



## Opportunity in ‘Adventure in Citizenship’

Are you a St. James-Assiniboia high school student aged 16 to 18 years old (as of May 24, 2026)? Do you have an interest in the Canadian democratic system with a desire to learn more? Do you love to travel?

**Then the 75<sup>th</sup> Rotary ‘Adventure in Citizenship’ in Ottawa may just be the ticket!**

The St. James-Assiniboia School Division along with the Rotary clubs of Winnipeg West and Ottawa will be awarding a fully funded trip for one student to ‘Adventure in Citizenship’ in Ottawa May 24-27 (complete travel dates and itinerary to be determined).

The Rotary Club of Winnipeg West will cover the registration, and the air travel expenses to and from Ottawa. The Rotary Club of Ottawa provides all local travel, accommodations, meals, and hospitality. Travel itinerary to be determined.

**To be considered, please submit your written essay responding to the following questions by March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, to \_\_\_\_\_kryback@mymts.net\_\_\_\_\_**

1. Why is it important for young persons to understand the Canadian democratic system?
2. What five points would you make if you met with the prime minister, premier, and mayor at the same time?
3. How have you supported your community and your school?
4. What do you expect to learn and experience at “Adventure in Citizenship”?





## The Adventure:

Since 1951, AIC has given a unique opportunity to a select group of young Canadians who get together in Ottawa and gain a better understanding of our country. Through meetings with political leaders, officials, and experts they learn about the workings of our democratic institutions and issues affecting Canada and Canadians. By meeting their peers from across Canada they learn to better appreciate the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship, and that despite their diversity, Canadians have much more in common than matters that divide us.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

The program evolves from year to year in response to changes in the country and the opportunities available. Typically, the program includes: a visit to the House of Commons and a presentation from the Speaker; meetings with aboriginal and local leaders; and, engaging presentations from keynote speakers on topics of national interest. Other typical activities include a Canadian Citizenship Ceremony, a visit to the Canadian War Museum, a talent show, and a trip into Quebec for a traditional French-Canadian dance and meal. There is also ample time and opportunity for the students to get to know each other and build a better appreciation and understanding of cultural diversity in Canada.

## While in Ottawa:

The Rotary Club of Ottawa provides all accommodation, meals, and transportation of the participants during the program in Ottawa. Student dormitory accommodation is provided at the University of Ottawa, beginning on the day of arrival through to the end of the program. At the dormitory, there is adult supervision throughout the night and the rooms are segregated by gender. All Rotary and volunteer staff have completed the required police check.

## Eligibility:

The Rotary Adventure in Citizenship is open to students aged 16 to 18 years who have already shown leadership potential and who reflect the many cultural communities of Canadian society. The student is a Canadian citizen or holds landed immigrant status

