

YLF is a program built to support and cultivate the next generation of community leaders. It includes a one year placement for young changemakers to develop their leadership skills, get on-the-job experience and mentorship, as well as receive career guidance and wellness support.

HOW YLF WORKS:

CTAOP provides \$10,000 to a CTAOP Program Partner (a community-based organization) to host a YL Fellow for the year. The Fellow, aged 18-25, is embedded into the organization with a dedicated mentor for the duration of their Fellowship. The Fellow will pursue a short course of their choosing to enhance their skills and follow their passions.

Program Partners will guide the Fellow on:



Professional experience in a formal work setting



A course that expands employment & leadership prospects



A personal growth plan to develop hard & soft skills

In addition to grant funds, CTAOP will provide:



Leadership Development



Mental Health Support



Career Guidance



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I am interested in community work because I was able to experience kindness and humanity from people who didn't expect anything from me and I am who I am because of them.

-2024 CTAOP YL Fellow



YLF is built on the same ethos and values as CTAOP's Youth Leaders Scholarship program. YLF seeks to support young changemakers with leadership potential and a passion to make change. CTAOP believes the leaders there are the experts—they are the ones with the vision, the passion, and the true connection to their community. YLF is an investment in those young leaders, their potential as changemakers, and the future they envision.

