



JOIN THE FUN!

HAVE YOUR FAMILY BILLET STUDENTS FROM ACROSS CANADA

Waterloo Region is excited to be hosting the 2017 Canadian Student Leadership Conference from September 26th to 30th, 2017.

Thank you for considering volunteering as a billet family for CSLC 2017. We'd like to tell you about **THE IMPORTANCE OF BILLETS** at CSLC, and **WHAT'S INVOLVED IN BEING A BILLET FAMILY**.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BILLETS

Billeting is the “youth exchange” component of the conference, and is a vital part of the tradition and spirit of CSLC. Billeting is a way of encouraging our student participants to safely step outside their comfort zones, and at the same time, warmly welcome them into a new community. Additionally, billeting allows our participants to gain first-hand experience of the culture and heritage of the host school or district.

In anticipation of CSLC, our students are nervously excited at the thought of staying with new families and in a new community. For some, travelling to an event like CSLC is their first trip out-of-province. For others, it is their first trip away from home. For many, CSLC is their first national event and first opportunity to meet people from all across Canada.

For all of our delegates, CSLC offers a multitude of new and exciting experiences. CSLC is a jam-packed week of high-energy learning. To that, it is important that students have a place to come home to each day to relax and unwind. Their billet home often becomes their “home away from home,” and provides them with a smaller, quieter space to really get to know other CSLC delegates, as well as their billet family.

“My billet family was incredibly nice and extremely hospitable. I was so touched by their friendly nature and how they opened their home and their hearts.”

– CSLC 2013 Student Delegate

We recognize and deeply appreciate the commitment of our volunteer billet families. Providing food, shelter and transportation for our delegates for 5 days is a lot to ask. We hope that you enjoy the experience of meeting and supporting our students as much as they enjoy their experience in your home. The role you will play in an unforgettable experience for our students is immeasurable, and will be a week to remember for both you and our participants for years to come!

WHAT'S INVOLVED IN BEING A BILLET FAMILY?

To ensure the success of this national conference we need to secure excellent billet homes for our student delegates.

We are inviting you to billet 2 or more students from all areas of Canada in your home.

Billet Requirements:

- Provide breakfast each morning
- Provide transportation to and from the conference each day
- Organize dinner and activities with your students for a special evening with billets
- Provide a bed/air mattress for each student, and sufficient personal privacy
- Provide a criminal record check for all residents 18 years and older (free of charge)

These students are leaders in their schools, and will be future leaders in Canadian communities, industry, and government. They will learn invaluable skills at this conference and will make lasting connections with other students from across our country. They will have an amazing experience which will be even more memorable if you open your home to them.

**TO BECOME a BILLET FAMILY, SIMPLY
COMPLETE an APPLICATION FORM ONLINE AT**

<https://goo.gl/forms/8piav8mAr1I7yDm82>

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