

SARNIA-LAMBTON 2025 YMCA CELEBRATION OF YOUTH AWARDS

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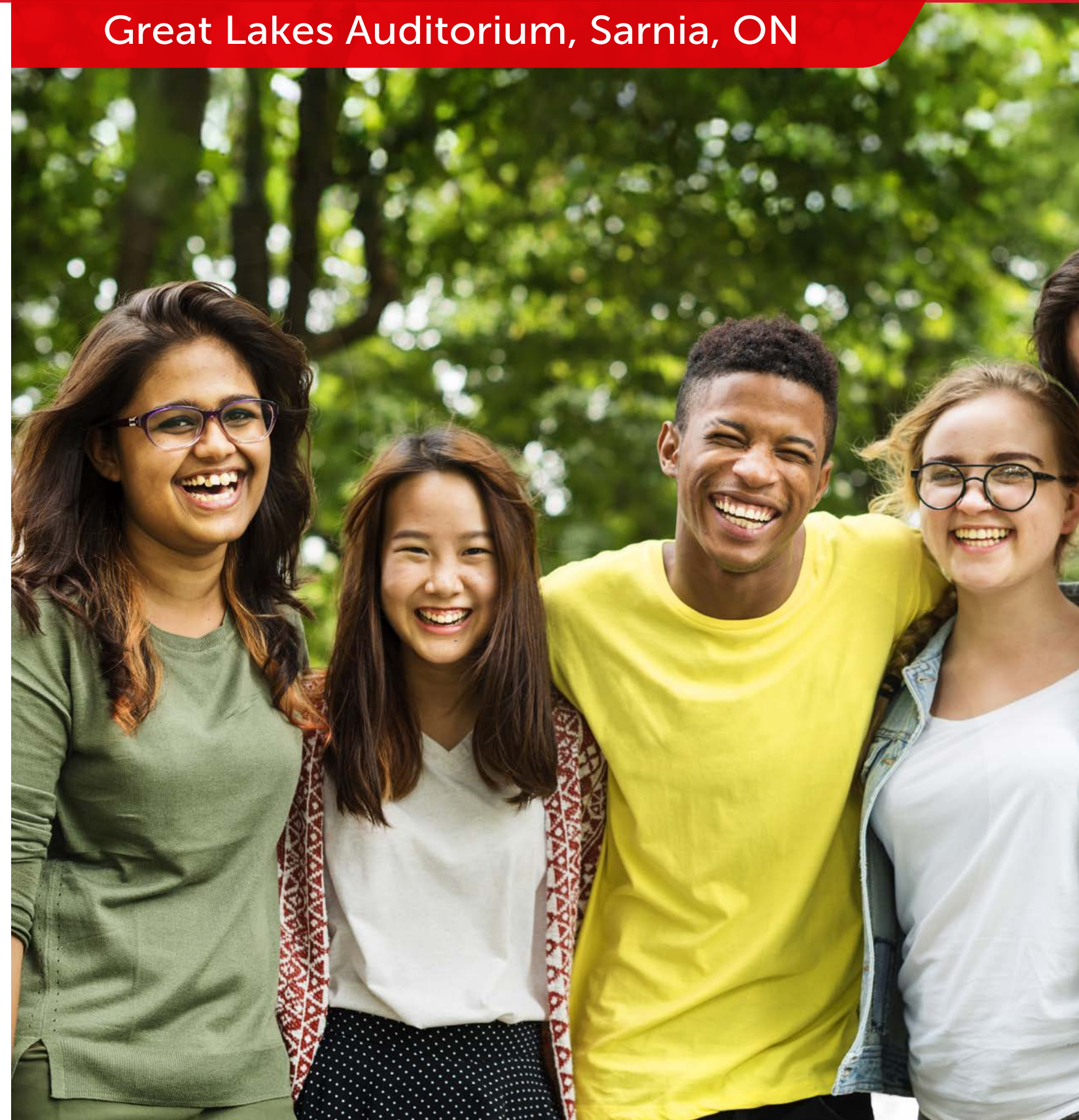
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YMCA Values

Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Inclusiveness

Award Winners

About the YMCA Celebration Of Youth Awards

At the YMCA we believe the youth of today are the key to a more prosperous future tomorrow. Through commitment to our youth we directly support the development of healthy, caring adults, contributing to a compassionate and dynamic society.

The YMCA Celebration of Youth Awards is one example of the Y’s commitment to invest in the young people of Sarnia-Lambton. The awards honour individuals whose outstanding talents and achievements contribute to the well-being and future of our society. The YMCA and its sponsors are extremely proud of the opportunity to recognize these 19 unique individuals in our community.

Award Ceremony

- Master of Ceremonies – Paul Skuza
General Manager, Jerry McCaw Family Centre
- Welcome – Alison Ewart
Board of Directors, YSWO
- History – Krista Gillespie
VP of Youth Engagement, YSWO
- Al Cole Memorial – Betty Cole and Julie Coulombe
- Alan Stevenson Award – Hunter Campbell
Sponsored by Canadian Mental Health Association
- Apprenticeship Award – Deklan Hutchinson
Sponsored by Sarnia Lambton Workforce Development Board
- Arts & Culture Award – Ryan Shaw
Sponsored by The Lawrence House
- Bellavance Family Award – Avelene Plamondon
Sponsored by Richard and Becky Bellavance
- Business Award – Alex Pretty
Sponsored by WATMEC
- Business Innovation Award – Kaden Burnham
Sponsored by Community Futures Lambton
- Community Builder Award – Ella Petrus
Sponsored by Bluewater Power
- CSN St. Clair Auto Award – Cedric Brooks
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The YMCA is a charity that ignites growth and belonging for people of all backgrounds, beliefs, and abilities.. The Celebration of Youth is just one way the Y and our community partners work to make a difference in Sarnia-Lambton.

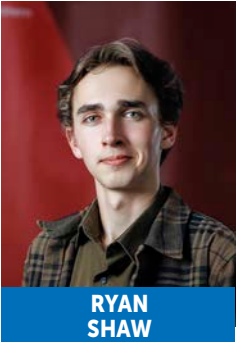
- Elaine McMurray Memorial Award – Alexius Schenk
Sponsored by Jim McMurray
- Community Stewardship Award – McKenzie Peters
Sponsored by Rotary After Hours
- Excellence in Leadership Award – Liam Henderson
Sponsored by Sarnia Lambton Federal Liberal Association
- International Ambassador Award – Rachel Winklmeier
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Sarnia
- K. Eileen Wilson Award – Mikayla Portiss
Sponsored by Kirk Wilson
- Llew Falla Athletic Achievement Award – Katie Coenjarts
Sponsored by Mary Lou Falla
- Philanthropy Award – Alyson Laird
Sponsored by Steeves & Rozema Group
- Service Above Self Award – Grace Needham
Sponsored by Petrolia Rotary
- Thelma McMurray Award – Owen Roberts
Sponsored by Jim McMurray
- Volunteerism Award – Evangelina Satram
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Bluewaterland
- YMCA Core Values Award – Norah Stephens
Sponsored by YMCA of Southwestern Ontario
- Closing Comments – Paul Skuza



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