

# Awards recognize youths' efforts

The environment is something that Halton residents care about deeply. It is important that we celebrate and recognize the efforts being undertaken by young people to enhance and protect our environment.

The Halton Regional Chair's Environmental Awards Program was designed to foster an appreciation for the environment in Halton's youth and to raise awareness of local environmental initiatives.

There are two awards in the program: the Halton Youth Awards for Environmental Excellence and the Halton Environmental Scholarship Awards. We're now accepting applications for both these awards. The deadline for applications is March 7, 2008. Applicants can submit their applications at the Halton Regional Headquarters, 1151 Bronte Road in Oakville, Attention Chair's Office. Complete details are available by visiting [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca).

The Halton Youth Awards for Environmental Excellence is open to all Halton elementary and secondary students and provides an opportunity to win \$500 for their school.

The Halton Environmental Scholarship Awards are open to youth who are, or will be, pursuing post secondary studies with an emphasis on the environment. Each scholarship award in this category is for \$1,000.

Award winners will be celebrated at the next Regional Chair's Breakfast On The Environment, being held at the Burlington Convention Centre on Wednesday, April 23, at 7 a.m. Guests at this event will hear from keynote speaker Justin Trudeau. This event is being sponsored by Bell and TD Friends of the Environment.

**Gary Carr**



The education and empowerment of youth are priorities that have dominated Justin Trudeau's professional and personal life.

Trudeau has been actively involved with Katimavik, Canada's leading national youth volunteer-service program. He has also been involved with the Canadian Avalanche Foundation and wilderness groups such as the Nature Conservancy of Canada and the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society.

Corporations and individuals alike are invited to show support for the environmental efforts of Halton's youth by sponsoring an award or scholarship or by purchasing a table. Further details on sponsorship opportunities are available at [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca).

Halton Region presents the Chair's Breakfast and the scholarship programs in conjunction with the Chair's Roundtable On The Environment, a working group involving individuals from corporate and community sectors. The group provides direction to the Region for both awards and the Breakfast. The group will also review all applications and determine the award and scholarship recipients.

—Gary Carr is the chair of Halton Region

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