



June 25, 2020

Attention: Grade 12 Graduating Students and Alumni

Re: <u>Canada Student Service Grant (CSSG)</u> further opportunities for graduating Grade 12 students and alumni continuing with post-secondary education

The *Canada Student Service Grant* (CSSG) opportunity will be administered by one of our official partners, <u>WE</u>.

Eligible students can earn between \$1,000 and \$5,000 for their service work this summer.

To be considered an eligible student a person must:

- Be enrolled and attending post-secondary education (PSE) during spring/summer 2020 and/or September 2020; or
- Have graduated from PSE no earlier than December 2019; and
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, registered Indian or have refugee status.

Students will be grouped in a cluster of 75 students and assigned to a teacher, called a Volunteer Manager.

There are 3 models for our students to engage in:

- **1.** Students will be paired with a teacher in their school, with a focus on an initiative with a non-profit agency. Each teacher will have 75 students.
 - a) Your school may already have a connection with a non-profit or registered charity, and this teacher will lead a focussed group of students providing services to this charity, i.e. a local seniors' home (reading online with residents, sharing music with residents, writing letters to residents, recording personal stories OR the teacher might look after a school farm (possibly with Food Share) and students could volunteer while following Covid 19 protocols.
- 2. Students will be paired with a teacher in your school who will support students and work with one or more of **WE's** partners.
 - a) Your school may NOT have a connection with a non-profit or registered charity yet, but you may still work with your teacher as they team up with one or more of **WE**'s partners. **WE** will be responsible for pairing students with registered non-profits.
- 3. Students can apply on their own and **WE** will partner you with a Volunteer Manager and non-profit.

Teachers who have joined this program as Volunteer Managers will have a code to share with their students. Students who wish to be paired with this teacher should use the code for this specific teacher led initiative.

Grade 12 graduating students and alumni who are registered at a Canadian post-secondary institution for September are eligible to earn between \$1000.00 and \$5000.00 based on volunteer hours completed between June 15 and September 15, 2020.

There are 5 reward levels for your service:

100 hours for \$1000.00

200 hours for \$2000.00

300 hours for \$3000.00

400 hours for \$4000.00

500 hours for \$5000.00

This is in addition to the \$1250.00 for July and August you are eligible to obtain through the CESB.

The CSSG benefits you because you are able to provide volunteer service with approximately 75 other students from within your school community or within the Toronto area. This is an incredible way to meet people, stay connected, obtain volunteer experiences and help to pay your tuition.

To obtain more information and the application, please visit the following link www.iwanttohelp.org

Thank you,

Sandy Spyropoulos, **Executive Superintendent**

Learning Centres 1 & 4

Brendan Browne, **Executive Superintendent**

Learning Centres 2 & 3