



THE BAILLIE VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Youth and young adults in the United Church are a blessing to their communities in many ways, one of which is volunteering for a variety of worthy causes. From running Sunday schools, to serving meals at food banks, to advocating for environmental and social justice, they make time in their busy schedules to help build a better world.

Toronto United Church Council is proud to support communities of faith in celebrating the ministries of their young members. The Baillie Volunteer Service Awards are made annually across southern Ontario, thanks to the bequest of James Baillie, a visionary church leader who recognized that the contributions of youth are important elements of our church's future.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENT EXAMPLES



MEGAN BUCHANAN

Megan helps with Sunday School and congregational fundraisers at High Country United as well as participating on a recent mission trip to Nicaragua. At school, her commitment to inclusivity is reflected in her membership in the leadership team for the Gender Sexuality Alliance club (GSA) and the Equity Team where she has been involved in preparing displays for Black History Month, holding discussions for Autism Awareness Month, and volunteering with the school's Diversity Walk.



SAMANTHA MILLER

Samantha runs the Sunday School and drop in program at Grand River United. Weaving Christian stories with Haudenosaunee traditional teaching, values, and skills, she helps youth develop trust and pride in their identity and culture. She is involved with community initiatives such as traditional garden planting and food sovereignty, building sustainable housing, Indigenous land reclamation, traditional dance and ceremony, and support at the Elders' Lodge long term care facility.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominees must be between 15 and 35 and may be recognized for continuous weekly or monthly commitment to a ministry endeavour or for an extraordinary commitment to a major one-time project.

The following activities are not eligible:

- any activity for which payment has been received.
- membership and participation in the governance or normal business operations of the community of faith.
- services performed during the normal course of professional or business duties.

NOMINATION

Nominations are due on June 30th and must be submitted by a United Church community of faith. We normally accept nominations for one volunteer per community of faith per year.

Up to 12 Awards will be available each year. While not all applications will be successful, all will be acknowledged.

A certificate and a cash award of \$500 will be presented at an event involving the nominating community of faith. Recipients will be expected to grant permission for the use of their profile and photo in promotion of this Award.

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NOMINATION FORM

Personal information on this form will be used to determine eligibility and to notify recipients of the Baillie Volunteer Service Awards. Please print clearly and complete in full. An online version of this form is available on our website:

www.tucc.ca

NOMINATING COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Name of community of faith: _____

Regional Council: _____

Nominator name: _____

Nominator role in the community of faith: _____

Street address: _____ City/Town: _____

Province: _____ Postal code: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. phone: _____

NOMINEE FOR BAILLIE VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

First name: _____ Last name: _____ Pronouns: _____ Age: _____

Street address: _____ City/Town: _____

Province: _____ Postal code: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. phone: _____

DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE'S VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Please attach an additional page describing the volunteer activities of the nominee. Approximately 250-500 words is recommended.

RETURN TO: Toronto United Church Council, 49 Bogert Ave., North York, ON, M2N 1K4 or email to mail@tucc.ca. Contact us for more information at (905) 771-5124/1-800-235-8822.