

Environmental award program is underway

The Region is now accepting applications for its Halton Environmental Awards program.

The initiative consists of the Halton Youth Awards for Environment Excellence and the Halton Environmental Scholarship Awards.

Submissions for either require an 800 to 1,000-word essay. Evaluations of the applications are heavily weighted on the essay portion and collateral materials, including two testimonials.

The environmental excellence awards, which are open to all Halton elementary and secondary students, provide an opportunity to win \$500 for the students' schools.

The scholarships are open to youth who are or will be pursuing post-secondary studies with an emphasis on the environment.

Offering added incentive this year, each scholarship award is for \$1,000 — an increase of \$500 over last year's awards.

The deadline for applications is March 2. Applicants can submit their essays at the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville.

Award winners will be invited to the next Bell/Chairman's Breakfast On The Environment that'll be held April 20. Complete details are available at www.halton.ca.

The Region presents the breakfast and the scholarship programs in conjunction with the Chairman's Round Table On The Environment — a working group involving individuals from the corporate and community sectors.

Revised seniors' directory available

The Region has released its newly-revised Halton Seniors' Directory.

The booklet, created by Halton's Elder Services Advisory Committee (ESAC), provides seniors and those who work with them with access to vital programs and services in the community.

It contains more than 300 listings and contact numbers of organizations serving seniors in the areas of health, housing, transportation, protection, legal matters, emergency services, government, advocacy and more.

"Access to information is critical to a senior's quality of life and sense of independence," said Regional Chair Gary Carr. "This directory is a valuable tool to ensure seniors continue to access the programs and services they need in our community."

Copies of the directory are now available at the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Rd., in Oakville and at seniors' centres, libraries, community information agencies and police headquarters throughout Halton.

ESAC is an advisory body to regional council, providing information to councillors, Region staff and the public at large on seniors' issues.

The group's mission is to promote the wellbeing and quality of life for seniors in Halton.

For a copy of the directory call (905) 825-6000 or visit www.halton.ca.

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