



Muskoka Environment Fund: 2024 Youth Summit for Mother Earth

The Muskoka Community Foundation (MCF) is pleased to sponsor a representative from Muskoka to attend the 2024 Youth Summit for Mother Earth taking place September 13–15, 2024 at the Tawingo Outdoor Centre in Huntsville.

Run for youth by youth, the **2024 Youth Summit for Mother Earth** will offer a unique cross-cultural event with opportunities for young Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders to connect, participate in educational workshops, and take part in a weekend of outdoor fun and learning. The Summit will provide an opportunity to join hands-on workshops and seminars with Knowledge Holders, Elders, environmental leaders, youth peers and other experts. In addition, participants will be able to build relationships with other youth, event partners, experts and leaders from across Ontario as well as foster knowledge and skills gained at the Summit to share in their communities. To learn more about the Summit please visit [Youth Summit - Ontario Nature](#).

A sponsorship of \$450 covers the hard costs of participating in the summit, including accommodations, meals, speakers, workshops, materials, event coordination, and additional costs associated with reducing barriers for youth participation (e.g., travel). **Payment for registration to the event will be made directly to Ontario Nature on behalf of the successful applicant.**

Eligibility

- Applicants must be between the ages of 14 and 20.
- Must reside within the District of Muskoka
- Applicants under the age of 18 at the time of applying must have the consent of a parent or guardian.
- Approval of a grant by MCF does not commit the Foundation to future funding.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be accepted from April 22 – May 31, 2024 by 4pm. Successful applicants will be notified by June 21st.

Please e-mail your completed and signed application to Lynn DeCaro, Executive Director, at info@muskokacommunityfoundation.ca. Please add “Youth Summit Sponsorship Application” as your subject line.

Applicants must submit the following documents with their application:

1. The completed and signed application form
2. Complete questions 1-6 and attach to your application or 1 video and attach to your application.
 - If submitting as a video, please upload onto YouTube as an unlisted video and include the link in your application or upload the video onto Google Drive or OneDrive and include the link in your application.

By signing the application, the applicant expressly acknowledges and consents to release of information as required by MCF regarding applications received, decisions made and other matters relating to the granting process and in accordance with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act.

The Muskoka Community Foundation will acknowledge that your application has been received and will contact you if additional information is required. All applications will be reviewed by the Muskoka Community Foundation Grant Review Committee and given final approval by the Muskoka Community Foundation Board of Directors. All decisions are final and not subject to review.

Questions 1-6 are to be answered *individually*, (ie: itemized), on a separate piece of paper and attached to your application. Optionally, questions 1-6 may be answered and submitted in a recorded video no more than three minutes long.

1. Tell us about yourself, and your interest in the environment. *We are looking for a short narrative about you, and your interest in the environment.*
2. Have you, or do you currently have a job (full/part-time) or a volunteer position that is related to environmental conservation, protection or education? If so, please expand on your duties and experience.
3. Do you belong to any school clubs that have a focus on the environment, environmental justice or leadership? If so, please expand on the activities that your club engages in and your role in the club.
4. Are you currently pursuing, or do you plan on pursuing a post-secondary diploma or degree with a focus on the environment? If so, please elaborate further on the program you are currently enrolled in or are interested in pursuing.
5. How will attending the 2024 Youth Summit for Mother Earth impact you personally?
6. How will attending the 2024 Youth Summit for Mother Earth have an impact in your community?

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant	
Date of Birth	
Address	
Phone Number	
Signature	
Date	
Name of Parent or Guardian if under 18 years of age	
Address	
Phone Number	
Signature	
Date	