THE BAILLIE VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

TUCC is proud to support communities of faith in celebrating the ministries of their young members. The Baillie Volunteer Service Awards are given annually across the Regions TUCC serves and are made possible through a legacy gift from James Elwood Baillie, whose generosity ensures that the contributions of youth remain vital to the life and future of our church.

Young people receiving the awards have made a difference in many different ways — from assisting with food banks and community meal programs and providing leadership to church youth groups, to participating in community development projects and creating their own service initiatives.

The awards provide an excellent opportunity for congregations to lift up the many ways young people are living out their faith through service, leadership and action in their congregations and communities.

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ELIGIBILITY

Nominees must be between 13 and 35 years of age 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.

Any activity for which payment has been received and/or which is performed during the normal course of professional or business duties is not eligible for the award.

- Priority will be given to nominees within the named regions in our service area (Antler River Watershed, Canadian Shield, East Central Ontario, Horseshoe Falls, Shining Waters, and Western Ontario Waterways), with consideration given to a balanced distribution across the regions.
- Priority will be given to nominees who are currently active in their community of faith.
- Involvement in church programs or governance beyond Sunday activities is considered an asset.
- Leadership in advocacy work (within or outside the church) is considered an asset.
- Communities of faith are encouraged to submit one nomination per year.
- An individual may not be nominated for both a Baillie Volunteer Service Award and a James E. Baillie Needs Based Grant in the same year.

Submit your nomination via TUCC's grant portal
tucc.grantplatform.com

PREVIOUS RECIPIENT EXAMPLES

CHARLIE BOLTON

Charlie is an emerging young leader at Norval United, where they serve on the Worship Team and Teen Leadership Group. They have represented Norval in Toward 2035 discussions, ensuring young people have a voice in conversations about the Church's future. Charlie also mentors younger children and supports Norval's Affirming Ministry, advocating for LGBTQIA+ inclusion and belonging at school and in their community. Charlie is deeply committed to their faith, eager to learn and grow, and already making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

BLESSING TIRIWEPI

At. Paul's United in Thunder Bay, Blessing leads the African Praise Choir, serves as a Youth Leader and contributes to the Worship and Communications Committees. Regionally, Blessing serves on the YAYA Resource Team and has provided music leadership at Regional Council events. Nationally, he was a Commissioner to General Council 45 and has helped lead the United Church's Climate Motivator Program. Through music, youth ministry, climate action, and service, Blessing brings energy, faith, and leadership to the Church.

NOMINATION

Nominations are accepted between May 1st and June 30th each year and must be submitted by a United Church community of faith. 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 $1,000 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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