

## Grand Rapids Community Foundation Youth Grant Committee



### ***Grand Rapids needs to hear your voice!***

As part of the Youth Grant Committee, you will meet monthly to identify the needs of youth in the Grand Rapids community, and learn about the people and nonprofits working to meet those needs. You will learn about the philanthropic grant making process from start to finish, ultimately awarding around \$45,000 to the organizations you believe are making the biggest impact for Grand Rapids youth.

YGC members get to meet students from all over the greater Grand Rapids area—we currently have 26 members from 10 different high schools across Kent County! You will also have the opportunity to take on leadership positions in the group, and help shape the YGC experience for the current year and into the future.

#### **Are you:**

- A **current 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grader** (incoming freshman or sophomore for 2021-22) attending a Grand Rapids-area high school?
- Available to attend evening meetings once a month in downtown Grand Rapids (near The Rapid Central Station, and parking validation available)?
- Motivated to help youth of all kinds in Grand Rapids by learning about their strengths and challenges, and sharing your experiences as a student and community member?
- Interested in learning about nonprofit programming and community change work?
- Willing to learn how to make informed decisions about grant making, and be an active participant in the YGC process?

#### **Then we want YOU to apply!**

The YGC is a great opportunity for you to:

- Gain leadership, decision-making, and critical thinking skills
- Meet students from other schools and expand your peer group
- Learn about youth needs and programming in the Grand Rapids area
- Work as part of a team
- Earn community service hours (all YGC activities count) and enhance your resume for college

More information about YGC can be found at <https://www.grfoundation.org/apply-for-funding/additional-funds/youth-grant-committee>, and visit [bit.ly/YGC2021](https://bit.ly/YGC2021) to apply!

Applications are due by 11:59pm on Thursday, April 15, 2021. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Erika VanDyke at 616-648-6079, or by email at [evandyke@grfoundation.org](mailto:evandyke@grfoundation.org).