



Youth Education and Employment Fund

Who is Communities Building Youth Futures?

Communities Building Youth Futures Oxford County (CBYF) is a youth-led initiative focused on improving high-school graduation rates and youth outcomes in Oxford County. Our team is a collaborative consisting of local youth who sit on our Youth Innovators, and Community Allies representatives from youth-serving organizations in our community.

Community Ally member organizations currently include:

- Canadian Mental Health Thames Valley Addiction & Mental Health Service
- Children's Aid Society of Oxford County
- Community Employment Services
- Community Options for Justice
- Fanshawe College
- Fusion Youth Centre
- Leads Employment Services
- Oxford County
- Social Planning Council Oxford
- Southwestern Public Health
- Tillsonburg Multi-Service Centre
- Thames Valley District School Board
- London District Catholic School Board
- Wellkin Child & Youth Mental Wellness

Who/what is eligible to receive funding?

This fund is meant to reduce/address any barriers to youth in Oxford County achieving their goals for education and/or employment *as a result of financial need*. Items applied to receiving funding for must support the youth with either:

- a) Graduating high school AND/OR;
- b) Having a successful transition into post-secondary education, apprenticeship and/or employment

The funds are restricted to youth between the ages of 15 and 30 years old.

Some examples of financial barriers that may be covered by this fund include but are not limited to:

- Health and wellbeing needs, such as optometrist/dentist appointments, prescription eye glasses, uncovered medicines, etc.
- Transportation needed to get to and from a volunteer or co-op opportunity (e.g. bus passes and/or cab rides)
- Mandatory school equipment, such as a scientific calculator, clothing/shoes for physical education, etc. that cannot be provided by the school
- Mandatory work uniforms, such as work boots or scrubs that are not covered by employers or employment service agencies
- Grocery store gift cards to assist youth struggling to focus in school due to food insecurity
- Costs associated with Indigenous cultural engagement such as transportation to events and participation fees

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Application Process

1. If an adult support person is submitting an application on behalf of a youth, the youth must be aware of and consenting to this application being submitted.
2. The youth themselves or an adult support/service provider emails the application to CBYF Youth Intern Athina Zournatzidou at athina@spcoxford.ca
 - Service providers and adult supports include but are not limited to social workers, counsellors, case managers, teachers, principals, librarians, coaches, employers, religious leaders, support workers
3. Once the application is received, it will be reviewed by a subcommittee of CBYF who have signed a confidentiality agreement. There will be an ongoing intake of applications and applications will be reviewed weekly.
4. The CBYF Youth Intern will contact the applicant to inform them of whether their application has been approved and of the next steps.
5. If approved, the CBYF team will arrange for the purchase of whatever was required by the individual and arrange for drop-off.

Financial Considerations

The maximum amount to be provided is \$500 per application. The applicant must indicate there is a financial need for the item on the application for the youth that they are applying for. **Proof of income is not required, however proof of purchase receipts needs to be provided.**

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