



Youth Leadership Award

Prairieaction Foundation believes that young people have the power to make their schools, neighbourhoods, and communities safer places that are free of violence and abuse, and respectful to everyone. The Prairieaction Foundation Youth Leadership Award recognizes groups of young people from Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba who have demonstrated leadership and commitment to raising awareness about violence and abuse, promoting healthy relationships, and/or developing innovative approaches to violence prevention.

Eligibility for the Award

Youth groups from Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, consisting primarily of members between the ages 12 and 20 years inclusive, are eligible to be nominated for the Prairieaction Foundation Youth Leadership Award.

To be considered for the Award, the project, activity, or event initiated and/or carried out by the nominee group will have demonstrated leadership and commitment to raising awareness about violence and abuse, promoting healthy relationship, and/or developing innovative approaches to violence prevention.

Time-limited projects, activities, and events must have taken place in their entirety within three years of being nominated. If the project or activity is ongoing in nature, it must have commenced within the three years prior to being nominated to be eligible for the Award.

A youth group nominated but not selected to receive the Award may be nominated again for the same project, activity, or event providing the nomination is made within the allowed time period.

Youth groups selected to receive the Prairieaction Foundation Youth Leadership Award may not be nominated in subsequent years for their award-winning project, activity, or event, but may be nominated for a new initiative that meets the criteria.

Award Nomination and Grant Application Process

Eligible youth groups must be nominated by someone other than a member of their group. Those making nominations must complete Sections A, B and C of the nomination form and provide a reference (Section D). The nominator and the reference must have direct knowledge of the youth group being nominated, the project, activity, or event undertaken, and the resulting outcome or impact. Either the nominator or the reference must be 21 years old or older.

In addition, an adult representative of the nominated youth group must consent to the nomination (Section E).

Each youth group chosen to receive the Award will be given the opportunity to access up to \$3,000 to continue, expand, or duplicate their award-winning project, activity, or event, or to initiate a new project, activity, or event. The adult representative of the nominated youth group may complete Section F to apply for the \$3,000 grant.

The deadline for receiving nominations and grant applications is November 30th.

The completed nomination package may be scanned and emailed to info@prarieaction.ca or mailed to:

Youth Leadership Award Committee
Prairieaction Foundation
#300, 2303 - 4th Street SW
Calgary, AB
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Award Selection

Successful nominees will have shown exceptional leadership and commitment in formulating, developing, and completing a project, activity, or event that raises awareness about violence and abuse, promotes healthy relationships, and/or demonstrates an innovative approach to violence prevention.

Recipients of the Award and successful grant applicants will be chosen by a committee made up of members of the Prairieaction Foundation Board of Directors. The Lieutenant Governor of each province will endorse the final recipients in their respective province.

Notification to Award and Grant Recipients

Notification that a group has been selected to receive the Prairieaction Foundation Youth Leadership Award, directed to the youth group representative, will be provided by March 1st. Notification regarding Award recipients' grant applications will follow.

Recognition of Award Recipients

Each group recipient of the *Prairieaction* Foundation Youth Leadership Award will be recognized formally by their province's Lieutenant Governor. They will each receive a certificate commemorating their commitment and accomplishment as leaders in raising awareness about violence and abuse, promoting healthy relationships, and/or developing innovative approaches to violence prevention.

When possible, the Award will be presented by the Lieutenant Governor and/or a *Prairieaction* Foundation representative.

The previous year's Award recipients, along with a reminder of the deadline for nominations, will be announced at the RESOLVE Conference in October.

Publicity for the Award

Prairieaction Foundation respects the confidentiality of individuals and groups. Details and media describing the leadership project, activity, or event undertaken may be used in public announcements and/or promotions, and on the websites of *Prairieaction* Foundation, the Lieutenant Governors, and governments of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. All requests for privacy will be respected.

