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NYA is always looking for volunteers and partners to help grow the strength and impact of our programs. You can make a difference by volunteering as a **Host Family**, **Volunteer Workplace Supervisor**, **Ottawa Volunteer**, **International Group Leader**, **Community Mentor**, or **Committee Member**! If you can't volunteer, we're also always looking for those able to **donate** or **become an NYA Partner**. Check out our website for current opportunities!



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Want more information?
Have questions?
Reach out!

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Northern Youth Abroad

NYA is a registered not-for-profit charitable organization that cultivates **youth leadership, individual career goals, cross-cultural awareness, and international citizenship** amongst youth aged 15-22 from Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. The program strengthens the self-identity and cultural understanding of its Participants and enhances their participation and success in the school system by providing a life-changing and life-directing experience relevant to the needs and aspirations of Northern youth.

VISION

Healthy confident young leaders contributing to vibrant communities and a bright future.

MISSION

Northern Youth Abroad seeks to foster leadership, cross-cultural awareness, individual career goals, and international citizenship in the youth of the North. The program promotes success in education by providing life-changing experiences through volunteer work and travel.



Programs

NYA offers three programs for youth in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. All three programs are ten months long, consisting of preparatory assignments from January to June, an orientation camp in Ottawa, a summer placement from July to mid-August, a debriefing camp and assignments from the end of placement through October.

Canadian Program

The first phase of NYA's programming is the Canadian Program. Open to Nunavut and NWT youth aged 15-20, this program culminates with a 5 week placement in a southern Canadian community where participants live with a host family and volunteer 35 hours per week at a professional workplace in an area of career interest. The Canadian Program emphasizes career skills, work experience, leadership, confidence, volunteerism and cross-cultural awareness.

NYA Next

NYA Next is available to any alumni of the Canadian Program under the age of 22. The summer placement for NYA Next takes place at Algonquin College in Ottawa, where Participants will complete a construction and building course, engage in volunteer work and service learning, and participate in a multitude of group activities. It emphasizes education, personal growth, and career preparation.

International Program

The International Program is available to alumni of the Canadian Program under the age of 22. This program involves group travel to a summer placement in an international location. Previous International Program destinations have included Swaziland, Botswana, Guatemala, and Costa Rica. Participants contribute to a community volunteer initiative, develop professional skills and take part in cultural exchange, including interaction with local indigenous populations.

Impact

Our objective, through the completion of one or more of our programs, is for each Participant to strengthen their ability to:

Earn high school credits and continue on the path to complete high school

Commit to living a healthy lifestyle

Know how to set and achieve short, medium and long term goals and why this is important

Increase their self-confidence and independence
Feel confident being away from home

Know who they are, have self-respect, and feel worthy and competent

Gain work experience and career awareness
Develop job skills-Build leadership capacity

Learn about other cultures, while sharing their own

Determine how they can contribute to their community, and become more engaged

Be interested in volunteerism, and understand the importance of volunteerism

Understand what a healthy relationship is and how to build them with people in their lives

Recognize their role as a global citizen

Be resilient, think critically, problem solve and make good decisions

By the Numbers

506 program Alumni

+4,700 high school credits awarded

+75,000 hours volunteered by Participants

63 Alumni bursaries awarded