
AMO 2024 Youth Fellowship Opportunity

The AMO Youth Fellows Program provides up to three politically engaged young adults in Ontario, who are interested in municipal government, with an opportunity to be a part of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). AMO is a non-partisan non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. Our mandate is to make municipal governments stronger and more effective by working together and addressing common challenges.

Through this exciting Fellowship, participants will learn more about municipal governance and policy while gaining exposure to real-time issues facing Ontario's municipalities. The eight-month Fellowship will begin in January 2024 and end following the AMO Conference in Ottawa in August 2024. The Fellowship is intended to complement full-time studies or work and Fellows will receive a small honorarium for their participation in the program. Many of the activities can and will be delivered virtually; when possible and necessary, travel and accommodation will be funded by AMO.

As part of the experience, AMO Fellows will:

- Participate in AMO Board Meetings and other associated AMO Governance bodies
- Be partnered with an AMO Board member as a mentorship experience with an elected official
- Attend and contribute to the work of an AMO Task Force alongside municipal officials
- Participate in AMO's Healthy Democracy Project activities
- Attend municipal conferences and events and network with municipal and provincial elected officials and staff
- Help to plan and execute the Youth Networking Session of the Annual AMO Conference & Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Receive access to AMO's online educational offerings

Note: The time commitment is approximately 5-10 hours a month and will vary week-to-week. The Fellows will also be asked to be present for the duration of the AMO Annual Conference & AGM (August 18-21, 2024).

To apply, please submit a cover letter (maximum two pages) and resume to youthengagement@amo.on.ca by Monday, November 13 at 10 p.m. In your submission:

1. Tell us about yourself and your **connection to your local community/communities**. Please identify your "home" community in Ontario (however you define this) if you have one. Applicants residing in or identifying home communities within AMO's membership are given priority consideration.
2. Describe how your education, civic engagement, volunteerism, and/or employment **demonstrate your interest in municipal government**. Let us know what you are passionate about and how this Fellowship opportunity can support and grow your passion.
3. Discuss one or **two municipal-level issues** affecting your local community that you are most passionate about and why.
4. Describe how your participation in the AMO Youth Fellows Program will support **your short- and long-term goals**.

Our ideal candidates are aged 18-30 and represent the diversity of Ontario's communities. If you are comfortable, please discuss your lived experience as a member of a community that has been underrepresented in municipal government and how it informs your interest in this program.

We encourage all applicants to attend a virtual **Information Session** on Tuesday, October 24 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. to learn more about this opportunity. The session will include hearing from the first cohort of AMO Youth Fellows about their experience and an opportunity to ask questions. Please contact or Lora Tigno at LTigno@amo.on.ca to register.

If you have any questions or require accommodation to participate in the process, please contact Stewart McDonough at SMcDonough@amo.on.ca.