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Calgary Foundation's Youth Council is comprised of high school and university students aged 13-20 (with flexibility). Each year, the council focuses on a self-selected topic affecting Calgarians and hosts public discussions with Calgary non-profits and independent community advocates to critically analyze the chosen community challenge, current approaches, obstacles, and potential avenues to support non-profit activity. The group meets 1-2 times per month for a school year, typically on weekday evenings.

### **Purpose:**

Calgary Foundation's Youth Council Aims to:

1. Educate members and engage youth about the challenges Calgarians and non-profits face and the strengths they bring to our community.
2. Inspire youth to be philanthropists by sharing their own time and influence to amplify the work of community organizations and leaders.
3. Compile youth leadership projects by compiling research about the chosen community challenge and issue the council's year-end report, which will be shared with Calgary Foundation's Board and Leadership and made available publicly.

### **Member Responsibilities:**

- Attend at least 60% of meetings to retain member status (assessed annually)
- Support the youth council's mission (with support) in either facilitating monthly meetings, collaborating on the youth council's monthly newsletter and year-end report, or developing a community project. We will work with you to choose a role that you are comfortable filling.

### **Member benefits:**

- Hear first-hand from non-profits and charities who are delivering valuable services and strengthening Calgary's social fabric
- Hone your communication, collaborative, research, and leadership skills by organizing, leading, or acting as scribe for our monthly public meetings with Calgary non-profits and community leaders.

- Invitations for Calgary Foundation events and meetings.
- Potential invitations to represent the Calgary Foundation at exclusive external events with potential networking opportunities and other immersive experiences.
- Opportunities to lead community projects with potential Calgary Foundation support.
- Meet and connect with like-minded youth leaders at council meetings and events.

### **Accessibility:**

- We strive to make the Calgary Foundation Youth Council a youth-led, inclusive, and anti-oppressive space. We are happy to make accessibility accommodations – please reach out to discuss how we can help!

### **How to Apply:**

- We accept new members at any time of the year
- Submit a short description (250-words max or a one-minute video) about why you want to join the youth council. This could be about an issue that matters to you, such as mental health stigma, or a leadership project you would like to explore! No previous experience or research necessary.
- Once we review your application, a staff member will get back to you to discuss the Youth Council, any accessibility needs, and how we can ensure the council is a supportive environment for you!

The Foundation has committed to active reconciliation in accordance with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) 94 calls to action and United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) as an important and integrated part of our culture. In addition, Calgary Foundation is on a journey of establishing a culture of racial equity focused on the proactive counteraction of race inequities, both inside and outside the organization. Our reconciliation and racial equity journey is intentional, with meaningful participation from all team members both collaboratively and as individuals.