



WHAT'S BEING OFFERED?

Grants ranging from **\$10 to \$1000** are available for projects that:

- ❖ Put the ideas and energies of young people to work to address important community needs
- ❖ Are designed and carried out by young people with adults serving as advisors
- ❖ Can be started and finished by the same group of young people
- ❖ Have a realistic budget and solid plans

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students, community organizations, religious communities, schools, classrooms, and other not-for-profit organizations that actively engage young people ages 5 to 21 in solving community problems are welcome to apply.

HOW DO I APPLY?

In order to be considered, the following must be submitted to the YAR Office:

- ❖ Completed YAR Grant Application
- ❖ Proof of not-for-profit status: 501 (c)(3) IRS authorization
- ❖ Completed informational form

Complete application materials are due by:

- Completed YAR Grant Application
- Completed Demographic Information Form
- Proof of 501(c)(3) status

Please deliver materials to:

Emily Nuese
507 Donita St.
Marshall, MN 56258

For more information contact: Emily Nuese 507-532-4971 eanuese@charter.net or Scott Klinkner 507-532-9622 sklinkner@marshallareaymca.org.



WHAT CAN GRANT MONEY BE USED FOR?

Youth as Resources grants may be used for the direct **operation** of the project, **transportation**, and **recognition** of the project participants. The majority of the grant money must be used to carry out the project. Recognition costs cannot exceed 15% of the grant award.

WHAT COSTS CAN *NOT* BE COVERED BY THE GRANT?

The grant money *may not* be used for the following:

- ❖ **overhead** costs
- ❖ salaries or **wages**
- ❖ direct **donations to other organizations**
- ❖ purchase of **capital items**

WHAT SHOULD PROJECTS DO TO QUALIFY FOR FUNDING?

Youth and adult members of your county's YAR Board will interview all youth groups that submit eligible project proposals. Screenings will occur after 4:00 p.m. on a weekday. The Board will look for projects in which:

- ❖ **Youth have a variety of roles and responsibilities**, with adults serving as guides or facilitators.
- ❖ **Creative solutions to community needs** or problems are offered.
- ❖ **Plans are cost effective**, achieving the most benefit with the fewest dollars.
- ❖ **Appropriate publicity and recognition** will increase the public's awareness of the project and the work being done by youth for the community.
- ❖ **Networks within the community** help with the project through donation of services or materials.
- ❖ **Reflection activities** help youth gain insight into how they can make the world a better place.

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT A PROJECT SCREENING?

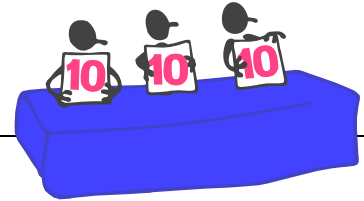
To qualify for funding:

- ❖ Project must address a community need.
- ❖ Project must be planned and implemented by a youth group located in the community served.
- ❖ Youth group must be associated with a not-for-profit organization that is able to show proof of not-for-profit status.
- ❖ *If your group is not incorporated as a not-for-profit organization, the YAR Program will help you locate a qualified host.*

*Submission of proposal that meets all the requirements does not guarantee funding. Youth As Resources has limited funds and will select a range of diverse projects. **Please read guidelines carefully before submitting a proposal.***



TIPS FOR AN EFFECTIVE PRESENTATION



REMEMBER: THIS IS YOUTH-LED SERVICE, SO YOUTH DO THE TALKING, ADULTS DO THE LISTENING! 

START BY BRIEFLY DESCRIBING YOUR PROJECT

Give a short summary describing your project. Include:

- ❖ WHO initiated and will complete the project
- ❖ WHERE the project will be done
- ❖ WHAT the group hopes to achieve
- ❖ HOW the community and youth will benefit



KEEP IN MIND THAT TIME HAS BEEN CAREFULLY SCHEDULED

- ❖ Plan to arrive ten minutes early.
- ❖ Stick to the time restraints given.
- ❖ Allow time for questions from the audience.

USE MATERIALS YOU HAVE TO HELP MAKE A SMOOTH PRESENTATION

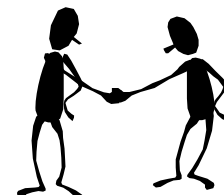
- ❖ 3 X 5 cards for the information
- ❖ copy of the full proposal and budget
- ❖ any supportive materials such as photographs, diagrams, posters, fliers, etc.



MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION



- ❖ SMILE
- ❖ introduce yourself
- ❖ shake hands with Board members
- ❖ clearly tell what group you are with and what project you are representing



PRACTICE!!!

- ❖ practice before a mirror
- ❖ practice before a friend
- ❖ practice before a group





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Scott Klinkner, YAR Director, Marshall YMCA, 200 S. A. St., Marshall, MN 56258 Email: sklinkner@marshallareaymca.org



Direct Questions to Emily Nuese at: (507) 532-4971 or Scott Klinkner at the YMCA (507) 537-9622

Funded by: Community Services Private Ind. Council, United Way of SW MN and the Marshall Area YMCA

Name of Group _____ Name of Project _____

Number of youth that will participate in project _____ Age range of youth _____

Youth Contact _____ Title _____

Address _____ Email: _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Age _____

Adult Contact _____ Title _____

Address _____ Email: _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Sponsoring Organization (fiscal agent) _____

Representative _____ Title _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

The undersigned adult contact person and representative of the sponsoring organization hereby attest to the fact that this project proposal was initiated and prepared by youth and that this project will be planned and carried out by youth.

Project Leader (Adult)

Sponsoring Organization Representative

THE FINE PRINT

All YAR grants, awards, and project participants must comply with all Federal Statutes relating to non-discrimination. This includes, but is not limited to, prohibition of participation on the basis of age, race, sex, color, national origin, or disability. The undersigned certify that:

- 1. All information contained is accurate, contains no misstatements or misrepresentations, and represents a reasonable estimate of future operation based on data available at the time of the application;
2. The sponsoring organization assumes responsibility for liability;
3. The organization will comply with the Civil Rights and Handicapped Regulations summarized above and with other YAR guidelines.

Project Leader (Youth)

Project Leader (Adult)

Sponsoring Organization Representative

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Submit the following to Youth As Resources by no later than:

- ✓ This Grant Application.
✓ Demographic Information Form
✓ Proof of 501(c)(3) not-for-profit status

(Circle One)

January 15

April 15

November 15



1. _____ DESCRIBE YOUR PROJECT IDEA

◆ Project Title. _____

◆ What is your project idea? _____

Where will your project take place? _____

When will your project begin and end? _____

◆ Will you need additional advice or assistance to help complete this project? If so, what kind? _____

◆ Are there special permission slips, insurance coverage, etc. needed for this project? If so, please explain. _____

2. _____ HELPING THE COMMUNITY



◆ How will your project help the community? _____

◆ How did your group determine that this is an important community need? _____

◆ Who is your project serving? Please check the one or more boxes.

- Young children Elderly Other youth People who are sick
- Disabled Low-income families The environment Whole neighborhood or community
- Other: _____

Approximately how many people will receive service through this project? _____



3. _____ YOUTH LEADERSHIP



Who wrote this proposal? _____

How have youth been involved in planning this project? _____

How will youth be involved in implementing this project? _____

4. _____ SERVICE LEARNING



What do you think you will learn about your community from your project? _____

What reflection activities will you use during your project to be aware of your progress? _____

How will you share the things you learn with other people (i.e., writing, pictures, presentations)?*

**Please check here if your group is interested in doing a presentation in the community.* Yes No

5. _____ APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE



How will you measure your success during your project, and when it's done? _____

How will the group celebrate a job well done? _____
