

Democracy 250 Youth Engagement Legacy Trust

Introduction:

The Democracy 250 Youth Engagement Legacy Trust was established following the 250th anniversary celebrations marking the birth of parliamentary democracy in Canada. The purpose of the trust is to provide assistance to non-profit organizations, teachers or students (see eligible organizations listed below) that support the objectives established by the Democracy 250 Management Committee. All requests for funding must be non-partisan in nature.

Please Note: all applications must include a program element that supports the D250 objectives. Examples include a voting component, model parliament, workshop on democracy, essays on democracy, non-partisan guest speakers etc.

Eligible Organizations:

Royal Canadian Legion youth programs in Nova Scotia;

Air Cadet League of Canada - Nova Scotia Provincial Committee;

Army Cadet League of Canada - Nova Scotia;

Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps - HMCS Acadia;

Scouts Canada - NS Provincial Council;

Girl Guides of Canada - Nova Scotia Council;

Boys and Girls Clubs of Nova Scotia;

Nova Scotia Social Studies Teachers' Association;

Individual Nova Scotia students, or groups of students, specifically sponsored by the Nova Scotia Social Studies Teachers' Association;

Individual Nova Scotia teachers, or groups of teachers, specifically sponsored by the Nova Scotia Social Studies Teachers' Association;

Any other group focused on D250 youth engagement objectives, that is not part of Nova Scotia's government reporting entity, and not to restrict the generality of the foregoing, including a service club, fraternal organization or registered charitable institution, that has established a program designed to engage or benefit youth in Nova Scotia within the context of the following:

→ builds on and supports continuation of the youth engagement activities related to citizenship and the democratic process begun by D250;

- supports activities that will instill in Nova Scotia youth a greater understanding of democracy and civic duty;
- instills in Nova Scotia youth a sense of importance of voting in a democracy;
- assists in educating Nova Scotia youth in civics and political processes;
- instills in Nova Scotia youth a sense of pride of place and a recognition of the significant contribution Nova Scotia has made in the evolution of democratic tradition in our country;
- operates on a principle of inclusiveness in supporting youth engagement activities.

Level of Funding:

Disbursements of the Trust will be based on the size, scope, duration of project and relative merits of the application. Notwithstanding, it is generally anticipated that applicants will seek funding of not more than \$10,000.

Application Deadlines:

Applicants may apply to the Trust at any time. Applicants are required to provide details on when their proposed project will commence and end following the receipt of any Trust money. The Trustees will review applications four times a year.

Successful applicants may re-apply for funding in subsequent years.

Program Evaluation:

The Trustees will evaluate applications in keeping with the objectives of the Democracy 250 Youth Engagement Legacy Trust. Outside advice may or may not be sought to assist in the jury process.

Notification of Results:

Applicants will be notified of decisions by letter within 90 days of receipt of application.

Funding and Payment Conditions:

Disbursements are made in the name of the organization or group on the application form. For individual students or teachers, or groups of students or teachers, applying under the sponsorship of the Nova Scotia Social Studies Teachers' Association (NSSSTA), monies will be disbursed to the NSSSTA with an indication of the program being funded.

Money must be used exclusively for the purposes stated on the application.

The Trust must be notified in advance of any changes to the program, including start or end dates, location, or any other significant change.

If the project is cancelled for any reason after payment has been received, the full amount must be returned to the Trust.

Any contribution made by the Trust must be acknowledged by the recipient(s) at events or through any promotional activity.

Organizations must submit a final report to the Trust within 60 days of conclusion of event/program identifying participation rates, objectives achieved, efforts to recognize the Democracy 250 Youth Engagement Legacy Trust's support and any other detail deemed noteworthy.

Applications:

Applications must be completed in full. An email and hard copy must be forwarded to Moira MacLeod, Administrative Assistant, Democracy 250 Youth Engagement Legacy Trust, 18 Bayview Dr., Whites Lake, NS, B3T 1Z1. E-mail moiramacleod69@gmail.com.

