

HIGH FIVE[®] Impact Fund Application

Background

The HIGH FIVE[®] Impact Fund helps to remove barriers (i.e. training fees, travel costs) to provide every youth with the opportunity to become HIGH FIVE certified.

HIGH FIVE's vision is through sustained involvement in quality programs, all children aged 6 to 12 are experiencing healthy child development. Two of the ways the Standard is committed to doing this is by ensuring that youth develop a high level of knowledge and expertise in child development and by providing youth with the tools for enhancing and maintaining a high level of program quality.

Youth that are approved to receive funding gain:

- A nationally recognized certification (HIGH FIVE Principles of Healthy Child Development (PHCD)) for working with kids.
- Valuable job skills including communication, teamwork and problem solving.
- Resources and a set of Principles that they can refer back to when encountering a challenging situation.
- Tools for making decisions based on healthy child development research.
- Access to mentoring and networking opportunities.
- Confidence in becoming a leader and making positive difference in kid's lives that will last a lifetime.

Eligibility Criteria

- a) The applicant must submit a complete Application Form.
- b) Two Letters of Support from non-family members (such as a teacher, recreation leader, clergy, community leader) are required. Letters of Support should include insight into the applicant's character and reference the applicant's potential in being a leader in their community and for children's programming.
- c) Applicants must demonstrate their interest in working with children.
- d) Applicants must describe their financial need for this grant.
- d) The applicant must be between 15 and 29 years of age at the time of application.
- e) The applicant must reside in Ontario.



Application Process

- a) Applications can be downloaded by visiting www.HIGHFIVE.org
- b) Application deadline is June 30, 2017.
- c) Applications will be reviewed by the Applicant Review Committee (ARC).
- d) The Applicant Review Committee reserves the right to request additional information as needed.
- e) The applicant must meet all of the eligibility criteria.
- f) HIGH FIVE will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all applicants.

Applicant Checklist

All applicants are asked to review the Eligibility Criteria and do the following:

- ✓ Complete Section 1 of the Application Form.
- ✓ Ensure that Section 2 of the Application Form is completed by a Parent/Guardian if applicant is under 18 years of age.
- ✓ Submit two Letters of Support with the completed Application Form.
- ✓ **Mail the completed Application Form with the two Letters of Support to the address below or scan the completed Application Form and the two Letters of Support and email it to: donations@HIGHFIVE.org**

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Successful Applicants

- a) All submitted applications will be reviewed and a decision on the successful applicants will be made by ARC. Decisions by the Committee are final.
- b) Successful applicants will be notified by email or phone. Successful applicants will be required to sign a permission form for inclusion in HIGH FIVE and PROSeeds public documentation. They will also be required to fill out a pre and a post training survey.
- c) Successful applicants will be assigned a Mentoring Organization.
- d) The Mentoring Organization will be the recipient of the grant to: provide the PHCD or HIGH FIVE Sport training to the applicant; mentor the trained applicant and refer applicants (not currently employed in a capacity that works with children) to local organizations and agencies that employ or have volunteer opportunities for HIGH FIVE trained leaders to work with children; ensure that the HIGH FIVE National post-training survey is completed by the applicant.
- e) Grant recipients may also volunteer to participate in HIGH FIVE National longitudinal study to assess the direct impact of the fund.



