



“one by one
we could all
make a difference”

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

The **Louise Russo Youth Awards** recognize youth that exemplify the **3R's** – **Respect, Responsibility** and the **Role** of leadership through initiatives that reduce violence in their communities. The Award celebrates and promotes the qualities that are important in making our communities a safe place to live, learn and play.

Eligibility

Awards are open to individual youths and teams of youth across Canada between the ages of 9 to 19 presently enrolled in an Elementary or Secondary School Program. All applicants must be a Canadian Citizen or landed immigrant.

Selection Criteria

Award recipients are selected for their dedication and commitment in making a difference in their Schools or Community by modeling the 3R's – Respect, Responsibility and the Role of leadership in helping to end or curb the violence. They are involved in leading a project that has made a change in the community, have shown their capability to lead and inspire others and demonstrate respect for others and responsibility in their schools and/or community.

Application Submission

The submission should include the completed application and two letters of endorsement. Other materials will not be reviewed by the judges but may be used for promoting and representing recipients. Materials included in the submission will NOT be returned.

How to Apply

Download application form online at www.louiserussowave.ca print, complete form and include supporting material and mail to: **Louise Russo W.A.V.E. (Working Against Violence Everyday)**



What are the awards and what is the award (value)?

Awards will be presented in 2012 to Individuals and/or Teams of Youth:

Individual awards:

\$1,500 (for education and program use)

\$500 towards the student's School or Community Organization

Teams of Youth awards:

\$2,000 for the youth team community organization's initiatives

Leadership awards:

\$500 to individuals (for education and program use) Note: Award funds for personal use may be credited towards an RESP, and/or educational courses and/or post secondary education. Decisions for the awards use must be made within one year.

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by a Volunteer Selection Committee of Community Leaders. Once all of the applications have been reviewed by the selection committee, the individuals in the finalists' 2 reference letters will be contacted by a member of the Louise Russo W.A.V.E. Board of Directors for verification. The selection process will take approximately four (4) weeks. Candidates' Schools/Community Groups will also be informed and recognition of the awards will take place in the Spring of 2012.

Deadline for Submission:

Completed applications and supporting material must be received by:

Friday, March 30, 2012.

Please send your application to:

Louise Russo W.A.V.E. (Working Against Violence Everyday)

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