

“Ensuring that future generations enjoy the cultural heritage of hunting.”

What is the YHES Fund?

No aspiring young hunter should ever be in the position to have anyone say “NO” to his/her interest in learning about the world of hunting. The answer should be YHES!

The goal of the YHES Fund is to remove cost barriers for those who meet the specified criteria (see below) to ensure they have the opportunity to enjoy the rich heritage of hunting.

Hunter education in Ontario not only ensures that hunters entering the woods for the first time are trained in safe firearms handling, but also ensures that they possess all of the tools necessary to identify game species; orienteering and survival skills; understand conservation; and game preparation.

The YHES Fund is administered by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH), and was conceived by hunter and conservationist Thomas Pigeon. The initial funding was provided thanks to the generous support of the Thomas Pigeon Design Group. Since then, many groups have come forward to also help with funding.

Who qualifies?

Any young person between the ages of 12 and 17, residing in Ontario may qualify.

This fund will cover Hunter Education Safety courses and One-Stop courses. Firearms possession and acquisition licensing programs are not covered by YHES, unless they are part of the One-Stop course.

Single-family households will be given priority, and financial capability will also be considered in the assessment.

Individual course scholarships will be given to qualifying candidates based on the attached application.

Notwithstanding these criteria, the degree of the applicant’s interest will play an important role in deciding who receives support from the YHES Fund.

Please send the completed application to:

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
PO Box 2800
Peterborough, Ontario K9J 8L5
Fax: (705) 748-9577
Phone: (705) 748-6324
Email: administrator@ohep.net



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DECLARATION

I, _____ (parent/guardian) declare that all of the information and statements on the YHES Fund application are true and accurate. I understand that the OFAH reserves the right to request proof in some cases, and to disqualify any application at their sole discretion.

I know of no other circumstances occurring now, or in the near future, which would change the status of this application.

Mandatory Reference* (non-family member)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

Email: _____

Hunter Education instructor? Yes No

*Reference: A person who will be able to confirm the information you have provided (e.g. bank manager, hunter education instructor, friend, etc.).

Knowingly falsifying information on this application may lead to your reimbursing the fund and expenses, and/or prosecution.

Parent/guardian signature:

Date: _____



Ontario Young Hunter Education Scholarship (YHES) Fund



To find an instructor in your area, please go to www.ohep.net

Scholarship Application

This information will be kept confidential, and will be used only for the YHES Fund Program.

(Please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone#: _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____

What kind of hunting are you interested in?

- Small game (grouse, rabbit, waterfowl, etc.)
- Big game (deer, moose, bear, etc.)

What method of hunting are you most interested in?

- Shotgun
- Rifle
- Archery
- Muzzleloading

Have you completed the Canadian Firearms training course?

- Yes
- No

Who will you be hunting with?

- Father
- Mother
- Sibling
- Other (specify) _____

Why are you interested in taking the hunter education course?

In 100 words or less, tell us why you want to take this course. You can include information about your family and their hunting background, or other aspects influencing on your interest in hunting. You can attach a separate sheet or print neatly on the lines provided.

Parent/Guardian Information

Name: _____

Address (if different): _____

Phone# (day time): _____

Household income – verification may be requested.

- Under \$30,000
- \$30,000 - \$50,000
- \$50,000+

Household status:

- Dual-parent family
- Single-parent family

Are there any extenuating circumstances that we should be aware of? (If yes, please attach information)

- Yes
- No

I am interested in receiving funding to cover the expenses for my son/daughter to enroll in an Ontario hunter education course. I understand that the final decision is at the absolute discretion of the OFAH Program Coordinator, and the YHES Fund Administrator. The decision is final. The OFAH reserves the right to give a reduced scholarship amount where there are, or have been, multiple immediate family members funded through this program.

Upon approval and selection of my child as a sponsored hunting course attendee, I will be notified of the instructors in my area, including his/her phone number. Once a date has been confirmed by the instructor, I will notify OHEP at (705) 748-5785 with the chosen instructor's name and date of the course.

Completing the course is mandatory; passing is not.

The YHES Fund reserves the right to photograph sponsored attendees at the hunter education training course, and use the names of the participants, photos, and essays for advertising and promotional purposes.

I agree to the above conditions and to abide by the decision of the funding committee.

I declare that all of the information and statements in this application are true and accurate. I understand that the OFAH reserves the right to request proof, in some cases, and to disqualify any applicant at their sole discretion.

Signature of parent or legal guardian:

Date: _____

For this application to be considered, the declaration and reference form must also be submitted.