



## Youth Assisting Youth Presents the 2023 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gil Orbach Joy Scholarship Program

Youth Assisting Youth (YAY) is dedicated to investing in the leaders of tomorrow and transforming the lives of youth through the power of peer mentorship. YAY empowers volunteer youth mentors to be effective leaders, mentors and role models to at-risk and newcomer kids. Mentors gain the confidence, skills and connections they need to achieve their personal, academic and professional goals, while having a positive and profound impact in the life of their mentee. The **2023 Annual Gil Orbach Joy Scholarship Program** will recognize and acknowledge the remarkable contributions of our volunteer youth mentors, by providing two post-secondary scholarships of \$1800 to outstanding youth mentors in our program. The scholarships commemorate and continue the passionate work of Gil Orbach, a dedicated YAY Youth Mentor for several years, who tragically passed away in 2017.

We are now accepting applications for the **2023 Gil Orbach Joy Scholarship Program**, and encourage all eligible YAY Youth Mentors to submit an application. Please review eligibility requirements below.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, July 10, 2023 by 5:00 PM**

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- Applicants **MUST be current, existing YAY Mentors** that have been **matched with their mentee for a minimum of one year.**

### **SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- Demonstrated Commitment and Leadership as a YAY Mentor;
- Academic Potential – Scholarships will be awarded to full or part-time students who have been accepted to and will be attending a post-secondary institution during the 2023-2024 school year;
- Financial Need – The selection committee will make it a priority to select recipients who have demonstrated a clear need for financial support;
- Strength and Quality of the written responses to each application question – Applicants should answer each question fully and directly.

Please complete the application form on Page 2 and be sure to answer all questions fully. Completed applications can be submitted via email, fax, Canada Post or hand-delivery to: **Ed Carlson, Director of Development. Please see Page 2 for contact details.**

# 2023 Gil Orbach Joy Scholarship Program Application

**Application Deadline: 5:00 PM, July 10, 2023**

1. Date:
2. Name:
3. Address:
4. City and Postal Code:
5. Phone Number & email address:
6. Name of Junior (**first name only**):
7. Initial Match Date (**must be matched for more than one year**):
8. School you will be attending in the fall:
9. Area of study:
10. In 2000 words or less, please provide the following information in essay form. Please make sure to answer each point and provide specific details and examples.
  - What led you to decide to become a YAY mentor?
  - What positive impact and benefits has your Mentorship had on your Mentee?
  - What would be a good example of how you have helped your Mentee overcome an obstacle or achieve a goal?
  - How have you personally benefited from being a YAY mentor?
  - What are your goals for the future and how will your academic studies help you reach your goals?
  - How will a ***Gil Orbach Joy Scholarship*** impact your education and your life?

**Please submit completed applications to the contact details below by 5:00 PM, July 10<sup>th</sup>:**

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