



## **Youth Mentee for Telling Tales' Story Makers in Licensed After School Programs**

**Job Type:** Part Time Contract

**Duration:** May - June 2026 (part-time, varied, approx. 15 hours)

**Benefits:** \$300 honoraria on completion

**Start Date:** May 1, 2026

**Application Deadline:** Friday, April 10, 2026 at 5 PM ET

**Location:** Licensed After School Programs in Hamilton, ON

### **Organizational Background**

Telling Tales is a Canadian not-for-profit organization with a mission to deliver outstanding literary programming for children and youth that raises awareness of the importance of literacy in our communities. Our annual programming brings together a diverse range of Canadian authors, illustrators, musicians, and storytellers with their audiences—to engage even the most reluctant reader. Join us as we build a community of readers, writers, and storytellers!

### **Job Description**

We are seeking six (6) Youth Mentees to assist with the delivery of *Story Makers in After School Programs*. This mentorship opportunity is ideal for youth ages 16 to 25 who are passionate about storytelling, literacy, and working with children. Participants will receive specialized training, develop leadership and facilitation skills, and gain valuable volunteer experience for their resumes and post-secondary applications.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Support event facilitation during *Story Makers in After School Programs* sessions, including assisting with multi-sensory activity stations and managing a welcoming, inclusive environment.
- Participate in six (6) hours of training led by an Accessibility Design Consultant to learn sensory-inclusive programming strategies.
- Provide feedback to Telling Tales on ways to enhance multi-sensory and inclusive activities.

- Act as a peer advocate for Telling Tales' Young Adult programming and help promote events to classmates and community members.
- Conduct post-session surveys with participating students and provide insights to improve the program.

### **Benefits of Participation:**

- Gain hands-on experience in event facilitation and inclusive programming.
- Develop leadership, communication, and teamwork skills.
- Receive mentorship and training from experienced professionals, including an Accessibility Design Consultant.
- Strengthen your resume and post-secondary applications with meaningful work experience.
- Earn volunteer hours towards your Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

### **Qualifications:**

- Must be between the ages of 16 and 25.
- Passionate about literacy, storytelling, and community engagement.
- Reliable, enthusiastic, and eager to learn.
- Interest in working with children and creating accessible, inclusive environments.
- Police vulnerability check must be completed before contact with children.
- Previous volunteer or leadership experience is an asset but not required.

### **Program Timeline:**

- **Training:** May 2026 (6 hours, May 2, 2026 TBC).
- **Workshop Support:** May - June 2025 (4 sessions, between 4 PM and 6 PM - exact time TBC).

### **How to Apply:**

Submit a brief application including your name, school and grade (if applicable), and a short paragraph about why you are interested in this mentorship opportunity. Applications and questions about the application process can be emailed to [emily@tellingtales.org](mailto:emily@tellingtales.org) with the subject line "Youth Mentee Application - Story Makers."

Telling Tales is committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion. We welcome applications from individuals of all backgrounds, including those who identify as neurodivergent, LGBTQIA+, or part of marginalized communities.

Join us to help inspire the next generation of storytellers!