

Take Action Academy Bursary Application

This bursary is available for Canadian youth applying for Me to We Take Action Academies within Canada. Applicants should display a sense of passion and desire to improve their leadership skills.

The following documents need to be included in the application package in order for the applicant to be considered: A fully completed bursary application, an essay answering two of the questions provided in the following document, a minimum of two reference letters and an optional letter explaining financial need.

PART 1

CONTACT INFORMATION

Note: All fields must be completed. Please print clearly.

Applicant

Full Name: _____

Desired Academy (please check one) :

- Québec: July 15-21 Ontario 2: July 22-28 Vancouver 1: July 2-8 Calgary: August 5-11
 East Coast: July 9-14 Ontario 3: August 5-11 Vancouver 2: July 9-15
 Ontario 1: July 15-21 Ontario 4: August 12-18 Winnipeg: July 22-28

Home Address: _____

Phone: Day (____) _____ Evening (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____

Name of School: _____

Address of School: _____

Name of Employer (Optional): _____

Address of Employer (Optional): _____

PARENT/ GUARDIAN'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Note: If you are under 18 years of age, you must include contact information for a parent or guardian. If you are 18 years of age or older, you have the option of using your roommate, a relative or any other responsible person as your emergency contact.

Contact 1: Parent or Guardian if applicant is under 18, or

Parent/Guardian/Partner/Roommate/Other Primary Contact if applicant is 18 or older

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: Day (____) _____ Evening (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Have you lived, or will you live, with your parent(s)/guardian(s) for at least six weeks...

in the past 12 months? Yes No

in the next 12 months? Yes No

NAME of APPLICANT: _____

PART 2

Letters of Motivation and Questionnaire:

Write a Letter of Motivation to Me to We/Free The Children addressing at least two of the following questions. This letter should be a **maximum** of two pages, double-spaced.

- What do you hope to gain from attending the Take Action Academy?
- As a leader, what are your greatest strengths and weaknesses?
- Describe a challenge that you were recently faced with and how you effectively handled the situation.

Provide a written letter of reference from **two** of the following people:

- Family member
- Teacher
- Mentor/friend/employer

Please respond to the following questions in the space provided:

Are you currently involved with Free The Children or have you ever participated in a Me to We program?

Yes _____ No _____

If so, which programs? _____

How did you hear about the bursary?

- Previous Academy
- The Me to We Website
- Free The Children Speaking Tour
- E-Mail from Me to We or Free The Children
- We Day
- Phone Call from Me to We or Free The Children
- Other (please specify): _____

NAME of APPLICANT: _____

PART 3
Finances

A. List the types and amounts of any outstanding loans:

B. Estimate of Need:

Quebec: \$750

Ontario: \$900

Vancouver: \$900

East Coast: \$650

Winnipeg: \$900

Calgary: \$900

\$ _____ Amount I can personally provide

\$ _____ Amount of aid from other sources (including fundraising)

\$ _____ Net amount needed from the bursary fund

If you do not receive the requested bursary, what other plans do you have for raising the funds?

I (We) declare that the information provided is true and complete.

Note: Your parent or guardian's signature is needed if you are under 18 years of age.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

You have the option of attaching a one-page explanation of your financial need, noting any circumstances that you would like the Bursary Review Committee to consider.

NAME of APPLICANT: _____

PART 4

Follow-up and Commitments

If you are chosen as a bursary recipient, we ask that you commit to sharing your experience with others. After the fun of the Academy has come to a close, you will be able to apply your new skills and give back to your community and your world! We ask you to commit to:

a) Spreading the message of the importance of changing the world by presenting your thoughts and experiences to one audience in the next six months.

During the Academy you'll experience some amazing things, and we guarantee that people will want to hear about them. If we're going to find a solution to some of the world's problems—and we are!—then you need to help us by telling people what you learned and what you did during your time with Free The Children/Me To We. You can write a speech, post a flyer, write a song—you decide! There are many audiences that would love to hear your stories: your class or school, your friends' schools, service clubs, community gatherings and a whole lot more.

b) Write an article, testimonial or story for Free The Children/Me To We to use as they see fit (it can be anonymous).

Youth who are thinking of getting involved with one of our programs look to our website for information and testimonials to help make their decision. Who better to represent the ideals and values of our programs than the participants themselves? This piece of writing can be anything from a few sentences to a few pages, what's important is the thought behind the words!

c) Participate in long-term evaluation of the bursary program.

d) Serve as an Academy Ambassador.

If I am chosen to receive a bursary from Free The Children and Me to We, I, _____, commit to these five things after returning from the Leadership Academy, and give my consent for use of my testimonial and image for media and publications by Free The Children, Me to We, and the Bursary Review Committee.

Signature

Date

APPLICANT CHECK LIST:

This bursary applies to Canadian residents who are attending Free The Children/Me To We's Canadian Take Action Academies. Your bursary application must accompany a completed application for the Academy.

Please be sure that you have included all of the following items in your application:

- Your letter of motivation describing your level of interest
- Your letters of reference and responses to the questionnaire
- Your letter of financial need (optional)
- Academy Application if not already received by Me to We

The deadline for bursary applications and all the materials listed above is March 30th, 2012.

We look forward to receiving your application!

If there is anything we can help you with, please don't hesitate to contact us. Our Academies are incredible, life-changing experiences for everyone who participates. We can't wait to show you how much of an impact we can have on this world!

The Bursary Review Committee

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