

# Ryrie Vandewater YMCA Leadership Scholarship

## APPLICATION PACKAGE

The Ryrie Vandewater YMCA Leadership Scholarship recognizes the contributions camp leaders make in building a healthier community through the power of belonging. This scholarship will help a YMCA camp leader reach their potential in post-secondary education through financial support. This scholarship is in memory of Ryrie Vandewater, a former Big Cove YMCA Camp Counsellor whose gentle nature positively impacted so many youth at Big Cove YMCA Camp.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Age 18-29 years.
- Enrolled in a Post-Secondary Institution for the upcoming Fall Semester.
- Currently employed at Big Cove YMCA Camp.

**All** the following are required for your application to be considered.

1. Applicant's information form completed in full.
2. Two letters of reference. One must be from a YMCA representative (staff person, board member, or volunteer).
3. Official Proof of Registration for the upcoming term. \*
4. Description of YMCA involvement (as a volunteer, program participant and/or employee).
5. Description of community involvement.
6. Power of Belonging – This can be in the form of an essay (800 words maximum), a video (3 minute maximum), a podcast (3 minute maximum), a piece of art – be creative!

*\* Item 3 may not be available when submitting your application, if not please contact [emily.easey@halifax.ymca.ca](mailto:emily.easey@halifax.ymca.ca).*

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

### Applications can be emailed to:

[emily.easey@halifax.ymca.ca](mailto:emily.easey@halifax.ymca.ca)

**OR** you can mail your application and documents to:

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

YMCA Ryrie Vanderwater Scholarship

c/o YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth

5657 Spring Garden Rd, Suite 700

Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3R4

Attention: Emily Easey

**NO LATE SUBMISSIONS OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**Ryrie Vanderwater Leadership Scholarship**

# **YMCA Ryrie Vandewater Leadership Scholarship**

## **Application Information Form**

### **1. Please complete this application information in full:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date (DD/MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Please attach TWO letters of reference.**

☐ Yes, attached.

**3. Official Proof of Registration for the upcoming term.**

Please attach your official proof of registration into a minimum of three full credits from the established post secondary institution that you will be attending for the upcoming fall term (available from the Registrar's Office).

☐ Yes, attached.

☐ Unable to provide at this time; will submit by application deadline.

*If possible, please provide a contact for your institution.*

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Registrar Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Please describe your YMCA involvement** through employment, volunteering and/or participation in YMCA programs. Please clearly indicate the timeframes [month(s)/year(s)] and roles you have played at our YMCA (YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth). *(point form format accepted)*

**5. Please describe your roles relating to community involvement** that you have assumed, other than with the YMCA. Please clearly indicate the timeframes [month(s)/year(s)] and roles. *(point form format accepted)*

**6. Power of Belonging project** - this can be in the form of an essay (800 words maximum), a video (3 minute maximum), a podcast (3 minute maximum), a piece of art - be creative! Your task is to demonstrate how you can build a healthier, more inclusive community, by championing the Purpose of the YMCA: Building healthier communities through the Power of Belonging.