



## Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What time are students to be dropped off on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>?

A: Between **7:30-8:00am** at Ontario Hall Residence on Western University's campus. A map will be sent out the week of the Conference explaining where you can park.

Q: What time should I pick my student up on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>?

A: Pickup will be between **3:00pm-3:30pm** at Ontario Hall (the same location as drop off on Friday morning)

Q: Where will they need to be dropped off?

A: **Ontario Hall** which is a residence/bed and breakfast at the **corner of Sarnia and Western Road**. We will send you a map the week of the Conference explaining exactly where to drop your child off.

Q: Does the Conference have any cost at all?

A: **No!** The Conference is sponsored and funded through grants, sponsorship and generous donations from community partners. All meals, programs and accommodations are covered.

Q: How is my child supervised throughout the weekend?

A: Your child will be placed in a group of approximately 8 students, who will be led by 2 Western student mentors (1 female and 1 male) called Leadership Developers, or "LDs". LDs will participate in all Conference programming with their assigned group of students. This allows the team to build a sense of camaraderie and become comfortable with each other. It also allows our LDs to get to know students on an individual basis so they can better support their unique needs.

Q: How are our leaders trained?

A: Our leaders go through a rigorous application and interview process, meaning we only select the very best students Western has to offer. All Leadership Developers are trained to provide appropriate supervision and mentorship to the delegates throughout the weekend. This includes leading students through educational workshops, team building initiatives, facilitating meaningful discussion, and referring students to community resources. All LDs are also required to undergo a Vulnerable Sector Screening and Criminal Record Check through the London Police Department. Additionally, many of our LDs are trained to provide standard first aid and CPR in the unlikely event of an emergency. Our volunteers have extensive experience working with children of all ages, and are chosen to serve as role models for the students attending the Conference.

Q: How many students are in each room?

A: Students stay in Ontario Hall Residence throughout the weekend. Each room features two twin beds, two desks, and two wardrobes. A single washroom with shower included is shared between two rooms (four students). All students will be paired with individuals of the same gender.

More information on the layout of Ontario Hall Residence can be found here:

<https://www.residenceatwestern.ca/ontario.cfm>



Q: What activities will be taking place throughout the weekend?

A:

1. “Prof Talks” from Western University and Fanshawe College, featuring a broad range of subjects and specialties, including:
  - Chemistry
  - English
  - Astronomy
  - Nursing
  - Political Science
  - Media Studies
  - Culinary Arts
  - Broadcasting Journalism
  - Respiratory Therapy
  - Photography
2. Inspirational Guest Speakers
3. Meals provided by the Spoke and the Wave — Western’s on-campus restaurants
4. Fun activities like the REACH Game (A giant game of life)
5. Workshops on goal-setting and self-esteem
6. Fun evening socials such as a dance/movie night, and talent show
7. “Choose Your Own Adventure” programming, where students can select two activities they would most like to participate in
8. Community Involvement Fair

Q: Will my student want to attend Western or Fanshawe at the end of the weekend?

A: Not necessarily. Our goal is to broaden students’ horizons and introduce them to post-secondary education opportunities that align with their unique goals and passions. While the Conference takes place at Western and Fanshawe, we do our best to promote higher learning as a whole rather than solely these two institutions.

Q: What happens in case of an emergency relating to my student?

A: In the unlikely event of a serious emergency, we will immediately contact the parent/guardian listed on the registration form. Our volunteers are highly skilled and will ensure the safety and wellbeing of your student until you are available. Should you need to contact us during the Conference, please call or email Anna Kornmuller and we will deal with the situation accordingly!

A follow-up email will be sent within the next 10 days regarding the liability release form. Please note **that you must have the liability release form filled out in order for your child to attend the Conference**. You will receive logistical information regarding packing lists, and instructions for pick-ups and drop-offs during the weekend leading up to the Conference.

If you have any other questions, please email [reach.registrar@gmail.com](mailto:reach.registrar@gmail.com) and we will do our best to reply within 24 hours. We are looking forward to having your student attend the REACH Conference in May!