



## The Gordon & Ruth Gooder Charitable Foundation Scholarship

Located in beautiful Bethany, Ontario, ME to WE's Take Action Camp combines traditional camp favourites like s'more-making and campfires with next-level leadership training and social issues workshops. Youth will gain confidence, discover their passions and bond with like-minded campers in a safe and inclusive environment.

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To be eligible for the scholarship, youth must be residents of Ontario between the ages of nine and 18, and must self-identify as Indigenous.

Applications are due April 28, 2018. Eligible youth can [apply online](#), or mail their applications to:

Jenna Mosher  
339 Queen Street East  
Toronto, ON M5A 1S9.





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**Take Action Camp**, which is run by ME to WE each summer in Bethany, Ontario, is not a typical summer camp! Campers come from across Canada to spend the week exploring pressing social issues, developing their leadership skills and discovering their place within a worldwide movement of young people who are passionate about making a difference. Through games, workshops and interactive activities, run by skilled facilitators, campers gain the knowledge, confidence and peer support to improve not only themselves, but their communities and the world. Being surrounded by like-minded young people gives campers the chance to share their stories and experiences.

Each day of camp is action-packed! Campers are divided into groups based on age, and spend part of each day delving into social issues with their facilitators, including poverty, hunger, discrimination, human rights, environmental degradation and bullying. Campers also have a chance to work on developing leadership skills, including communication, public speaking, writing, goal setting, personal reflection and self-awareness. Each day includes fun camp-wide activities—from scavenger hunts, campfires and a talent show to a daily team challenge outdoors. Campers enjoy delicious meals together, and welcome expert guest speakers to share their knowledge. On Take Action Day campers head out into the local community to volunteer at a local organization, such as a soup kitchen or community youth group.

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"My favourite part of camp is the people—I love the community that's created here. This is probably the place where I feel most comfortable and accepted, because we all embrace each other's differences. You become so close with people, and even though it's only a week, you feel like family." —Megan Forsyth, 2015 camper



# Program Details

## 2018 Dates

Week 1	July 1–7
Week 2	July 8–14
Week 3	July 15–21
Week 4	July 22–28
Week 5	July 29–August 4
Week 6	August 5–August 11
Week 7	August 12–August 18
Week 8	August 19–August 25

## Cost:

All costs covered by the scholarship. This includes:

- ▶ Camp tuition
- ▶ Accommodations
- ▶ Organic homemade meals
- ▶ Activities
- ▶ Take Action Day daytrip
- ▶ Transportation

## Contact information

### A. Participant Contact Information

Full name of participant:		Birth date: D D / M M / Y Y Y Y	
Mailing address:		Age:	Gender: M F N/A
City/Town:	Province:	Postal code:	
Home phone:	Cell phone:		
Email address:			

### B. Parent or Legal Guardian Contact Information

If you are under 18 years of age, it is required that you include the contact information of your parent(s) or guardian(s).

Full name of parent/guardian:		Birth date: D D / M M / Y Y Y Y	
Mailing address:		Age:	Gender: M F N/A
City/Town:	Province:	Postal code:	
Home phone:	Cell phone:		
Email address:			

## Location:

ME to WE Leadership Centre, Bethany, Ontario.

**Deadline:** April 28, 2018

Please send applications by email to Jenna Mosher (jenna.mosher@we.org).

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## Eligibility

We welcome you to apply for this scholarship if you meet the following requirements. Applicants should:

- ▶ Self-identify as Indigenous
- ▶ Demonstrate a level of commitment to making a positive difference in their local community
- ▶ Be a resident of Ontario
- ▶ Be within the ages of 9–18
- ▶ Commit to sharing their action plan with ME to WE after attending Take Action Camp
- ▶ Agree to and comply with all ME to WE policies (see “Outline of rules and commitments” on a further page in this document)

For Sections C and D, please answer the questions in the space provided (use additional paper if needed, maximum 500 words per answer). You can also choose to submit a creative answer to questions below (e.g., YouTube video, art, photo, poem).

**C. Social Justice**

1. Please identify a social justice issue affecting your local community and describe why you are passionate about this issue.

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2. Tell us about your past experience in a making a difference in your community or tell us about your future plans to solve an issue in your community.

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**D. About you**

1. What does your Indigenous identity, culture and/or heritage mean to you?

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2. What do you hope to gain from attending Take Action Camp?

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# Outlines of rules and commitments

## Group A Rules

If any participant refuses to adhere to any of the Group A Rules they will be sent home at the expense of their parents/legal guardians and will not be permitted to participate in any future Take Action Camp program.

1. Take Action Camp is committed to providing drug, alcohol and tobacco free programs. As such, no participant, facilitator or staff member may use illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia (or narcotics considered legal in Canada, including marijuana), use prescription drugs illegally, consume alcohol or smoke/chew tobacco during any trip or program period.
2. Take Action Camp forbids sexual activity and romantic relationships during training events, trips, programs or conferences, etc. As such, no participant, facilitator or staff member may engage in sexual activity (including kissing, touching and intercourse) with any other participant, facilitator, staff member or member of the local community (regardless of gender, age or consent) during a training period, trip, program or conference, etc. Participants are to sleep in their assigned rooms only, use appropriate language, avoid swearing and be kind in their interactions with others.
3. Take Action Camp promotes and only tolerates respectful and positive relationships. As such, all participants, facilitators and staff members must treat one another with respect. Participants, facilitators and staff members may not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, religion, colour, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, appearance, etc. Absolutely no harassment (be it physical, sexual or other) will be tolerated. Under no circumstances will physical violence be tolerated. No participant, facilitator or staff member may at any time carry or possess a weapon. Participants, facilitators and staff members are expected to use appropriate language, avoid swearing and be kind in their interactions with others.

## Group B Rules

If any participant refuses to adhere to any of the Group B Rules they will be reprimanded at the discretion of the lead facilitator(s) and their parents/legal guardians may be notified of the incident.

1. Participants must abide by the judgment of supervising personnel.
2. Participants must at all times abide by all rules issued by facilitators.
3. Participants must not leave boundaries of the accommodations as indicated by a facilitator, except during designated times, with the express permission of a facilitator.
4. Participants must clean up after themselves and keep their living and eating areas tidy.
5. Males and females must remain in separate rooms at night, unless in unforeseen circumstances where an alternative arrangement is expressly approved by a facilitator.
6. Participants must show themselves, their facilitator and their group respect.
7. Participants must be proactive in personal health and safety by always wearing seat belts in moving vehicles, exhibiting appropriate work site behaviour, eating enough food and drinking enough water during the day, taking all prescribed medications, getting sufficient sleep at night and conducting themselves in an appropriate and safe manner.
8. Participants are not allowed to go swimming at Take Action Camp.
9. Campers will not bring or use electronics (including laptops, iPods, or cell phones) during camp to ensure they are able to fully engage in the camp experience.

## By signing below you acknowledge the following

Participant has read and accepts the "Outline of Rules and Commitments." Participant agrees that participant will abide by all rules and instructions issued by facilitators, supervisory persons and centre staff, that participant will not engage in any behaviour that could result in breaking any of the Group A or the Group B Rules, including, without limitation, swearing, and be kind in their interactions with others.

- ▶ Participant will not engage in sexual contact with any camp participants, staff members, staff facilitators or community members.
- ▶ Participant will not consume alcohol or drugs (except as prescribed by a doctor) at any point during the camp.
- ▶ Participant will show respect for participants, staff members, staff facilitators and community members and centre staff.
- ▶ Participant will show respect for their self by getting enough sleep and taking care of their body and mind.

Participant acknowledges all of the outlined above.

Date: D D / M M / Y Y Y Y

Name of legal guardian or participant if over 18 years of age:

Signature of legal guardian or participant if over 18 years of age: