



The Aboriginal Youth Summer Program in Law

The Aboriginal Youth Summer Program (AYSP) is offered by the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, New College at the University of Toronto, and the University of Saskatchewan's Program of Legal Studies for Native People (PLSNP), and is for Aboriginal high school students who are interested in the study of law. Participating students will spend a week living on campus at the University of Toronto and will explore both traditional and contemporary perspectives on the law and how the law impacts Aboriginal communities in Canada and beyond. The AYSF is a fully-subsidized program. There are no program costs for participants, and travel subsidies are available to students requiring travel assistance.

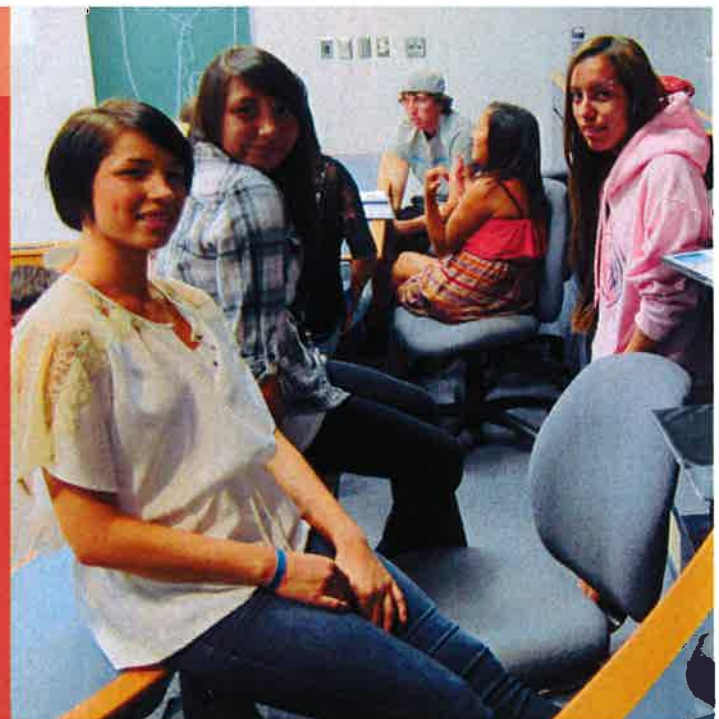
The Aboriginal Youth Summer Program (AYSP) invites Aboriginal students currently enrolled in grades 10, 11 and 12 to spend one week at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law discussing legal concepts, learning about the reality of the Canadian legal system, and applying their knowledge to a variety of stimulating environments. There will be a strong focus on the intersection of law and the lives and circumstances of Aboriginal Peoples.

For Aboriginal high school students interested in the law and legal issues that affect their communities, the AYSF offers an unprecedented opportunity to spend time in the fascinating world of Canadian and international law, legal thinking and advocacy. Taught by law students, professors, judges and lawyers, session topics may feature criminal justice, including sentencing and bail under Gladue court principles; property and Aboriginal title; constitutional law and the rights of Indigenous Peoples; international Aboriginal law; and intersections between Wampum and the common law. Students will observe these principles in action with field trips to such places as Toronto's Old City Hall Courthouse, Gladue Court and Canada's premiere Aboriginal law firms.

In addition to the enriching academic content, students get a taste of university life, with classes held on-campus at the University of Toronto and accommodation at the New College student dorms. Students will also have access to cultural support throughout the program, featuring traditional foods, cultural activities, access to Elders and an on-call cultural support staff member in New College.

During the AYSF you will:

- Gain exposure to post-secondary education and law school
- Learn from Aboriginal law students, professors, judges and lawyers
- Discover the complexities of traditional and contemporary legal models, and how they intersect in the current legal system
- Step into the shoes of a lawyer and immerse yourself in the practice of law
- Hone your debating and analytic skills, and start "thinking like a lawyer"
- Go behind the scenes at some of Canada's largest courts and most prestigious Aboriginal law firms
- Share ideas with other high school students from across Canada
- Apply what you learn through immersive, realistic, and complex legal simulations
- Receive valuable academic enrichment and career guidance





Accommodation and Food

During their stay at the University of Toronto, students live in the safe and secure environment of the New College Dormitory. New College is located on the University of Toronto's St. George Campus, where it houses over 850 undergraduate students each year. While living at New College, AYSP students gain first-hand experience of university life.

*There is a mixture of single and double rooms at New College. Room requests will be filled based on availability.

Each room has:

- Single Bed(s)
- Air-conditioning
- Desk + Desk Chair
- Wardrobe with a Mirror
- Side Chair
- Telephone
- High Speed Internet Dataport
- Window

The newly renovated Audrey Taylor Dining Hall provides students with a comfortable dining area to enjoy our "all-you-can-eat" menu. New College's unique "display style" kitchen, allows students to watch as professional chefs prepare delicious daily entrees at the Pizzarette, Grille, Classics, and International Food stations. Traditional Aboriginal foods will also be incorporated throughout the week.

To complement the main dishes, students have unlimited access to a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, salad bar, drinks, daily soup selections, and everybody's favorite – the dessert and ice-cream bar.

Events and Supervision

In the evenings, students participate in activities that allow them to explore Toronto while getting to know their new friends. The events offer students the opportunity to visit many of Toronto's most popular destinations, such as the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Eaton Centre, and the Toronto Harbourfront. Students will also have the opportunity to attend traditional events in Toronto, including such events as drum circles and feasts.

All events and trips are led by enthusiastic university students who act as counsellors and ensure the safety of all students. These counsellors are responsible for supervising the students during activities. Counsellors live in the residence with the students and have "on-call" duties to ensure that students observe curfew times and have someone to contact in case of overnight emergency. AYSP students will also have around-the-clock access to an Elder-in-Residence for cultural support and guidance.



The AYSP will run from August 3rd to 9th, 2014. For detailed information and a program application, please visit the AYSP website at: <http://www.law.utoronto.ca/focus-area/aboriginal-law/aboriginal-youth-program>. Applications will be due on Friday, May 9, 2014, and can be submitted to:

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Complete ALL SECTIONS of this application
- **Please type your information into this form, or print clearly!**
- Be sure to provide us with an email address in SECTION B. Offers of admission and all program communications will be sent by email.
- If you are not at least 18 years of age, your parent or legal guardian is to complete SECTION E of the application.
- If you receive and accept an offer of admission, a \$100 **fully refundable deposit** is required to guarantee your spot in the Program. Payment of the deposit is to be completed by credit card by a parent/guardian in SECTION F. This deposit will be refunded in full upon the student's successful completion of the Program.
- You can email, mail or fax the completed application form to Lisa Del Col, Aboriginal Law Program Coordinator (contact information at the end of the application). Applications are due **May 9, 2014**.

PROGRAM DATES AND FEES

The Program will run from **Sunday, August 3rd to Saturday, August 9, 2014**.

Thanks to generous grants from donors and the Law Foundation of Ontario, program fees, food and accommodation for thirty (30) Aboriginal youth will be fully subsidized upon acceptance into the program. Travel assistance is available to those who require it. Requests for travel assistance can be made in SECTION G of this application. If this section is left blank, the Faculty of Law will assume that the student does not require travel assistance.

SECTION A – STUDENT INFORMATION

Last name: _____ First Name: _____

Preferred name: _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Gender: Male Female School Name: _____

Current (2013/2014) Grade Level: _____ School Board: _____

Aboriginal Status: Status Non-Status Métis Inuit Other (please specify) _____

SECTION B – CONTACT INFORMATION

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone Number: _____

Student's email: _____ Parent's email: _____

SECTION C – HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS PROGRAM?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> High School | <input type="checkbox"/> University Representative | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> Relative | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

SECTION D - QUESTIONNAIRE

In your own words, please answer all of the questions below. Please note these statements play a large role in the merits your application; offers of admission will be heavily based on these statements. Careful consideration should be taken when drafting your answers. If you require more space, you may attach additional pages to this application.

QUESTION 1

Why do you want to participate in the AYSP?

QUESTION 2

What do you hope to gain from the AYSP?

QUESTION 3

What areas of the law are you most interested in, and why?

SECTION E – LETTER OF SUPPORT

Please attach to this application a letter of support from a guidance counsellor, teacher, principal or similar community representative. The individual writing the letter should demonstrate the applicant's interest in law and vouch for the applicant's commitment to attending the AYSP.

SECTION F

TO BE FILLED OUT BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN ONLY

I have read this application, and all information enclosed is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this program involves supervised overnight stays at the University of Toronto, and give my son/daughter or legal dependant permission to attend this program.

Name: _____ Relationship to applicant : _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, the undersigned, authorize New College of the University of Toronto to deduct \$100 from my credit card as a refundable deposit for the 2014 Aboriginal Youth Summer Program.

(This deposit will only be processed if acceptance is granted, and upon student accepting offer of admission)

Visa Mastercard Amex

Cardholder's Name: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

Current Date: _____

SECTION G – TRAVEL SUBSIDY REQUEST

If you wish to access travel funds to attend the Aboriginal Youth Summer Program, please complete this section. **If you do not require travel assistance, leave this section blank.** All travel subsidy requests made will be reviewed following the acceptance stage, and all requests will be reviewed together to determine the most equitable disbursement of travel subsidies.

Point of Origin: _____ Distance from Toronto (in km): _____

Method of Transportation: _____ Approximate Cost*: _____

*Please attach a printed copy of any quotes from Travel Company websites used to determine this cost.

IMPORTANT DATES & PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

Application deadline: **May 09, 2014**

Deadline to accept offer:

May 30, 2014

Offers of admission: **May 16, 2014**

Program dates:

Arrive August 03, Depart August 09

Questions about and applications to the Aboriginal Youth Summer Program can be directed to:

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Section A – Student Information

Section B – Contact Information

Section C – How you heard

Section D – Questionnaire

Section E – Letter of Support

Section F – Parent/Guardian*

Section G – Travel Subsidy*

*if applicable

