

# Baillie Volunteer Service Award



## Purpose

Often without acknowledgment or praise, many United Church young adults take seriously their Christian vocation to “care for the poor” and “visit the sick”. These young volunteers take the time to be with people in need, make the effort to be a blessing to their community and their world, and shape their busy schedules to include such worthwhile endeavours. Toronto United Church Council is making available awards of \$500 for such volunteers to assist with their financial needs for education, travel, and personal care. Nominations for the *Baillie Volunteer Service Award* will be received from United Church congregations and mission units.

## Recognizing service

The *Baillie Volunteer Service Award* is a way to thank volunteers for commitment and dedicated service to a ministry endeavour of a United Church congregation or mission unit. Young adult volunteers are recognized for continuous weekly or monthly commitment to a ministry endeavour or for an extraordinary commitment to a major one-time project. Examples are many and

may include such activities as visitation to or program leadership at a nursing home or hospital, working in a food bank or clothing centre, serving at an out-of-the-cold program, hands-on work to provide affordable housing, or participation in an overseas community project.

## Who is eligible?

The *Baillie Volunteer Service Award* is presented to young volunteers (15–35) whose work is characterized by the following:

- volunteer time given on an ongoing continuous basis in the previous 12 months to a social outreach endeavour supported or endorsed by a United Church congregation or mission unit.
- “extraordinary” leadership given in the previous 6 months to a major one-time social outreach project in the community or overseas.

The *Baillie Volunteer Service Award* is **not** eligible for the following:

- any activity for which payment has been received.
- membership and participation in the governance or normal business operations of the congregation, mission unit, or mission agency.
- services performed during the normal course of professional or business duties.

United Church congregations (via the church board) and mission units (via the Board of Directors) may

nominate one volunteer per calendar year. Since there are a limited number of awards, sponsoring bodies are asked to remind nominees that not all applications will be successful.

## How are recipients selected?

Toronto United Church Council has established a review group who will check to ensure criteria are met and nominees are deserving of recognition. Successful nominees and his/her nominating body will be acknowledged by letter. Recipients will be presented with a personalized certificate and a cash award of \$500 at an appropriate event involving the nominating congregation or mission unit. Recipients will be expected to grant permission for the use of their profile and photo in church-related promotion of this Award.

## What are the deadlines?

Up to fifteen *Baillie Volunteer Service Awards* will be available in each calendar year. Nominations are due annually on May 31st .



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## NOMINATION FORM

Personal information on this form will be used to determine eligibility and to notify recipients of the Baillie Volunteer Service Awards.

**Please print clearly and complete in full.**

**Additional copies of this form are available on our website: [www.tucc.ca](http://www.tucc.ca)**

### NOMINATING CONGREGATION OR MISSION UNIT

Name of Congregation or Mission Unit \_\_\_\_\_

#### Contact

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ Alt Telephone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

### NOMINEE FOR BAILLIE VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES *(Please attach additional pages if needed)*

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