideration will be given to applicants who:

- 1) Are seeking partial funding from a variety of sources (asking their congregation, regional YAC, holding fund-raisers, etc.).
- 2) Have expressed financial limitations;
- 3) Are first time applicants;
- 4) Have not received funding in the previous two years;
- 5) Have never been to a conference or training of this kind before;
- 6) Must leave their region to attend the event (i.e., a national or continental opportunity).

If other criteria are satisfied, subsidies are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis, per event.

The CUC Canadian Advisory Youth Adult Committee (CAYAC) may also make recommendations on subsidy applications for special consideration as requested by the CUC Youth and Young Adult Ministry Development staff and the subsidy awards committee.

Contact Ariel Hunt-Bronswin, CUC Youth and Young Adult Ministry Development staff ([ariel@cuc.ca](mailto:ariel@cuc.ca)) or call the CUC Office at 1-888-568-5723 for further information.

The CUC will advise the applicant of approval as quickly as possible. Please allow a minimum of three weeks turn around time for funds once approved.

**CUC Youth & Young Adult *Supporting the Dawning Future* Subsidy Application Form**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CONGREGATION: \_\_\_\_\_ REGION: \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$

Estimate of Distance and Cost of Travel: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form fully completed along with an attached document with answers to the following four questions. (Applications that are incomplete will not be considered.)

- A) Describe your current Congregational or Denominational Involvement
- B) Describe: why you want to attend this event? What do you hope to gain from attending?
- C) Outline your vision of youth or young adult empowerment, leadership and or ministry in Canada. How might your attendance at this event support or enhance this vision and your involvement at a local, regional or national level?
- D) Please outline any financial considerations you think would be useful for us to be aware of.
- E) List the other sources of funding you have pursued (including from your congregation and or your Regional Youth Adult Committee).

Please email completed applications to [subsidies@cuc.ca](mailto:subsidies@cuc.ca), send hard copy applications by post to Canadian Unitarian Council, 100-344 Dupont St., Toronto, ON M5R 1V9, or by fax to (416) 489-9010.