

YWCA Toronto's vision is to be a leader in transforming the lives of marginalized and disadvantaged women and girls in Toronto.

YWCA Toronto accomplishes this vision by being a strong advocate for women and girls, providing transformative services in the areas of employment support and training, housing options and shelters, leadership development programs for girls and key supports for women and children who have experienced violence.

The YWCA is a local, national and international organization with a total membership of more than 25 million women and girls world-wide. YWCA Toronto is a member agency of United Way of Greater Toronto. This includes Toronto and York and Peel Regions.

The Board of Directors of YWCA Toronto is composed of 18 women who reflect the diversity of the community we serve. We seek a mix of women who can bring a broad range of skills, experience and perspectives to our discussions and governance. In keeping with direction from the World YWCA and YWCA Canada, YWCA Toronto strives to ensure 25% representation from women 30 years old and younger on the Board.

There are three broad areas of advocacy that guide YWCA Canada. Local Member Associations, like YWCA Toronto, are expected to be active on local issues that fit within three broad priority issues:

- universal and affordable childcare,
- economic security
- eliminating violence against women

As a national movement, advocacy is built on a foundation of equity-seeking social policy, including:

- reproductive choice;
- gun control; and
- women's legal equality.

Support for the YWCA position in these important social matters is an expected part of a YWCA Board Member's responsibility.

MEMBERSHIP All Board members must renew their membership in YWCA Toronto annually. The annual membership fee is \$20.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT All members are expected to make an annual financial contribution to YWCA Toronto and the United Way within their means.

BOARD ORIENTATION A Board orientation is conducted shortly after the April Annual Members Meeting by a team of Board members and the Chief Executive Officer. Board members receive all relevant corporate documentation and information.

COMMITTEES It is the expectation that each Board member will join at least one Committee. There is a broad range of committee opportunities: Advocacy, Asset Management, Women of Distinction Steering, International Co-operation, and Finance. Non board members may also participate on Committees.



A TURNING POINT
FOR WOMEN



APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 4, 2019

Please email to Julia Horel, *Manager of Executive Office and Administration* at jhorel@ywcatoronto.org.

NAME

ADDRESS (street/unit number/city/province/postal code)

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

SPECIAL SKILLS

OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial management | <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate and housing development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal | <input type="checkbox"/> Not for profit knowledge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Governance | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications/Advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising/Philanthropy | <input type="checkbox"/> Government relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Policy development | <input type="checkbox"/> Are you a current YWCA Toronto volunteer/donor? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Risk management | <input type="checkbox"/> Are you under the age of 31? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do you represent some aspect of Toronto's diverse community? Please specify: | |
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: | |



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Please explain why you are interested in joining the Board.

Describe any experience that you have that you think would be helpful in making you a good Board or Committee member.

Please indicate which committee is most interesting to you and explain why.

- ☐ Finance
- ☐ Asset Management
- ☐ Advocacy
- ☐ International Co-operation
- ☐ Women of Distinction Awards Steering
- ☐ Women of Distinction Selection Committee

What would you like to learn from being a Board or Committee member?

PLEASE ATTACH A SHORT RÉSUMÉ.

- ☐ I have read and understand that the YWCA Toronto advocacy issues are an important component of membership on the Board of Directors of YWCA Toronto.

SIGNATURE

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