



YMCA of the National Capital Region
Wilda Phillips Leadership Bursary Fund

Application 2025



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APPLICATION

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The *Wilda Phillips Leadership Bursary Fund* was established in 2006 by the YMCA of the National Capital Region in recognition of Wilda's leadership and immeasurable contributions to the Y. Throughout her career, she demonstrated and applied the Y's values in her work. Her commitment, passion and considerable skills were always directed to making the YMCA of the National Capital Region the best organization possible in both our local and national communities.

Sadly, Wilda passed away on September 4, 2020. This fund will continue to honour her incredible ability to achieve significant personal and professional success, without compromising her focus on people or her cherished values. One of her greatest achievements was her ability to identify, nurture and cultivate leadership in others. It is in this spirit the *Wilda Phillips Leadership Bursary Fund* was established upon her retirement.

Purpose and Objectives:

The fund will award a \$1,000 bursary to assist YMCA staff in pursuing further education, professional development, or other training that supports their career growth. Preference will be given to staff whose chosen program is directly aligned with their career path, particularly in program areas critical to the YMCA's work.

It is our hope that this opportunity will help identify and encourage future leaders who embody the values of the YMCA in their work. This bursary also advances the YMCA of the National Capital Region's mission of developing leaders and engaging staff in lifelong learning and growth.

Application Process:

Eligible applicants must submit a this completed application form, and meet the following requirements:

- Be a full-time or part-time staff member of the YMCA of the National Capital Region.
- Have completed at least two years of service with the YMCA.
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to YMCA values in their work.
- Actively engage in community development through the YMCA and/or other community initiatives.
- Provide supporting documentation for the proposed education or training (e.g., course/program description, proof of enrollment, or transcripts where applicable).

Applications will be evaluated by a Y Selection Committee comprised of Y leadership volunteers and the President and CEO of the YMCA of the National Capital Region. The number of bursaries awarded in any given year will be determined by the funds available. Only one bursary may be awarded to an individual for the duration of their studies. The bursary recipient(s) will be informed of their selection in November with an award presentation and public announcement to follow.

APPLICATION FORM

Wilda Phillips Leadership Bursary Fund

(Please print)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Email Address (to confirm receipt of application): _____

Y branch/area in which I work: _____

My job title: _____

My supervisor is: _____

1.Course or Training Details

- Name of course/program/training:

- Institution or provider:

- Duration of course/training:

- Cost of course/training:

Please describe how this course or training will support your professional growth at the YMCA and help you *Shine On* in your role:

(Attach course description or supporting documentation.)

2. Career Aspirations

Please share your career aspirations — either at the YMCA or in another field — and explain how this bursary and the training you are pursuing will help you move toward those goals.

3. YMCA Values

Please describe how you demonstrate the YMCA values of Excellence, Compassion, Dignity, Accountability and Inclusion in your work at the Y or in the community.

4. Work Experience

Please list your most recent employment (YMCA or other).

Employer	Type of Work	Length
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5. Education:

Name of secondary school last attended: _____

Year graduated/graduating: _____

If you are already attending a post-secondary school, please indicate the school:

Your last year completed: _____

* please attach transcript from 1 your last full year of school along with your most recent mid-term report if applicable.

6. Declaration

I understand that the information submitted in and with this application will be used to assess my eligibility for a bursary. I certify that all the information provided in this application is true, accurate and complete. If I am a successful candidate, I give permission for my name and photo to be used in YMCA of the National Capital Region promotional materials and I will do my best to accommodate an in person meeting to accept the bursary.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date submitted: _____

7. Supervisor Endorsement

This section is to be completed by the applicant's supervisor.

I confirm that I am aware of this application and support the applicant's request for a bursary through the Wilda Phillips Leadership Fund.

Supervisor's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Application forms and all supporting documentation must be submitted by
Friday, October 24, 2025 to:**

Wilda Phillips Leadership Bursary Fund

c/o YMCA of the National Capital Region

180 Argyle Avenue

Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1B7

Attn: Marianne Long

If you have any questions, please call Marianne Long at 613.237.1320 ext. 5155 or email:
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