

The Youth Mentoring Leadership Forum in conjunction with the National Mentoring Symposium 2016

Banff, Alberta
November 2-4, 2016

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Are you passionate about mentoring? Would you like to have your voice heard by mentoring experts from across Canada and the United States? The National Mentoring Symposium is looking for engaged, enthusiastic youth who would like to have a say in what the future of mentoring should look like in Canada!

Overview of the Forum

The National Mentoring Symposium 2016 will bring together mentor engaging organizations, leading mentoring researchers, government, youth and community supporters to showcase innovative partnerships, practices, programs and research. Through keynote addresses, small group discussions and a broad program of activities, participants will have the opportunity to connect with peers and set the stage for continued success in mentoring initiatives across the country. The Symposium will take place on November 2-4, 2016 at the Rimrock Hotel in Banff, Alberta.

In conjunction with the Symposium, 35 youth from around Canada will have the opportunity to come together for a Youth Mentoring Leadership Forum. Participants will engage in learning and discussion, interact with Symposium attendees, meet other youth who are active in mentoring across the country and deliver a presentation on how they intend to impact mentoring in their communities. **There is an expectation that following the Forum the youth will continue to be champions, advocates and to help move mentoring forward in their communities.**

All costs of travel and conference attendance will be covered for the youth selected to attend the Forum. Supervision will be provided by adults who are partners with the Alberta Mentoring Partnership. There will be three female and three male adults with the students.

How to Apply

If you are between 16 and 22 years of age and are interested in attending the Youth Forum, please send the completed application form, declaration of consent and letter of recommendation to the following address by the June 10, 2016:

Mike Cooper
10982-137 Street NW
Edmonton, Alberta, T5M 1N3
Tel: (780) 454-7251
Email: mikecooper06@gmail.com

Note: Information can be sent electronically to mikecooper06@gmail.com or mailed to the above address. Alternatively, you can contact the Alberta Mentoring Partnership at 780-394-9426 or toll free at 1-888-342-6514.

Deadline for submission of application is June 10, 2016

Application Form

National Mentoring Symposium Youth Forum

Please print clearly.

Note: you can do this form electronically or hand written.

Date: _____

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** (YYYY/MM/DD) _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Alternate Phone Number:** _____

Email: _____

Do you have any medical or dietary concerns? Please list and explain.

Why are you interested in attending the Youth Mentoring Leadership Forum?

Are there mentoring programs running in your school and or community? Please tell a little about them if they are available.

What would you have to offer as a member of the Youth Forum? (i.e. interest and/or experience in mentoring, leadership experience, your strengths, community work, etc.)

What are some of the activities that you are involved in (e.g., mentoring programs, youth forums, school involvement, community work, volunteer work, youth groups, etc.)?

The Alberta Mentoring Partnership describes mentoring as: Mentoring is the presence of a caring individual who provides a young person with support, advice, friendship, reinforcement and constructive role modeling over time.

Please describe a mentoring situation you have been involved in either as a mentor or a mentee. Please share with us the impact of this experience.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself?

Would participation in the Youth Mentoring Leadership Forum interfere with other commitments you may currently be involved in?

Letter of Recommendation

Please include a letter of recommendation from a significant person in your life (e.g. community leader, mentor, teacher, coach, etc.).

This person's letter should include the following:

- Their relationship to you
- Why they believe you would be a suitable candidate to attend the Youth Mentoring Leadership Forum.
- Their full name, address and daytime phone number

Parent/Guardian Consent

Applicant's name: _____ Date of Birth: (YYYY/MM/DD) _____

Applicant's Signature Date: _____

Signature of Parent's/Guardian (If applicant is under 18 years of age) Date: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____ City/Town: _____

Postal Code: _____ Parent/Guardian Phone Number: Home: _____

Cell: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

AGREEMENT TO SUCCEED

As a participant of the National Mentoring Symposium: Youth Leadership Forum,

I, _____, understand and agree to the following:

In making this agreement, I will honour my commitment to the Youth Leadership Forum as a youth participant.

I agree to:

- Support fellow Youth Leadership Forum participants;
- Attend and be fully engaged in all sessions and extra-curricular activities in the formal program
- Give my best to all tasks and duties assigned to me as a Forum participant
- Respect the schedule and be on time for all sessions;
- Honour any rules and regulations set out on this page and by the chaperones;
- Appreciate others and their perspectives, even when I find it difficult;
- Ask staff when I have a question or need support, and most of all;
- **Have fun!!**

Additional Youth Forum Guidelines

- Alcohol and drug use will not be permitted at the Forum and any such actions constitute grounds for being sent home immediately
- Inappropriate behaviour that demonstrates a lack of respect for the venue, chaperones or other participants will not be accepted under any circumstances.

These agreements apply to all youth participants even if you are over 18. The agreements remain in effect for the entire duration of the Forum and your stay.

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Potential Youth Leadership Forum Participants:

The National Mentoring Symposium Youth Leadership Forum, takes place November 2 - 4, 2016 in Banff, Alberta at the Rimrock Resort Hotel. 30 youth from across the Canada (20 from Alberta) will have the opportunity to attend the conference to hear from experts in mentoring and share their vision on what the future of mentoring will look like. Below, please find information regarding the selection process, logistical arrangements and expectations for the Forum:

1. Applications must be completed and sent in by June 10, 2016. Please ensure all forms are completed along with the parent/guardian consent and letter of reference. Incomplete or late applications may not be considered.
2. A committee will review the applications and a confirmation e-mail will be sent on July 19 to the successful candidates. Please respond to the e-mail as soon as possible confirming your acceptance. Another e-mail will be sent notifying all applicants the selection process has been completed.
3. For those selected, all costs associated with travel, accommodation and conference attendance will be covered by a grant from our sponsor, the Alberta Government. Meals will be provided for the duration of the conference for all participants. Accommodation will be provided for out-of-town participants for the duration of the conference. Transportation will be provided via Greyhound bus, and where Greyhound is not available, flights will be arranged. Travel arrangements will be coordinated through the Coordinator of the Youth Forum, Mike Cooper.
4. All participants will be staying at the Rimrock Resort Hotel in Banff. www.rimrockresort.com
5. We ask that all participants respect the symposium dress code by dressing casually and conservatively for the duration of the program. We recommend jeans or pants and casual, suitable tops. We also recommend that participants may wish to bring swim gear (for the hot springs) as well as layered clothing and walking shoes for a recreational hike around the town.
6. We expect all participants to be on their best behaviour on the way to and from, and during, the Forum. If a student is not acting appropriately or is not respecting the Rimrock's policies and fails to heed repeated warnings from the chaperones, he or she will be asked to leave on the first available Greyhound bus or by personal transportation at their parents' or guardian's expense.
7. We also expect participants to attend and fully engage in all sessions and support their fellow attendees throughout the weekend. The Youth Leadership Forum will be a "dry" event for all youth participants and we thank all youth of legal drinking age for respecting this guideline during their stay.
8. One of the chaperones will host a Youth Forum hospitality suite where everyone can visit with each other after the formal program has concluded until 11:00pm.
9. November 1, 2016
 - a. Check-in at the Rimrock Resort will take place from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. Please inform Mike Cooper as soon as possible if you are anticipating a later arrival and arrangements will be made.
 - b. Youth will share a room with with other forum participants of similar gender and ages.
 - c. There will be an icebreaker activity planned during the evening (time TBS).
10. November 2-4, 2016. The National Mentoring Symposium <https://nmsevent.com/>
11. November 4, 2016
 - a. Closing session 9:00 to 10:30 am (Youth will present to all delegates!)
 - b. Box lunch provided
 - c. Youth depart for home as per travel arrangements. We understand some participants may need to leave early to accommodate transportation schedules.

12. There will be six adult chaperones with the students throughout the weekend (three male and three female), with the following three individuals available at all times: Mike Cooper (Coordinator Youth Forum), Jodi McKay (Big Brothers Big Sisters Calgary) and Caroline Missal (Alberta Education).

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Youth Forum Coordinator, Mike Cooper, at mikecooper06@gmail.com or at 780-994-7251. Alternatively, you can contact the Alberta Mentoring Partnership at 780-394-9426 or toll free at 1-888-342-6514.

The collection of personal information on this form is authorized under Section 8(1) of the *Government Organization Act* and is managed in compliance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Any questions regarding the collection and use of your personal information should be directed to the Alberta Mentoring Partnership, at (780) 394-9426 or toll free at 1-888-343-6514.

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