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Town of Aurora  
**Youth Engagement Committee**  
**Database Project**  
Youth Division

## Purpose:

The Youth Engagement Committee (YEC) is passionate about helping high school students for years to come with finding helpful resources regarding volunteer and scholarship opportunities in a timely and efficient manner. Our goal is to make volunteering more accessible and easy for kids. Make sure to check with your school to ensure that hours from a particular volunteer position will be accepted towards your total hours. This database was created by students, for students.

## Volunteer Opportunities:

Table 1 Volunteer Opportunities

Organization Name	Contact Information	Opportunities/Tasks	YEC Recommends
Aurora Public Library – Acts of Kindness	<a href="#">Aurora Public Library Website</a>	Youth can take photos of any acts of kindness that they have done in the community and receive community service hours in return. Youth will need to <a href="#">Email Aurora Public Library</a> a photo of their deed with a brief description, their first and last name, grade, school, email and phone number.	Random Acts of Kindness bring happiness to those who receive them! Be a part of bringing joy to those who need it most.
Chartwell Retirement Residences	<a href="#">Chartwell Retirement Residents</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer classes and video chat lessons</li> <li>• Conducting one-on-one social visits with residents</li> <li>• Escorting residents on outings</li> <li>• Baking/Cooking</li> <li>• Pastoral care visits</li> <li>• Assisting with special events, game nights, and clubs/committees</li> </ul>	Volunteers will enjoy a sense of purpose and personal fulfillment while obtaining their community service hours here!
Chatting to Wellness	<a href="#">Chatting to Wellness Website</a>	Facilitate 1:1 sessions with seniors or act as an ambassador and put up posters, connect with local organizations and facilitate events. Opportunities are available every night of the week to all seniors living anywhere in Canada	This opportunity has been featured in many media outlets around the country due to their benevolent and innovative activities. This is a wonderful opportunity to work on your communication skills while checking in with a senior!
Habitat for Humanity	<a href="#">Habitat for Humanity Website</a>	Volunteer to help build a home, school, or community building. No construction skills are necessary!	This opportunity is great for your resume and builds teamwork skills. If you're someone who likes to stay active, this is the volunteer opportunity for you!
Neighborhood Network, Art Work for Seniors	<a href="#">Neighbourhood Network Website</a>	Draw a picture or create some homemade artwork to send to a senior in need. Volunteer hours will be provided for the appropriate time taken.	This fantastic opportunity provides a simple approach to express creativity in a leisurely way from the comfort of your home. It is an easy means to earn a couple hours with little commitment. Knowing you are serving your local senior community in a tangible and personal manner makes earning volunteer hours even more joyfully gratifying!
Neighborhood Network	<a href="#">Neighbourhood Network Website</a>	<a href="#">Current Volunteer Opportunities</a>	This opportunity has events in various locations in the GTA, so no matter where you live, there is an opportunity near by!
Reach for the Stars	<a href="#">Reach for the Stars Website</a>	Reach for the Stars will match you with students to tutor. Tutoring subjects include both current curriculum and AP-classes.	Tutoring students is a great addition to your resume and will build your communication and leadership skills.
Snow Angels Canada	<a href="#">Snow Angels Canada Website</a>	Snow shoveling for local neighbors for volunteer hours.	A great opportunity to get hours! Website is simple and straight to the point. Contact through the website to sign up!
TAG Volunteer Program	<a href="#">Aurora Public Library Website</a>	The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is a committee in which members contribute ideas and opinions for the Aurora Public Library YA programs and collections.	This opportunity is great because it gives youth the opportunity to have their voice heard and implement change in their community.
Walk to End ALS	<a href="#">ALS Website</a>	Volunteer as a Social Media Coordinator by managing social media pages, promoting	A virtual opportunity that can build on your leadership skills and you get to connect with Seniors who made be facing loneliness during these unprecedented times.

		fundraisers and attending committee meetings.	
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## Scholarship Opportunities

Table 2 Scholarship Opportunities

Scholarship Name	How To Apply	Application Criteria	Scholarship Amount
RBC Future Launch Scholarship for Indigenous Youth	<p><a href="#">RBC Future Launch Scholarship Website</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fill out the application included on the website and answer the short answered question and essay section</li> </ul>	<p>You're a Status Indian, a Non-Status Indian, Inuit or Metis and meet these criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent Resident or Citizen of Canada</li> <li>You've applied or are currently attending an accredited post second institution in Canada</li> <li>Maintain a full course load that leads to a recognized degree, certificate or diploma</li> <li>You require financial assistance to pursue your education</li> </ul>	<p>Award Value: \$10,000 per academic year for up to four years Deadline: January 5, 2022</p>
Lincoln M. Alexander Award	<p><a href="#">Lincoln M. Alexander Award Website</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Award</li> <li>Community Award</li> </ul>	<p>Student Award:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominee must be a student at an Ontario high school</li> <li>Nominee must be planning to attend a post-secondary institution as a full-time student</li> <li>Nominee must be a resident of Ontario</li> </ul> <p>Community Award:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You cannot nominate yourself</li> <li>Be between the ages of 16 and 25 years old</li> <li>Submit a minimum of two signed testimonials from two different people (in addition to the nominator) who have direct knowledge of the nominee's achievements</li> </ul>	<p>Award value: \$5,000 Deadline: May 31, 2022</p>

### Disclaimer:

Please note the Town of Aurora does not endorse any specific organization, volunteer or scholarship opportunity listed above.