



In My Words: Children In Canada Share Their Covid-19 Pandemic Stories: Application FAQs

Is my organization eligible to be a Community Delivery Partner?

- We are looking to engage community-based non-profit organizations that are child-serving (including community centres, child care programs).
- One of the aims of this program is to ensure that the children and families participating in this program are reflective of Canada's tremendous diversity. As part of our selection, we'll be looking to you to help us understand the community you serve and how you think this program might benefit the community in which you work.
- The toolkit and related resources for delivering this workshop will be publicly available and we'll be encouraging all educators and community organizations to deliver this workshop series because we believe it's so critical for children and families to tell their pandemic narratives. This application process pertains to which organizations will receive funding to deliver it through our limited program delivery budget.

What is required of my organization if chosen as a Community Delivery Partner?

- A Community Delivery Partner must have the ability to deliver a series workshops in a safe and appropriate space, to 100 or more children from the ages of 0-12 years old (including caregivers for those requiring assistance to participate) by December 31, 2022.
- Please see the Program Information [here](#) for a more detailed list of Community Delivery Partner expectations.

Do I have to apply online?

- Yes. All submissions must be made electronically through the online application found XXX.

What is the deadline to apply?

- All applications to become a Community Delivery Partner must be submitted through the online application link by September 30, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. EST



When will we find out if we are selected as a Community Delivery Partner?

- CCLF will notify all applicants before the end of October indicating whether they were selected as a Community Delivery Partner. This will provide two months to complete the deliverables. We note that this is a tight timeline and encourage all applicants to consider the feasibility of completing this project in the time provided. We will be very limited in our ability to provide any extensions.

How many organizations will be chosen as Community Delivery Partners?

- The number will vary based on the number of applications we receive from each province and/or territory but we aim to ensure the program is representative of our diverse country by including Delivery Partners from all provinces and/or territories.
- Preference will be given to organizations that can reach 100 children or more through the workshops but those organizations that cannot reach that number are still encouraged to apply because the quality of the application is also weighted heavily.

How will organizations be chosen to be a Community Delivery Partner?

CCLF will be making an assessment based on the following criteria:

- Geographic distribution to ensure national representation
- The organization's ability to reach children and families whose voices are often unrepresented in public forums
- The organization's experience with offering children's programming
- The ability to reach 100 children (minimum) through the workshops by the deadline of December 31, 2022

Are there any other steps in the application process, other than filling in the online application questionnaire?

- As the applications are received, CCLF may elect to interview or send further questions to shortlisted organizations as needed.



What's in it for the Community Delivery Partners?

- The Community Delivery Partners selected through the application process will receive \$100 for every participating child over the series of workshops provided.
- There may be an additional stipend for food and beverage or for hosting a culminating celebration during the final workshop.
- Community Delivery Partners will have the opportunity to contribute to a national campaign that showcase the children from their community in a digital exhibition that will become part of Canada's history.
- There will be a package provided including a participant token for the participating children.
- Community Delivery Partners have the opportunity to showcase local artists and bring communities together through these healing and hopeful workshop experiences.

What does it mean to include a local author, artist or illustrator in the workshops?

- The main objective of the In My Words project is to give a voice to the youngest Canadians and allow their pandemic narratives to be part of the country's history. In addition, as part of the project commitment, CCLF would like to provide an opportunity to invest in local arts communities, that were also affected greatly by the pandemic, by giving an opportunity for a local member of the arts community (ex. author, visual artist, illustrator, graphic designer etc.) to bring their skills to the workshops and help the children and families participating in the workshops craft their pandemic stories.
- CCLF will rely on the Community Delivery Partners to identify and engage any local artist that they see fit and there will be an additional allotment of funding to be able to provide compensation to the local artist.

Will the participants' creative work be returned to them?

- It will be the responsibility of the Community Delivery Partner to digitize the final products either through scanning or taking digital photographs and sharing those back to CCLF. After this process is complete, it will be up to the organization how they wish to get the artwork back to those children/families who wish to have it.

How will the participating children/families know if their creative project is selected for the digital exhibition?

- CCLF will provide the location of the online digital exhibition site and it will be promoted through the program promotional materials and any communication to children and families. They can then check out the exhibition site to look for their contribution.



Given that this project centers around the Covid-19 pandemic experience, it could bring up some difficult memories or feelings for children and families. Has this been considered in the curriculum?

- CCLF has worked with very capable curriculum developers and has also had the guidance of an Advisory Board made up of representatives from diverse mental-health and child-serving organizations. The wealth of expertise has enabled CCLF to ensure that the workshop curriculum has weaved the mental health perspective throughout and toolkits provide guidance for the facilitators on how to discuss sensitive matters.
- CCLF recommends that the Community Delivery Partners have information available to participants on how to access regional mental health resources if required.

What if we don't get selected as a Community Delivery Partner?

- The program materials will be available online for anyone to use. The toolkit and related resources for delivering this workshop will be publicly available and we'll be encouraging all educators and community organizations to deliver this workshop series because we believe it's so critical for children and families to tell their pandemic narratives. This application process pertains to which organizations will receive funding to deliver it through our limited program delivery budget.

For any specific questions around your eligibility or participation in the program, please reach out to the In My Words team at questions@childrensliteracy.ca before completing and submitting the online application form.

About Us

The Canadian Children's Literacy Foundation is Canada's only national charity dedicated exclusively to children's early literacy. We were founded in 2017 to address inequities in early literacy development across the country, with the goal of driving change to enable children in Canada to become the most literate in the world.

To help ensure that all children in Canada are equipped to achieve their full potential, we promote and develop children's literacy initiatives, champion literacy partners, and empower people to build literacy skills in their homes, in childcare and in their communities. We believe that investments in early literacy for all can help to create a more inclusive, equitable economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and a higher standard of living for all Canadians.