

Volunteer Opportunity

Pop up Grant Reviewer

United Way of Peel Region's **Women's Leadership Council (WLC)**, inspires women through personal philanthropy, volunteerism and advocacy in order to positively affect change in the lives of children in Peel Region who are at risk of, or living in poverty.

In partnership with United Way, WLC has identified financial literacy as a key component of **poverty reduction**. In addition to financial literacy sessions for youth and parents, WLC will be providing one-time grants to community partners in order to host free income tax filing services for low income families.

Volunteer Position: Pop-Up Grant Reviewer

Pop-up grants will provide free tax filing services for low income families and youth in order to help them access tax credits, educational grants and other related benefits

Number of Volunteer Reviewers Required: 2

Time Commitment

1 meeting on November 22, 2017 from 6pm to 9pm
(depending on the number of applications received)
Some pre-read requirement

Roles & Responsibilities

Review grant applications from agencies (criteria will be provided)
Identify and recommend grant recipients for 2017-2018

Knowledge, Skills & Experience

- Strong analytical skills
- Ability to assess needs and grant applications objectively and in accordance with United Way's investments guidelines
- Knowledge and experience filing taxes for clients with simple to complex needs, including filing taxes for multiple years (asset but not mandatory)

Benefits

- Have a tremendous impact in the Community of Peel
- Broaden professional network
- Increased knowledge of human services sector
- Be recognized as a community leader



Fast Facts

- Low income families have the lowest filing rate
- Families who do not file their tax returns cannot access benefits and credits that can help lift them out of poverty
- The smallest amount of education savings can encourage youth to pursue their post secondary education
- By filing tax returns families can access educational grants such as the Canada Saving Bond

Sources: Prosper Canada

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