

Youth Advisory Committee

Grant application instructions



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About the Southeast Ottawa Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)

The Southeast Ottawa Community Foundation YAC is composed of students representing Hudsonville, Tri-Unity Christian and Jenison High Schools. We are committed to addressing and improving problems concerning young people by funding programs directed toward youth. Membership on the YAC is open to any Hudsonville, Georgetown or Jamestown area high school student willing to commit to volunteer. The YAC is a permanent standing committee of the Southeast Ottawa Community Foundation.

What types of projects will be funded?

Programs that benefit youth in southeast Ottawa County will be funded. A total of \$1300 is available for grants. Based on the results of a survey conducted at Hudsonville and Jenison High Schools, primary consideration will be given to projects that address the following issues:

- Stress
- Pressure to succeed and pressure work
- Peer pressure
- Cliques; not "fitting in"
- Problems with parents and/or teachers
- Low self esteem and depression

Who is eligible to apply?

Student groups and local non-profit organizations (including churches, schools, government agencies, and community groups with a 501 (C)(3) non-profit status) may apply for grants for programs that benefit youth in southeast Ottawa County. The YAC values projects that promote inclusiveness and that do not discriminate in hiring of staff or providing services on the basis of race, gender, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, age, national origin or disability. Applications from religious organizations for a non-religious purpose will be considered.

When are proposals due?

Grant applications must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2012. The online grant application can be accessed at www.grfoundation.org/youthlist. Applicants will be notified of the YAC's decision in May 2012.

What makes a good grant proposal?

Grant proposals should assist the applying organization to implement a project or program that benefits youth. Proposals developed by youth or with youth involvement in planning are encouraged. The proposal should:

- Have clear goals, address an identified issue and make a significant difference for youth.
- Impact a significant number of youth from the Hudsonville or Jenison area.
- Avoid duplication with other projects and programs in the community.
- Use requested funds to impact youth directly.

Grant proposals from religious organizations for a religious purpose and proposals to fund scholarships for individuals will not be considered.

Project Budget

The online application includes a project budget. List all expenses and income sources for your project. **Specify EXACTLY how grant funds will be used.** Be as detailed as possible (i.e.; 25 calculators @ \$10 each=\$250.00)

The deadline to submit all application materials is 11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2012.

Additional questions?

For questions related to the content of your proposal or technical questions about the online grant application, call Cris Kooyer at 616-454-1751, ext. 118.