



# News Release

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## 2017 Youth Summit for Biodiversity and Environmental Leadership **CLOCA Looking For A High School Environmental Leader**

Central Lake Ontario Conservation (CLOCA) would like to sponsor a high school student to attend Ontario Nature's 8<sup>th</sup> annual Youth Summit for Biodiversity and Environmental Leadership.

To apply secondary students need to submit a 500-word letter explaining why they are the best candidate and what they intend to do with their knowledge gained from the Youth Summit. All applicants must also attend school within the CLOCA watershed jurisdiction<sup>1</sup>.



The Ontario Nature Youth Council is welcoming 100 environmental leaders from high schools across the province to come together for a weekend of nature exploration, environmental learning and outdoor fun. This year's Youth Summit will be held from September 22 to 24<sup>th</sup> at the YMCA Geneva Park in Orillia Ontario. Highlights from the Youth Summit include interactive workshops ranging from medicinal plants to everyday sustainability to climate action; a networking forum to connect and develop action plans with local youth; and hiking along forest trails, canoeing on Lake Couchiching, singing around a campfire, and meeting people with shared interests and concerns. More information on the Youth Summit is available online at [www.ontarionature.org](http://www.ontarionature.org).

CLOCA's sponsorship of \$350.00 will cover all costs for you to attend, including accommodation, food, travel and registration. All you have to do is share your passion for the environment. **Please email your 500 word letter in a PDF format by August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:00 pm to Patricia Lowe, Director of Community Engagement at [plowe@cloca.com](mailto:plowe@cloca.com). Use subject line Youth Summit Application.** Any questions may be directed to Ms. Lowe via email.

<sup>1</sup> Visit <http://cloca.ca/about/watersheds.php> to confirm if your school is in the Central Lake Ontario Conservation watershed.