



# WOMEN DELIVER'S YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. WHAT IS THE WOMEN DELIVER YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM?

The [Women Deliver Young Leaders Program](#) trains, elevates, and empowers youth advocates to catalyze action for gender equality and the health, rights, and wellbeing of girls and women – with particular emphasis on sexual and reproductive health and rights and meaningful youth engagement. The program provides youth advocates with the training and resources necessary to extend their influence and actively shape the programs and policies that affect their lives. Started in 2010, the award-winning Women Deliver Young Leaders Program is comprised of 400 youth advocates from more than 100 countries, with 300 more scheduled to join in early 2018.

### 2. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING A WOMEN DELIVER YOUNG LEADER?

The Women Deliver Young Leaders Program provides youth advocates with opportunities to build and strengthen their advocacy capacity and skills. [Click here](#) to learn more about these opportunities – including Women Deliver's Young Leaders Program Digital University, Speakers Bureau, small grants, sponsorship to the Women Deliver 2019 Conference, and more.

Women Deliver Young Leaders also gain:

- Global visibility as champions for the health, rights, and wellbeing of girls and women.
- Networking opportunities with high-level decision-makers, stakeholders, media, private sector representatives, and other change-makers, including other youth advocates and activists working around the world.
- Upon successful completion of the program, membership in the Women Deliver Young Leaders global alumni network for continued learning, networking, and support.

### 3. HOW DO I BECOME A WOMEN DELIVER YOUNG LEADER?

The application process for all young people interested in becoming a member of the 2018 Class of Women Deliver Young Leaders opens on International Youth Day, August 12, 2017. The deadline for submission of all application materials is October 13, 2017. Please note that only fully completed applications are considered.

The 2018 Class of Women Deliver Young Leaders participate in a two-year program, beginning in January 2018 and ending in December 2019, after which engagement through the network of Women Deliver Young Leaders alumni network is possible.

Stay informed!

- Visit [Women Deliver](#) between August 12 and October 13 to access the application
- Sign up for the [Youth Deliver](#) newsletter
- Follow us on [Facebook](#)
- Follow us on Twitter at [@YouthDeliver](#)

### 4. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE WOMEN DELIVER YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM?

Individuals between the ages of 15 and 28 can apply. Applicants must have been born between December 31, 1989 and December 31, 2002; this is to ensure Women Deliver Young Leaders are under the age of 30 for the duration of the program. All young people, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or national origin are encouraged and welcome to apply.

Please note that applicants must speak, write, and read English with proficiency and have regular access to the internet. Completion of the Women Deliver Young Leaders Program requires submission of regular online status updates to Women Deliver and completion of the Digital University courses, a rigorous online capacity building and strengthening curriculum that will require reading of academic texts, writing short responses to assessment questions, and actively participating in discussion groups. All communications and Digital University content are in English.

### 5. WHAT IS NEEDED TO APPLY?

The application for the Women Deliver Young Leaders Program consists of several sections and asks each applicant for responses to a variety of topics, including:

- Basic demographic information about the applicant
- Areas of experience and interest in gender equality, sexual and reproductive health and rights, meaningful youth engagement, and advocacy
- Issue-related essay questions

Applicants must also provide:

- Two reference letters
- A resume or CV
- Links to websites, videos, blogs, or other relevant items the applicant thinks would strengthen their application
- Confirmation of ability to attain a valid passport and visa to Canada to participate in the Women Deliver 2019 Conference, and complete international travel

## 6. HOW AND WHEN WILL THE WOMEN DELIVER YOUNG LEADERS BE SELECTED?

The Women Deliver [Youth Engagement Working Group](#) works closely with Women Deliver in a transparent process to review, score, and select the 300 young people for the 2018 Class of Women Deliver Young Leaders. Individuals who are selected to join the Women Deliver Young Leaders Program will be notified in December 2017, and the program will officially start in January 2018.

## 7. IF I AM SELECTED, WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A WOMEN DELIVER YOUNG LEADER?

Women Deliver Young Leaders have access to a number of opportunities to strengthen their skills and participate meaningfully in advocacy and policy work. As such, it is important that Women Deliver Young Leaders commit to:

- Upholding the [mission and vision](#) of Women Deliver.
- Adhering to the Women Deliver Young Leaders Program shared principles and code of conduct; committing to representing the Women Deliver Young Leaders Program with dignity.
- Consistent bi-weekly communications with Women Deliver, providing regular updates on advocacy efforts through Women Deliver's preferred channels in order to include updates on the Women Deliver Young Leaders Program [Advocacy in Action](#) timeline.
- Regular communication with fellow Women Deliver Young Leaders through email and social platforms.
- Active participation in Digital University courses, which require two-to-four hours a week over a period of nine months in 2018.
- Attendance and participation at the Women Deliver 2019 Conference and Young Leaders Pre-Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from June 2-6, 2019. Women Deliver Young Leaders will receive sponsorship to participate in the conference (further information about this will be shared with selected Young Leaders), but travel to the conference requires a valid passport. All costs and efforts related to acquiring, obtaining, and maintaining a valid passport is the responsibility of the Young Leader.
- Full participation in select sponsored Speakers Bureau activities (for example, national and global speaking opportunities and engagement on taskforces and commissions) that range from 1-10 days depending on the opportunity, in addition to time required for the Young Leader to acquire the appropriate and necessary travel documentation and visa as needed.
- Dedication to designing and implementing a small grant advocacy project (if selected to receive one of the limited six-month long small grants).

## 8. WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF THE WOMEN DELIVER YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM?

Women Deliver began its youth engagement work in 2010. The inaugural class of Women Deliver Young Leaders attended the Women Deliver 2010 Conference. In 2013, The Women Deliver Young Leaders Program was officially founded, with the support of the Dutch Government and Women Deliver C Exchange partners Johnson & Johnson, WCG, and Bayer. The program has since grown and continues to be supported through our generous partners and contributors from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Johnson & Johnson, Bayer, Danida, NORAD, WCG, and Global Affairs Canada.

This vital support has allowed Women Deliver to provide young people with the opportunity to enhance their skills and knowledge, and advocate for the health, rights, and wellbeing of girls and women. Every day, Women Deliver Young Leaders make change happen and have a real impact on their communities and countries. For example, since 2016:

- Nine Women Deliver Young Leaders were appointed to high-level boards and task forces, including the Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing, the Guttmacher-Lancet Commission on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in the Post-2015 World, and the Women Deliver Board of Directors.
- Women Deliver Young Leaders held 150 speaking engagements at the national and global level, including most recently at the London Family Planning Summit (July 2017); United Nations High-Level Political Forum (July 2017); 70th World Health Assembly (May 2017); the Global Conference on Adolescent Health (May 2017); 61st Commission on the Status of Women (March 2017); 27th African Union Summit (January 2017), and more.
- 174 individual media stories featuring Women Deliver Young Leaders were published in global, national, and local outlets, including *Teen Vogue*, *Refinery29*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Buzzfeed*, *Marie Claire UK*, *Reuters*, *NPR*, and more.
- Women Deliver Young Leaders have held 338 face-to-face meetings with decision-makers. This includes meetings held at the Women Deliver 2016 Conference between Women Deliver Young Leaders and influencers like the Crown Princess Mary of Denmark, Parliamentary, Under-Secretary of State at the Department for International Development Baroness Verma, the United Nations President of the General Assembly Mogens Lykketoft, and many more.
- Women Deliver Young Leaders have received 50 small grants of \$5,000USD (since 2014). The recent 30 small grants awarded in 2016 directly engaged +75,000 individuals and indirectly reached +400,000 in advocacy efforts to improve girls and women's health and rights.
- To learn more about the impact Women Deliver Young Leaders are making at the local, national, and global level, visit the Women Deliver Young Leaders Program [Advocacy in Action](#) timeline.