



# Municipality of the District of Chester

## ~ Youth Sponsorship ~

### Guidelines

The Youth Sponsorship Grant is intended to assist individuals, groups or teams, and those with a disability who have been successful with their artistic practice, sport or activity and who will be competing at a provincial, national or international event, competition or gallery exhibition. This grant helps to support our local artists, athletes and teams at a time when they have experienced a significant accomplishment and need additional funding in order to participate at a higher level of competition or exhibition.

#### Eligibility

- The applicant must be a non-profit, volunteer organization that acts as the sponsor, or where the recipient is the applicant, the recipient shall be registered with an organized community group.
- The recipient must reside in the Municipality of the District of Chester.
- The recipient must be age 25 or under and presently attending school, regular or post-secondary, part-time and/or full-time.
- Persons of any age with a disability are eligible.
- The recipient must have won their way and/or have been selected to attend a recognized sanctioned Provincial, National or International level event, competition, or gallery exhibition (this includes Maritime, Atlantic and East Coast events and programs).
- All artistic practices are eligible for funding.
- Cheques shall be made payable to the organization, event, association, school or gallery.
- Individuals, groups or teams that have been selected to attend an event, competition, or gallery exhibition must demonstrate significant achievement or have received distinguished recognition in their artistic practice, sport or activity.

We welcome and encourage applications from individuals and groups who have historically faced barriers, including:

- Indigenous peoples
- African Nova Scotians and Black communities
- Racialized individuals of Asian, Latin American, Middle Eastern, or mixed racial descent
- 2SLGBTQ+ communities
- Persons with disabilities
- Persons living with mental illness

#### Ineligible Activities

School related trips or activities are not eligible for funding.

Training, training camps or skill development workshops are not eligible for funding.

### **Application Procedure**

- Applicants must complete the Youth Sponsorship Application form for the event they are requesting compensation. Form needs to be submitted before the event.
- There is no application deadline.
- Applications must include a budget showing expected revenues and expenditures.
- If families have questions about the application form or would like to receive assistance in completing the form, please contact the Recreation & Parks Director at 902-275-3490 or by email at [recreation@chester.ca](mailto:recreation@chester.ca).
- Successful applicants are asked to submit a brief report after completion of the event to indicate outcomes and highlights of the experience.

### **Evaluation**

Applications will be reviewed using the following criteria:

- Grant criteria have been met.
- The team, group or individual has shown a financial need for grant funding.
- Evidence of fundraising efforts (these are funding sources other than the Municipality of Chester).

### **Funding**

- Individuals, teams, or groups are eligible for a maximum of \$2,000.
- Support will be distributed as widely as possible among the successful applicants.

Note: The amount of grant funding available is limited. Council reserves the right to approve funding amounts lower than requested. Council also reserves the right to reject any grant application, regardless of whether the criteria have been met.