CNIB National Youth Council Leadership Award Application Form

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# **About the Award**

The National Youth Council believes it is important to recognize youth who are blind and partially sighted and are reaching above and beyond to make a difference in their community, province, or country. The Council would like to acknowledge the accomplishments of these leaders by offering an opportunity for them to share their impact. The person who shows the greatest leadership that reflects the National Youth Council's mission and vision statements will be granted the Leadership Award.

Once a recipient has been selected, their accomplishments will be shared on CNIB's social media. The recipient of the Leadership Award will be given a $1,000 monetary prize to recognize their accomplishments.

# **Eligibility**

To be considered for the Leadership Award, applicants must be a youth with sight loss, between 15 and 30 years of age and be reaching above and beyond to make a difference in their community, province, or country. Applicants may be self-referred or nominated by someone else.

# **Criteria**

* The nominee is between 15 and 30 years of age at the time of this application.
* The nominee will have lived experience with sight loss.
* The nominee will have demonstrated through volunteer work that they are committed to changing what it means to be blind today.
* The nominee demonstrates exceptional leadership skills, a commitment to the well-being of others, and contributes to creating a positive, respectful environment.

# **How to apply or nominate someone**

The National Youth Council requires a complete application package from interested candidates and nominators that includes full contact info, a personal statement (for self-referrals), and a letter of reference. This material must be submitted to nationalyouthcouncil@cnib.ca by **July 3, 2024.**

# **Application Form – Option A: Self-Referral**

## **Contact Information**

Full Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

## **Personal Statement**

For your personal statement, please describe what leadership means to you and give specific examples of events in your life when you have shown leadership (see potential prompts below). Attach your personal statement submission as a separate Word document. The personal statement should be accessible and be a maximum of 1,500 words.

Prompts:

* What does being a leader mean to you?
* How have you used your knowledge and leadership skills to make a positive difference in your community?
* Describe two or three goals that you are working to accomplish in the next 1-3 years.
* What steps are you taking, or planning to take, to reach these goals?
* How do you think your story, experiences, and actions can inspire other young people?

## **Letter of Reference**

Attach a letter of reference that supports the information in your personal statement. Reference cannot be a family member or friend and must be in an accessible format.

**The CNIB National Youth Council thanks you for your submission**

# **Application Form – Option B: Nomination of youth**

## **Contact Information**

**Nominators Information**

Nominators Name:

Nominators Title/Organization:

Nominators Address:

Nominators Phone Number:

Nominators Email:

Your relationship to the applicant (cannot be family or friend):

**Candidates Information**

Candidates Name:

Candidates Date of Birth:

Candidates Address:

Candidates Phone Number:

Candidates Email:

Does the youth know you are nominating him/her for this award? Yes / No:

## **Letter of Reference**

Attach a letter of reference that illustrates the character, personal traits and leadership of the applicant. Reference must be in an accessible format.

**The CNIB National Youth Council thanks you for your submission.**