



Black History Month 2014

LEWIS CORAY "TRAILBLAZER AWARD" FOR YOUTH

In partnership with the Congress of Black Women

Black History Month signifies a time to reflect on the achievements of black people who were systematically discriminated against as a result of laws dating back to slavery. Although slavery and segregation have long passed, it is important to recognize and address challenges faced by a historically marginalized community. The London Police Service created the Lewis Coray "Trailblazer Award" to create incentives for success and opportunities for growth among youth reflective of this diversity.

Mr. Lewis Coray was the first black police officer hired by the London Police Service in 1951. Mr. Coray was a "Trailblazer" as he succeeded in his career as a police officer during a time of racial segregation and discrimination. We are proud to commemorate the achievements of Mr. Coray with an award in his name. The Lewis Coray "Trailblazer Award" will be given to a young person who has demonstrated perseverance in pursuit of academics success and social responsibility.

- ENTRY CRITERIA:** Secondary School students ages 15-18 (An 18yr old applicant must not turn 19 before Sept 1, 2014)
- DEADLINE:** Jan 17th, 2014
- AWARD DESCRIPTION:** Engraved Plaque & Summer Employment Opportunity* – PEACE Team
- AWARD PRESENTATION:** February 13th, 2014
London Police Service
601 Dundas St
London, ON N6B 1X1

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ PROV _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

TEACHER _____ CONTACT PH# _____

PARENT NAME: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

NOTE: See other side for additional info
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NOTE: In addition to this application form, please submit the following:

- ✓ Up to 500 word essay or a 5 minute video on the importance of Black History Month
- ✓ Detailed list of volunteer and extra-curricular involvement
- ✓ Academic and career goals

Submit entry to:

**Sergeant Marcel Marcellin
Diversity Officer
London Police Service
601 Dundas Street
London, ON
N6B 1X1**

Or by email: mmarcellin@police.london.ca

*The PEACE program participants are secondary school students from various cultural backgrounds, selected through a formal application and interview process. Every year, the London Police Service selects eight participants for the program from a wide range of applicants, including one member as a team leader (from the previous year). The London Middlesex Optimist Clubs and YOU (Youth Opportunities Unlimited) fund the program, while the London Police Service provides coordination and administration for the duration of the program.

The objectives of the PEACE Program are to reinforce and develop important life skills of the participants through exposure and instruction from members of the London Police Service. These skills include: effective communication, self-motivation, teamwork, responsibility and dedication to the community, and the importance of being a positive role model. Furthermore, the program participants observe and assist in various aspects of policing to enhance their understanding of the role of the police in the community as well as law enforcement as a career. This relationship benefits the PEACE members and the police as it is an opportunity to exchange backgrounds and experiences to foster better relations with the community.