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YMAP Mentor Volunteer Position

Be the Spark! Join our passionate team and be the spark that ignites the potential in others. YMCA of Southwestern Ontario is one of the largest not-for-profit providers of licensed childcare in Canada, offers settlement services to newcomers to Canada, operates 2 overnight camps and 15 Health & Fitness branches across Southwestern Ontario, and we have been making a positive difference in the communities we serve for over 50 years!

Position: YMAP Mentor Volunteer Position

Location: 382 Waterloo St, London, ON N6B 2N8

Start Date: January 2025

YMAP: Mapping the Way for Newcomer Youth is a leadership and integration program for newcomer youth. Our goal is to support and guide newcomer youth to reach their full potential during their settlement journey.

The mentorship program will emphasize connecting youth with peer mentors who are pursuing college, university, or apprenticeship qualifications that align with the goals of newcomer youth in our program.

Mentors will engage with participants, YMCA staff, and other volunteers to build strong relationships. They will embody and promote the YMCA mission and core values, inspiring others to follow their example. Additionally, mentors will collaborate with program staff to ensure a positive and inclusive environment in all programs located in London, Sarnia and Windsor.

In this role, you will:

Duties

- Maintain regular communication with the Manager of YMAP and YMAP staff
- Complete all online trainings, program training, and WHY School
- Be an Ambassador for the YMCA
- Provide support to the participants as required
- Offer personalized guidance and support based on each student's program of study and interests



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- Contribute insights during roundtable discussions on academic programs, extracurricular activities, and student life
- Help youth cultivate essential skills for success in their postsecondary education
- Create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere that encourages questions and participation
- Commit to scheduling and meetings.
- Be committed to diversity, equity, inclusion and building a sense of belonging
- Attend mentorship sessions every Wednesday from 3:30 pm-5:30 pm from January 2025 – March 2025
- Embrace and exemplify the Y's core values

Education and Skills Qualifications:

- Original Criminal Record Check with a Vulnerable Sector Screening less than 6 months old for volunteers 18 years of age
- Genuinely Interested in being a part of the YMCA
- Experience working with youth is an asset
- Fun, Friendly and enthusiastic
- Positive role model
- Hardworking, dependable and a team player
- Must be a student currently pursuing post-secondary education (university, college, trade school) or recently graduated.
- Previous mentorship or peer support experience is an asset
- Experience with post-secondary extracurricular and community involvement preferred.
- Genuine interest in being a mentor

Why The Y?

The YMCA of Southwestern Ontario is committed to the development of healthy communities and welcomes people of all backgrounds, beliefs, and abilities. We are committed to helping our employees and volunteers reach their full potential and are recognized by Forbes as one of Canada's Top Employers. We offer meaningful opportunities to make a difference in the lives of individuals and families.

To Apply:

- Submit your cover letter, resume, and supporting documents via email to volunteer@swo.ymca.ca
- Include in your submission your specialized experience, and why you are the best candidate for this role. Please include the name of the position and location in your application.
- We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

NOTE: The YMCA of Southwestern Ontario is committed to providing a barrier-free environment for all stakeholders including our members/participants, employees, job applicants, suppliers, and any visitors who may enter our premises, access our information, or use our services. As an organization, we respect and



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uphold the requirements set forth under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005), and its associated standards and regulations.