



# Chair for a Day Contest

## About the project

Durham Region is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and we are inviting students who are enrolled in Grade 5 or who have taken, or are enrolled in, Grade 10 Civics and Careers classes to learn more about the region we call home by becoming Chair for a Day!

## We want to hear from you!

### What would you do if you were the Regional Chair?

We are calling on young residents, who are passionate about communities they live in, to participate in our Chair for a Day contest by sharing their vision for the future of Durham Region.

## Eligibility

### To enter the contest:

- Your parent or legal guardian must provide written consent to participate and agree to the contest rules outlined below.
- You must live in Durham Region.
  1. You are currently enrolled at an elementary school and are in Grade 5.
  2. You are currently enrolled at a secondary school and have taken, or are currently taking, Grade 10 Civics and Careers.



**The contest is not open to the immediate family members of elected officials and employees of The Regional Municipality of Durham, and any of the sponsoring companies or affiliated companies.**

## **Submission guidelines**

- The contest is “Chair for a Day”.
- Participants are asked to submit a written, audio or video response to the question:
  - “What is your vision for the future of Durham Region? Ensure you link back to the Regional services that we offer.”
- Each participant can only make one submission and submissions must be made in English.
- Participants can answer the question with:
  - Written response (maximum of 500 words)
  - Audio response (maximum of three minutes)
  - Video response (maximum of three minutes)
  - Consent is required for any images of yourself or others that appear in your video.



## How to enter

- The contest opens on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.
- Entries must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) Friday, May 17, 2024.
- Submit your entry via [chair@durham.ca](mailto:chair@durham.ca), with the subject line Chair for a Day Contest. The parent or legal guardian should include their permission in the submission email.
- The winning entries will be featured on the [durham.ca/50Years](https://durham.ca/50Years) site and on Durham Region's social media channels (Facebook, X, LinkedIn).

## Selection of winners

One winning submission **from each grade will be selected.**

- Chair Henry will lead a committee who will select the winner using the following selection criteria:
  - Quality of submission, connection to an existing Regional service(s), originality of idea and how thoughtfully the participant has outlined their vision.
- Winners will be announced on May 27, 2024.



## Winners

Winning entries (one submission from each grade will be selected) will spend the day with the Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer for The Regional Municipality of Durham, John Henry, at a time that is a mutually agreed upon.

Each winning submission will also receive a \$100 gift card and their work, along with photos of their tour, will be featured and displayed:

- In a temporary display at Durham Regional Headquarters (605 Rossland Road East, Whitby); and
- On Durham Region's external website ([durham.ca/50Years](https://durham.ca/50Years)) and social media channels (Facebook, X and LinkedIn).

The creators of winning submissions will:

- Be invited to join Chair Henry to tour Regional facilities in their local municipality and learn more about how Regional government supports the community where they live!
- Select a location for lunch at their favorite restaurant in their local municipality.
- Have a photo taken while wearing the Regional Chair's Chain of Office.

## Contest rules

- Submissions must adhere to the Region of Durham's:
  - [Purchasing By-Law](#)
  - Full contest rules and regulations



## Accessibility Notice

Applicants who require special assistance to participate in this opportunity are encouraged to contact [chair@durham.ca](mailto:chair@durham.ca) or call 905-668-4113 Ext. 2155 at least one week before the application deadline to allow Durham Region to accommodate your needs.

For more information, please visit: [durham.ca/ChairContest](https://durham.ca/ChairContest).

Please send any questions to [chair@durham.ca](mailto:chair@durham.ca).