

Youth Advisory Committee

Grant application instructions



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

The Wyoming Community Foundation YAC seeks to improve the community by funding programs that help youth gain advantages and build character while teaching philanthropy. The YAC is composed of students representing high schools located in the Wyoming area. 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 Wyoming-area high school student willing to commit to volunteer. The YAC is affiliated with the Wyoming Community Foundation.

What types of projects may be funded?

Programs that benefit Wyoming-area youth will be funded. A total of \$4,000 is available for grants. Based on the results of a survey conducted at four Wyoming-area high schools, primary consideration will be given to programs or projects that address alcohol/drug use, stressful situations, teen pregnancy, smoking, and sexual abuse. Based on a survey of Wyoming youth, suggested projects or activities include:

- Competitive sports
- "Real life" learning experiences, or experiential learning activities
- Arts, writing, or music-focused activities
- Programs that are led by youth
- Classes or groups to help quit smoking or using drugs
- Clubs or groups with a specific focus
- Outdoor experiences, camps, or challenge courses

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 Wyoming. 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 on-line 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 proposal?

Historically, the Youth Advisory Committee has looked more favorably on proposals for projects that:

- Have clear goals with foreseeable long-term benefits for youth in Wyoming.
- Are original, unique, and CREATIVE!
- Involve youth in program development and/or implementation.
- Address a need area identified in our survey, and benefit a significant number of youth.
- Have limited funds and lack of other resources.

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, call Brenda Kading-Payne, YAC Advisor, at 616-538-6322. For technical questions about the on-line grant application, call Cris Kooyer at 616-454-1751, ext. 118.