

YMAP Program

YMAP is a free pre-registered program for high school youth and young adults who are newcomers to Canada. Previous participants of YMAP have included refugees, immigrants, international students and second-generation Canadians from more than 50 different countries. Through weekly after-school sessions and special events, YMAP youth work to develop essential skills that assist in a positive and healthy integration into Canada, while also maintaining and celebrating their cultures of origin. They engage in community work through volunteer and fundraising projects throughout the city. YMAP participants develop their leadership and teamwork skills in a weekly session with YMCA staff. Participants will learn about resume writing and job preparation, financial literacy, health and wellness, and life in Calgary. Through the program, field trips, and volunteer experiences, participants develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to make a positive impact in their communities.

Scholarship Impact

The YMAP Lou MacEachern Rotary Scholarship is awarded each year to YMAP participants in grade 12. YMCA Calgary organizes the application process for eligible youth and applications are then reviewed by a committee who selects the recipients. Applicants must be attending post-secondary school in the Fall and demonstrate financial need.

The YMAP Lou MacEachern Rotary Scholarship has been in place since 2006 and has supported 130 newcomer youth to date in achieving their educational aspirations. \$150,000 has been directly given to high school students in their pursuit of post-secondary education and provided them with financial support during a challenging transition in life.

For the past 21 years, this scholarship opportunity has empowered newcomer youth to focus on their education, aspirations, and future goals rather than the financial barriers associated with post-secondary studies. By reducing financial stress, students are better able to build a sense of belonging, strengthen community connections, and develop the confidence and skills needed to thrive. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and investment in helping young people reach their full potential.



Arya Mishra

Arya is pursuing a Bachelor of Science at the University of British Columbia to explore her passion for scientific research and discovery. She hopes to build a strong foundation in STEM that will allow her to contribute to real-world scientific advancements.

Azaliyah Lena L. Evangelio

Azaliyah is enrolled in the Licensed Practical Nurse diploma program at Bow Valley College. She was inspired by her grandmother's example of compassionate service through nursing and is committed to providing quality care to others while supporting her family and community.

Catalina Lozan

Catalina is pursuing a Bachelor of Education with a minor in Arts at the University of Alberta. She hopes to become an educator who fosters creativity, confidence, and belonging in the classroom while inspiring future generations of students.

Clarace Ormoc

Clarace is studying Baking and Pastry at SAIT to turn her passion for baking into a rewarding career. She is motivated by the opportunity to continue developing her skills and creating meaningful work through her craft.

Jahel Sophie Leite Palmares

Jahel is studying Social Work at Bow Valley College because she is passionate about supporting individuals and communities who may feel unheard or marginalized. She hopes to advocate for others and create positive social change through a career in community service.

Justine Ho

Justine is pursuing a degree in Biochemistry at the University of Calgary. She is driven by a desire to understand human health at a molecular level and use that knowledge to improve the lives of others.

Sarah Zeng

Sarah is studying Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of British Columbia to contribute to the development of new medicines and treatments. Her goal is to apply scientific research to better understand disease and improve health outcomes for many people.

Yabsra Tadesse

Yabsra is pursuing Aerospace Engineering at Concordia University, inspired by a lifelong interest in engineering and innovation. As the first in her family to attend university, she hopes to build a successful career in the aerospace industry while making her family proud.