



# Christopher Cutler

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Developing leaders. Advancing peace.



**“We need to ensure our children learn that the world can be a just place and that each and every one of them has purpose.”**

– Christopher Cutler

**Christopher Cutler** was a champion of the YMCA's mission with a deep understanding of the important role YMCA programs play to level the playing field for people of all ages.

Chris began his career at the YMCA Youth Employment Services in Burlington as a Job Developer/Employment Counsellor in 1992. When the opportunity arose to expand YMCA employment services in Hamilton, Chris took on the challenge and was promoted to Manager of Hamilton Employment Programs. Over his 13 years at the YMCA, Chris played a key role in the development, implementation and expansion of employment services, including the establishment of the Employment Services office on Main Street East in Hamilton, as well as the Career Cruiser, a mobile career centre that brought employment services directly to neighbourhoods and partners who needed them most.

Beyond his commitment to his work in the community, Chris is remembered as a person who deeply cared about others, his colleagues, the community, and especially children and youth who need assistance.

Chris believed strongly in seeding the roots of peace in young people – a passion that will be carried on through the Christopher Cutler Youth Development Scholarship in his memory.

Two awards will be presented to deserving young people in support of their leadership development, training or education, to help them reach their potential.

### Funding

Seed funding for the Christopher Cutler Youth Development Scholarship is generously supported by Fluke Transport, TRIO Capital Group Inc., Royal Bank of Canada, Lou Frapporti and The Joyce Family Foundation.

The YMCA invites youth from Hamilton to apply for a scholarship of \$1,000 in support of the applicant's education and career development. Youth must be referred by their school guidance counsellor or a YMCA staff member.

### Eligibility

Applicants must demonstrate:

- Financial need
- Strong desire to want to help build a better world
- Positive attitude that inspires others
- Endurance to overcome obstacles

**Note:** Scholarship will be awarded to recipients only.

# Application Information

All applications must be submitted online at [YMCAHBB.CA](http://YMCAHBB.CA).  
PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.



**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026**

## Section A: General Information

- First and Last Name of Applicant/ Recipient
- Address, City, Postal Code
- Phone Number
- Email
- Date of Birth

## Section B: Current Education

- School Name
- Graduation Date
- Academic Average
- Post-secondary interest
- Copy of school transcript

## Section C: Future Education

- Top 3 post-secondary institutions of interest
- Program/Field of Study
- Minimum Academic Requirement

## Section D: Employment, Volunteer or Co-op Experience

- List 3 employment or volunteer roles applicant has held
- Name of organization/company
- Description of role or duties

## Section E: Applicant Questions

- Outline in detail your education and career goals.
- Describe your extracurricular activities in any of the following areas and include the time committed per month:
  - Community – leadership in skills used in school or community, special projects, etc...
  - Interest and hobbies – sports, clubs, special projects, etc...
  - Home and employment – family and household responsibilities, part time job, etc...
- How will this scholarship support your ability to pay for your education?
- What obstacles have you encountered and how have you overcome them.
- Describe an activity or project that you have worked on in the past year that has made a positive difference in your community.
- What would you like to do to change the world for the better?

## Section F: Declaration and Reference

- Applicant name and signature
- Parent/Guardian name and signature
- Name and contact information of the referring guidance counsellor or YMCA staff
- Reference letter from referring guidance counsellor, teacher or YMCA staff (250 words maximum), in answer to: Why do you feel this individual is deserving of the Christopher Cutler Youth Development Scholarship?

**Do you have a question?**

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