



## Summer Service Fund

### Purpose of the Fund

Ottawa Mennonite Church encourages youth and young adults to engage in voluntary service and camp counseling during the summer months. These experiences can help enrich students' lives and provide valuable service and leadership skills. The church, in turn, benefits from their experience when they return to serve in various ways. Further, these activities make a significant contribution to other youth and people in need in our community and beyond. The fund affirms the value of voluntary service to the community and provides OMC youth with evidence of the congregation's support for their work.

The financial assistance offered by the church is not intended to replace a summer job. Rather, it is meant as a statement of support to encourage youth and young adults to consider Christian volunteer work as an alternative to summer employment. The summer service fund is a designated fund and is supported by voluntary donations from the congregation. It is not part of the OMC budget.

### Terms of the Fund and Application Process

1. The Education Committee administers the summer service fund and will publicize the availability of summer service funding early in each calendar year.
2. This fund is intended for youth and young adults who are currently active in the life of OMC.
3. Summer service funding is available to youth and young adults engaged in a service assignment with a Mennonite camp, Mennonite Central Committee or Mennonite Church Eastern Canada programs, or other Christian camps and service programs approved at the discretion of the Education Committee.
4. The maximum supported length of service is nine weeks per year. Applications should be submitted to the Education Committee coordinator as soon as applicants have confirmation of their acceptance for a summer service assignment. The Education Committee will review the application and contact the candidate.
5. The OMC treasurer will send funds to each applicant approved by the Education Committee.
6. Funding allocation is based on level of education completed, as follows:

#### *Weekly Rate Category*

\$80.00	Two years of high school remaining
\$90.00	One year of high school remaining
\$110.00	High school
\$120.00	One year of post-secondary
\$140.00	Two or more years of post-secondary

Note: The actual amount of assistance per applicant will be determined by dividing the amount available in the fund on September 1, by the number of applicants, and prorating according to these categories.





## Summer Service Fund Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Education level completed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(ex. Grade, high school graduate, 1 or 2 years post-secondary)

### Volunteer Position Details

Name of Mennonite organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of planned service assignment: \_\_\_\_\_

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Duration of planned service assignment: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit completed applications to the Education Committee coordinator,  
Jane Hilliard ([jehilliard1@gmail.com](mailto:jehilliard1@gmail.com)).

