



TO2015 Young Reporters Program

Offered by the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games Organizing Committee (TO2015)

The TO2015 Young Reporters Program is a training initiative open to one young sport management or journalism student from each of the 41 countries and territories of the Americas participating in the TORONTO 2015 Pan American Games. The program will take place in Toronto from July 9 to 20, 2015, with young reporters arriving on July 8, 2015, and departing on July 21, 2015. This will be an opportunity for those new to the sport industry to gain additional experience by participating in the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am Games. This program is similar to an initiative that began at the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games and has continued on at the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games and other international sporting events.

Program

Beginning in the April of 2015, chosen candidates will be required to attend live monthly webinars and complete pre-Games projects to build their knowledge about the Games and available roles. Once candidates have arrived in Toronto, the program will include two full days of interactive training, lectures and networking opportunities with experts from the sport industry. Young reporters will be equipped with new skills and a broader understanding of the Games and the industry. On July 10, 2015, participants will begin their field work as part of the Press Operations team and will use their skills in roles within the department at competition venues and at the Main Press Centre.

Qualifications

The program is open to qualified candidates between the ages of 20 and 25 who demonstrate a keen interest in sport management and/or journalism. Candidates must be enrolled in sport management or journalism programs (university, college or technical schools) or young professionals already working full-time in the sport industry. All young reporters must be able to speak, write and communicate in English (Spanish, French and Portuguese are considered an asset). All participants must be able to be in Toronto for the entire duration of the TO2015 Young Reporters Program (July 8 to 21, 2015).



Selection Process

National Olympic Committees (NOCs) will provide candidates with information about the TO2015 Young Reporters Program. Candidates will email their application to [Young Reporters@toronto2015.org](mailto:YoungReporters@toronto2015.org) by **January 9, 2015**. TO2015 Press Operations will review applications to ensure all requirements are met and will provide the NOCs with a short list to make the final decision on the candidates. NOCs must submit their selection by February 18, 2015. Successful candidates will be notified the week of February 23, 2015.

Cost

Chosen candidates will be provided with economy class airfare to and from Toronto, dormitory-style accommodation, and breakfast, lunch and dinner for 13 nights. Should participants wish to stay beyond the duration of the TO2015 Young Reporters Program, they will be responsible for sourcing and providing their own accommodation and meals at their own cost.

Application Requirements

Those wishing to participate in the TO2015 Young Reporters Program must complete the application form, submit a resumé and answer the following points in one 500-word essay or article. The essay or article must be within the word limit and incorporate both points:

- 1) The mission of the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games is to ignite the spirit through a celebration of sport and culture. Describe the ways sport and culture have ignited your spirit.
- 2) Why do you want to participate in the TO2015 Young Reporters Program?

Candidates may only complete one application. Duplicates will not be considered. Candidates must be between 20 – 25 years of age by June 30, 2015.

Candidates must complete and pass a background check and any other relevant security clearance.

This application form is also available in Spanish and French.



TO2015 Young Reporters Program Application

Section 1 — Personal Information

Title: Choose an item.

* Legal Name: *Please enter your legal name as it appears on your photo identification (passport).*

First: Middle: Last:

Former Last Name/Maiden Name:

* Date of Birth

* Gender: Choose an item.

*Place of Birth

Country: Town/City: Citizenship/Nationality:

Section 2 — Contact Information

*Current Home Address

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

Address Line 3: City: Country:

Postal Code: Lived at this address since:

Mailing Address — If different than above

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

Address Line 3: City: Country:

Postal Code:



Contact Information (please include area codes)

Telephone (Day): Telephone (Evening):

Mobile:

Email Address: Confirm Email Address:

Section 3 — Skills

Language Skills

Please indicate your language skills below by indicating your speech, writing and understanding level:

English — Speech: Choose an item. Writing: Choose an item. Understanding: Choose an item.

French — Speech: Choose an item. Writing: Choose an item. Understanding: Choose an item.

Portuguese — Speech: Choose an item. Writing: Choose an item. Understanding: Choose an item.

Spanish — Speech: Choose an item. Writing: Choose an item. Understanding: Choose an item.

Other:

Language: Speech: Choose an item. Writing: Choose an item. Understanding: Choose

Do you have a background in sports? Choose an item.

If yes, please indicate the sport, involvement and experience:

Sport: Involvement: Choose an item. Experience: Choose an item.

Do you have any visual impairments or physical disabilities that will require special accommodation and other equipment? Choose an item.

If yes, please specify:

Have you participated in another young reporters program? Choose an item.

If yes, please indicate which programs/events you have been involved with:



Section 4 — Participant Agreement Declaration by Applicant

As an applicant to the TO2015 Young Reporters Program, I agree to the following conditions relating to my participation:

1. To submit to the existing selection requirements for the role, including legal background checks that may be required.
2. To participate in all the required information and training sessions.
3. To adhere to the mission and values of TO2015.
4. To maintain the reputation and integrity of the TO2015 Young Reporters Program.
5. To commit to assuming the responsibilities that my duties entail to the best of my abilities and with enthusiasm.
6. To respect the specific area of involvement and limitations associated with my role and to seek out someone in charge should any uncertainties, problems or discontent arise.
7. To comply with TO2015's policies, procedures and regulations.
8. To wear the uniform provided to me by TO2015 while I am carrying out my duties.
9. To ensure my safety and the safety of the Games Family and any other stakeholder or involved parties while carrying out my assigned duties.
10. To refrain from speaking publicly on behalf of TO2015 without prior authorization.
11. To acknowledge that TO2015 cannot be held responsible for loss, theft or damage to my personal belongings.
12. To allow my performance as a young reporter to be photographed, distributed and used by TO2015 as part of its official, promotional or educational documentation, regardless of the medium, form or support used, and without any compensation.
13. To receive first aid and medical treatment provided by TO2015 if I become injured or ill while fulfilling my duties and to receive any medical intervention deemed appropriate by the medical staff or other persons associated TO2015.



14. To agree that TO2015 has the right to terminate my assignment as a young reporter by revoking my accreditation if I fail to comply with the conditions stipulated in this agreement or if I conduct myself in a manner that may be detrimental to TO2015's interests.

Confidential Information

TO2015 agrees to comply with the Freedom of Information Act. Any personal information used for hosting the Games will be kept in a secure and confidential manner and will only be sent to the people concerned.

Waiver

I have read, understand and accept the TO2015 Young Reporter agreement Choose an item.

I understand that the TO2015 Young Reporters Program seeks to create a lasting legacy of trained, competent and experienced young reporters from the countries of the Americas that will benefit the Pan American Sports Organization's (PASO) community.

I accept that my information will be shared with the Province of Ontario and other municipalities. Choose an item.