



10th Annual Turkish-Canadian Youth Congress

The *Council of Turkish-Canadians* is pleased to announce the Tenth Annual Turkish Canadian Youth Congress, to be held on **January 12 - 14, 2018, in Montreal, Quebec.**

The past nine youth conferences of CTC were held in Ottawa (3), Gatineau, Halifax, Toronto (2), Montreal and Vancouver, attracting over 800 attendees. Programs included Canadian and international speakers covering broad topics in history, politics, community affairs, leadership, human rights, and motivational subjects.

This year's congress will once again aim to provide young Canadians with

- an opportunity to establish friendships, build solidarity and expand personal networks,
- a forum for understanding Turkish heritage, history and values,
- guidance for making effective contributions to Canada's multi-cultural mosaic, and learn of their rights within this cherished society,
- opportunities to meet distinguished educators, authors, Canadian political leaders, bureaucrats, international scholars and leaders of broader communities, and
- tools and information necessary to address and resolve issues that relate to Turkish Canadians in particular.

PARTICIPATION

The Turkish Canadian Youth Congress (TCYC) is organized for the Canadian youth of Turkish origin and of other ethnic & cultural backgrounds, who

- are willing to play a positive and constructive role in matters related to Turkish Canadians, and
- wish to contribute to a balanced, fair view and representation of Turkey and Turkish Canadians in Canada and elsewhere in the world.

The congress application is open to the youth who are at least 16 years of age and are interested in Turkish heritage and identity as an integral component of Canadian society.

The event is open to any Canadian youth who is willing to participate and provide input towards the objectives of the congress, as permitted by space availability. CTC may be able to offer full or partial compensation for travel and accommodation expenses to those applicants who have demonstrated (or convey potential for) outstanding contributions towards furthering the interests of Turkish Canadians in Canada, in line with the stated objectives of the Congress.

Participants are expected to demonstrate full and serious commitment to the program in its entirety; attending all outlined sessions and participating in all the activities and workshops.

CTC reserves the right to decline financial support to those eligible candidates who have not fulfilled the above expectations.

Participants of age 16-35:

There is no congress fee for these delegates. Financial assistance for travel and accommodation may also be provided by CTC.

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION

Travel grants are available at the discretion of CTC for those travelling from farther away cities as follows:

- Ontario ; up to \$100.
- Quebec ; up to \$100.
- Halifax ; up to \$250.
- British Columbia & Alberta; up to \$400.

Participant space is limited and there is a quota per region. Approval is based on the evaluation of information provided on the Application Form and the CV.

Accommodations for out-of-town delegates will be at the congress hotel, based on shared occupancy. Please indicate your travel and accommodation requirements in the application form.

PROGRAM

The conference will begin on the evening of Friday, January 12 with a welcoming reception. Conference presentations and workshops will be held on Saturday, January 13 and Sunday, January 14.

Final program, with more details, will be available before the conference.

LANGUAGE

The language of the conference is English.

APPLICATION & DEADLINE

To apply, please click on the [link](#), and follow the instructions.

Deadline for the conference registration is **Sunday, November 26, 2017**. However, in order to assist the organizers with proper preparation, delegates are encouraged to send in their applications at the earliest opportunity

*** The online link to the Application Form will not be available after the deadline.**

The Council of Turkish Canadians welcomes inquiries and suggestions in making the conference a success for all attendees. We invite you to write to [**TCYC@TurkishCanadians.com**](mailto:TCYC@TurkishCanadians.com) with your inquiries and suggestions.