North American Indigenous Games Youth Representative Application

TO2015 is working with its Aboriginal community partners to encourage Aboriginal people of the Greater Golden Horseshoe region to become engaged in activities and events leading up to and during the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games.

Programming opportunities for Aboriginal youth are being planned by the Aboriginal youth working group — a partnership between TO2015, the Aboriginal Sports and Wellness Council of Ontario, the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres, Native Child and Family Services of Toronto, the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto and the City of Toronto.

The working group is issuing this application to select up to five Aboriginal youth from the Greater Golden Horseshoe region, aged 18 to 24, to participate in the 2014 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) in Regina, Saskatchewan, from July 20 to 27, 2014. Travel, accommodation and meals will be covered by TO2015. (To view a map of the Greater Golden Horseshoe region, visit [http://www.toronto2015.org/venues](http://www.toronto2015.org/venues))

Aboriginal youth, sponsored by TO2015, will form part of Team Ontario's official mission staff at NAIG and will play an active and important role in supporting Team Ontario's participation at the Games.

Selected Aboriginal youth will:

- accompany and assist Team Ontario's officials in representing Ontario athletes' interests at meetings
- help resolve competition and eligibility disputes
- provide information, guidance and direction to team members, their families and supporters attending NAIG
- promote the upcoming TO2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games
- participate in NAIG cultural festivals

The skills learned through this experience will assist Aboriginal youth in their communities, schools and future employment opportunities. For more information on Team Ontario, visit [www.aboriginalteamontario.ca](http://www.aboriginalteamontario.ca). For more information on NAIG, visit [www.regina2014naig.com](http://www.regina2014naig.com)

**Selection Criteria** (see next page for details)

**The deadline to submit an application is April 4, 2014. Applicants will know their standing in the process by May 16, 2014.**

**An in-person interview also may be required. There will be planning meetings required for youth representatives prior to departure.**

Please mail or e-mail your application to:

Kenn Ross, Senior Manager, Aboriginal Relations, TO2015
Corus Quay, 25 Dockside Drive, 7th Floor Toronto, Ontario, M5A 0B5
kenn.ross@toronto2015.org

For more information about this application, email or call Kenn at 416.957.2064.

*We thank you in advance for your interest and application. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.*
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Criteria

Applicants will be selected based on the following:

• Community and/or school involvement (e.g., volunteering, assisting elders)
• Cultural involvement (e.g., powwow dancing, traditional arts and crafts practice)
• Healthy lifestyle, including sports participation (e.g., healthy eating, lacrosse, basketball)
• Up to three letters of reference from community leaders, teachers, and/or employers
• Rationale for becoming a youth representative (why are you applying?)
• Future plans to build upon their NAIG experience (e.g., helping their community, coaching, work-related skills development)
• Availability for NAIG between July 19 and July 28
• Ability to clear a criminal records search (mandatory for all candidates)

Part A

Name: ____________________ Age: ____________________

Important: Will you be between 18 and 24 years of age as of July 15, 2014? Yes/No

Aboriginal status: Status Indian ( ) Non-Status Indian ( ) Metis ( ) Inuit ( )

Current Address: ___________________________________________________

Telephone number: ____________________________________________________

Email address: _________________________________________________________

Aboriginal community (if applicable): _____________________________________

Current level of education, program of study and/or occupation ______________

Confirm availability between July 18 and 27 to participate in NAIG. Yes/No

Part B

Please prepare answers to the following questions. Maximum of 250 words per answer.

1) How do you help/contribute to your school and/or community?

2) Have you ever been recognized for your school or community involvement? If so, how?

3) List any other achievements (academic, artistic, cultural, athletic).

4) Why do you think it is important to be involved in your community?

5) Please discuss how you try to live a healthy lifestyle.

6) Why do you want to be a NAIG representative for TO2015?

7) How will you share your experience when you return home to your community?

8) How will this experience help you with your future plans?
Part C

Up to three letters of reference are required from community leaders, teachers and/or employers. Three such letters will be considered preferable. The letters need to state clearly who they are, from and how they know the applicant.

The completed application should include the following:

Part A: (NAIG) Youth Representative Application

Part B: (NAIG) Youth Representative Application Responses

Part C: Up to three letters of reference from community leaders, teachers and/or employers.

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