

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

# SVP TEENS GRANT OPPORTUNITY



## **SVP TEENS**

SVP Teens is a youth-led philanthropic program in the Waterloo Region that engages youth ages 12-18 in community development, fundraising, and grant-making. We aim to engage young people in philanthropy and instill in them the desire to continue to give and get involved in their community throughout the rest of their lives. Through September to June, teens organize fundraisers such as personal challenges, silent auctions, food and clothing drives, bake sales etc., for their grant.

In SVP Teens, members learn how to fundraise, visit local charities, evaluate grant proposals, and develop meaningful connections with the community and each other. Together, the teens decide on the issues to focus on and award.

## **SVPWR**

SVP Teens is a youth program of Social Venture Partners Waterloo Region (SVPWR), founded in 2010. Social Venture Partners (SVP) is a global network founded in 1997 with more than 3,500 partners and 40 affiliates around the world. SVP Waterloo Region is a network of people who care about their community who pool their time, talent, and financial resources to enrich Waterloo Region's social sector. SVP Teens aims to mirror the philanthropic spirit and investment process of SVP.

## GIVING FOCUS & CRITERIA

Please note that the SVP Teens grant is geared towards organizations involving programs serving youth within the Waterloo Region. We will consider both new and existing programs. Religious organizations are allowed to apply as long as the program serves anyone, regardless of religious affiliation.

Organizations must be registered charities based in Waterloo Region with the majority of their services focused within the region. Organizations may serve a specific geographical area within the region, or the Waterloo Region at large.

## Application

Grant applications will be received through our Decision Hub form until 12:00 AM on April 1, 2024.

Applications will be reviewed by SVP Teens and a short list of candidates will be selected. One organization will be selected in June 2024 as the grant recipient. They will receive a grant that is anticipated to be \$3,000 to \$5,000, to be used for program specific funding. The final amount is yet to be determined as SVP Teens will continue to fundraise throughout the spring.

## Follow-Up and Interviews

Applications are read, reviewed, scored, and discussed at length. Criteria may include:

- Mission/ program alignment
- Fit with giving focus
- Financial health/ funding sources
- Innovation
- Measurability

Short-listed organizations will be asked to come to a SVP Teens meeting at Communitech (151 Charles St W Suite 100, Kitchener, ON N2G 1H6) to present a short pitch about their organization. This is an opportunity for the teens to get to know the organizations and their programs, ask questions, and interact with them.

## Important Dates

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| <b>MARCH 1</b>  | Application opens                           |
| <b>MARCH 31</b> | Application closes                          |
| <b>APRIL</b>    | Shortlist selected, all applicants notified |
| <b>MAY</b>      | Interviews (shortlisted candidates)         |
| <b>JUNE</b>     | Grant recipient announced                   |

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