
Request for Proposal

Learning by Giving Foundation
McMaster University | Commerce 4MG3



Deadline: Mon Nov 6th 2017 at 4:00 PM

Statement of Purpose:

The Commerce 4MG3: Strategic Philanthropy class at McMaster University's DeGroot School of Business has partnered with the Learning by Giving Foundation in order to grant \$10,000 to local Hamilton charities, while gaining hands on experience in the philanthropic sector.

Mission Statement:

To support organizations that serve youth from low-income backgrounds in Hamilton while encouraging the growth of innovative charities and programs.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Registered charity status through the Canadian Revenue Agency.
2. Serves the greater Hamilton community.
3. Core function serves low-income youth within, but is not exclusive to, the ages of 12 and 20 years old.

Granting Focus:

Hamilton has the fourth highest youth poverty rate in Canada. Supporting our youth has the potential to be one of the most meaningful pursuits that we can take on as a community. The 2017 McMaster University and Learning by Giving Foundation grant will focus on organizations whose core function serves youth from low-income backgrounds in various stages of their lives. Within this, an organization may take on a narrower focus, such as food security or youth with disabilities. Additionally, preference will be given towards organizations that are new and/or demonstrate innovative practices or ideas.

Grant Funds Available:

A total pool of unrestricted funds amounting to \$10,000 is available, with individual grants expected to be \$5,000 or \$10,000, depending on the quantity and quality of grant applications received.

The Assessment Process:

Assessment will make use of the RISE model. Consider the following:

R - Relevance

- Is your organization/cause relevant to our mission as defined above? Does your organization have a clear understanding of the communities in which they work and the need they are addressing?

I - Impact

- Is there evidence connecting the need you have identified and the results you intend to achieve?

S - Sustainability

- Is your organization financially healthy?

E - Excellence in Management and Operations

- Does your organization have the necessary systems, infrastructure, and people (including staff, board members, and volunteers) in place to succeed?

Granting Timeline:

October 11th: Grant application released online

November 6th: Grant application due at 4:00 PM

November 17th – 24th: Site visits will be conducted for short-listed organizations

November 24th: Grantees will be contacted

End January: Grantees will receive funding via cheque

Fall 2018: Report to next year's class on how the funds were spent and the organization's impact