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## TOWN OF AURORA

### Aurora's Youth Innovation Fair

Registration Deadline: November 8, 2019  
Event Date: November 20, 2019  
Event Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

#### ENTRY FORM FOR AURORA'S YOUTH INNOVATION FAIR

Please print all details clearly when completing this application form. Applications must be received by November 8, 2019 – please note that space is limited. You will be notified within 7 business days by the Town of Aurora, if your entry has been received.

#### PARTICIPANT/GROUP INFORMATION

I am participating as:  Individual  Group

*\*Please note, if participating as a group, each member must complete a "Participant Information" section.*

Please select grade category:  Junior (grades 4 to 6)  Intermediate (grades 7 to 9)  Senior (grades 10 to 12)

#### PARTICIPANT 1 INFORMATION

First Name and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PARTICIPANT 2 INFORMATION

First Name and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PARTICIPANT 3 INFORMATION

First Name and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PARTICIPANT 4 INFORMATION

First Name and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*If groups include more than 4 participants, please attach a second application form.**

\* Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and will be used to administer the Town's recreational programs. Questions about this collection of personal information should be directed to Recreation Supervisor, Community Programs, 100 John West Way, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 6J1, telephone no. 905-727-3123, ext. 3526.



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**Please provide some details regarding what your innovative idea/invention is about or what it can do;**

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**What do you require for your display? (please check all that apply)**

- Power (Limited Available – First Come, First Serve)    Water (Access To)    Other

**Each participant/group will receive a table and two chairs for their booth. Please indicate below if you require any other items. While items beyond access to power and water cannot be guaranteed, we will do our best to accommodate requests within reason.**

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**REGISTRATION/SUBMITTING APPLICATION**

Applications will be accepted until **Friday November 8, 2019 – please note that space is limited.** All forms can be emailed to [acompton@aurora.ca](mailto:acompton@aurora.ca) or dropped off at: Aurora Family Leisure Complex, 135 Industrial Parkway North, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 4C4 **ATTENTION: SPECIAL EVENTS DIVISION**

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ***Who can take part in the fair?***

Any youth in grades 4 to 12 who live in York Region. You can participate by yourself or as part of a team. If you are participating as part of a team, each member's information needs to be on the entry form.

Please note that you can only enter the fair once per year – either as an individual or as part of a team.

### ***What can I submit for the fair?***

It is up to you – as long as your idea or invention is original or one that you have not previously entered in Aurora's Youth Innovation Fair. You can either create something entirely new or adapt an existing invention. However, if you are taking a pre-existing invention and adapting it, you need to acknowledge the original inventor(s).

Some past ideas/inventions include; *a device to clean water, an electric shoe, a dish lift, a 3D Tiny Home plan, an electronic wall calendar, and a self-sustaining toothbrush.*

### ***What do I need to prepare and bring to the Fair?***

You will have approximately two hours to display your project to the public and a group of judges. It is recommended that you create a display (e.g. poster board, video, example of project) and put together a short speech or presentation to explain how your project works.

There are no requirements for how you present your idea but it is recommended that you think about how best to showcase your idea. Some past participants have created posters, brought small examples or prototypes of their inventions, or created images or photos of their ideas.

### ***How do I present my idea?***

You will be given 2 minutes to present your idea to the judges. When the judges approach, you will be asked to introduce yourself and your project and briefly explain how your idea or invention works. This is when you will use the speech or presentation you have prepared. The judges may ask a few follow up questions to assist with their decision making process.

### ***What will happen at the fair?***

The fair is open to the public so the community can come in and see all of the amazing ideas and inventions youth are working on and creating. You are asked to be present for the entire fair or make arrangements to be present for the judging and results periods;

5 p.m. – Sign-In and Set-Up Begins

6 p.m. – Age Category Judging (*fair open to the public for presentations*)

8 p.m. – Technology Showcase

8:30 p.m. – Announcement of Winners and Prizes





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#### ***When can I drop-off my entry for the fair?***

Participants can drop their entries off during either of the following times;  
Tuesday November 19, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in The Loft (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex  
Wednesday November 20, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Gymnasium at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex

#### ***What are the judges evaluating for?***

There will be three groups of judges; one for each age category. All of the judges will be using the same rubric to evaluate participants. Judges will be examining the following criteria;

***Innovation & Creativity*** - Innovative and creative thinking shows participant(s) are working "outside the box" and mixing different ideas together to form new solutions.

***Community Leadership*** - Participants can show leadership by recognizing and addressing an issue that affects their community. Issues should be current and solutions should have a positive impact on the lives of others.



***Eco-Friendly*** - Participants show concern for nature by choosing a project that involves or addresses the environment through eco-friendly methods and solutions.

***Functionality*** - Participants can demonstrate their product or idea has real world function that would improve the lives of others.

***Process & Formation*** - Through presentation or display, participants can demonstrate their thought process and explain how the product/idea came to be.

#### ***My entry requires the internet – will there be Wi-Fi at the fair for participants to use?***

Yes, the Aurora Family Leisure Complex has free Wi-Fi access through access to an internet browser either on a computer, mobile phone, or tablet. There will likely be a higher than normal usage of the Wi-Fi that evening so participants should not rely heavily on consistent access.

#### ***My entry requires electricity – will there be access to outlets for participants to use?***

There will be some access to outlets but it will be limited and assigned on a first come, first serve basis upon registration. Please indicate on your form if you require power and Town staff will inform you that power will be accessible for your booth upon confirmation of your application. Participants must bring their own power cords.

#### ***More Questions?***

Contact the Town of Aurora Special Events Division at any time for questions, concerns, or comments.

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