

2021 Youth Engaged in Philanthropy Youth Focused Grants



DESCRIPTION

Youth Engaged in Philanthropy Mission Statement:

As a part of our community's youth, we strive to connect those who care about youth with the monetary means necessary to pursue their visions.

Youth Engaged in Philanthropy (YEP) includes 13 high school students from McLean, DeWitt, Livingston and Logan counties. YEP, through the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation (IPCF), receives a gift from a private donor, which allows for \$10,000 in grant funds. With funds that were returned from 2020 grants, YEP will have \$11,680 to distribute in 2021. The YEP group has been charged with the task of creating a grant application, notifying nonprofit organizations within the service area of Illinois Prairie Community Foundation about the availability of the grant opportunity, and allocating funds to youth focused initiatives.

YEP members are committed to reaching out to organizations that benefit youth in the community, both directly and indirectly. YEP encourages youth to have an active role in completing the application. Those organizations which include youth in the application process will be given priority in grant decisions.

Applications may be submitted October 1, 2020 through 5:00 p.m. (CDT) October 30, 2020.

For the 2021 grant cycle, Youth Engaged in Philanthropy is interested in hearing about the needs of children from the four counties in which we operate. It is highly encouraged for the youth involved in these organizations to aid in the completion of the YEP application.

Applications will only be accepted through the online portal.

If you apply for a YEP grant in the fall, you may not apply to the Women to Women Giving Circle for a grant in the same fall cycle. You may, however, apply for a grant in the spring cycle (General, Mirza/Arts & Culture, Shulman) if the applications are for distinctly different programs.

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a 501 (c) 3/registered nonprofit organization
- Must impact at least one of the four counties in the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation service area (McLean, DeWitt, Livingston or Logan)
- Project must be youth-focused or have a significant impact on youth
- Applicants are required to use a budget document developed by the IPCF Grants Committees; form can be downloaded at <https://ilprairiecf.org/resources-2>; Word and Excel files are available under both the Grants and YEP tabs

- If awarded funding, there must be a follow-up report completed regarding the success of the project within 60 days of the project's completion
- If your organization receives funding from YEP and wishes to change the use of funding at any time, you must first submit a written request to YEP
- If your organization receives funding from YEP and does not use all of the funds provided by YEP, you must notify YEP. The group will then notify you on how to proceed with the funds
- Grant applications must be received by **5:00 p.m. (CDT) October 30, 2020**

To begin the YEP online grant application, go to

https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5839?SA=SNA&FID=35010.

To return to a previously started YEP online grant application, go to

https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5839?SA=AM.

Answers are required for all questions with asterisks before the application may be submitted. The application will not submit if you are missing information in a required field. You will receive a confirmation email once you have successfully submitted your application.

Most applicants find it easiest to write their application in a Word document and then copy and paste into the appropriate areas of the application. Save your work frequently. Please retain a copy of your application before submitting it.

If you have questions about the application or would like mentorship in completing it, please contact Michele Evans, Grants & Communications Director at IPCF, as soon as possible at 309-662-4477 or mevans@ilprairiecf.org.