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Youth Grantmakers in Action of
The Winston-Salem Foundation

WHAT IS YOUTH GRANTMAKERS IN ACTION?

Youth Grantmakers in Action (YGA) of The Winston-Salem Foundation is an exciting opportunity for youth from across Forsyth County. This youth-led group comes together to gain leadership experience, develop a greater understanding of the community and issues impacting local youth, represent youth in their community, voice their opinions, and make grants to youth-directed projects in Forsyth County. This project was created to give youth the opportunity to work in partnership with adults to recognize the assets of youth and to invest in their efforts to make positive changes in the community. YGA is unique because it is a board of young people who make decisions about which projects in their community will receive money!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The basic process looks like this:

FIRST, YGA members develop their own grantmaking program and create a grant application.

SECOND, YGA members seek out youth-led groups from schools & community organizations to come up with ideas for projects that will make a positive impact within the community.

THIRD, the youth-led groups fill out applications in which they say what they want to do, why it's important for the community, and how much money they need to carry out the project successfully.

FOURTH, the youth-led groups submit their applications to YGA. YGA reviews the applications and makes decisions about whether or not to fund the projects.

WHO CAN BE PART OF YOUTH GRANTMAKERS IN ACTION?

Youth who are 15 to 18 years old at the time of applying and live in Forsyth County or attend Forsyth County schools (Please note: current enrollment in school is NOT a requirement to serve with YGA). We want a group that represents the true diversity of our community and is able to commit the time necessary to make YGA successful.

WHAT DO YGA MEMBERS DO?

- Meet and work with other teens from diverse backgrounds across Forsyth County.
- Engage with local residents and gain a deeper understanding of the community.
- Design a grantmaking program.
- Reach out to youth in the community to encourage them to plan a project and apply for money to carry it out.
- Review proposed project ideas from youth-led groups.
- Make decisions as a group about which projects will receive money.
- Follow up with and give support to the youth-led groups that were funded.
- Gain a lot of important leadership experience and job skills.
- Help to sustain the program with volunteer hours and fundraising assistance.

WHAT'S THE COMMITMENT?

A mandatory full-day orientation in August, one meeting a month from September to April, and additional optional activities. There will also be some independent and group work between meetings.

Questions? Call Andrea at 725-2382 or email yga@wsfoundation.org.



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Participant Information Form

General information (please print):

Name: _____ Parent/Guardian name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Race/ethnicity: _____ Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Home address: _____
(Number & Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ May we text you? _____

E-mail: _____

Are you presently in school? _____ (Current enrollment in school is NOT a requirement to serve with YGA).

If yes, what school? _____ What grade (2020-2021 school year)? _____

Why would you like to serve with Youth Grantmakers in Action?

Requirements:

Members of YGA will be required to attend one meeting a month from August 2020 through April 2020 and do independent work outside of these meetings. **There will be a mandatory full-day orientation on August 7, 2020** and a full-day Saturday meeting dedicated to making grant decisions in February 2021.

Please list your extracurricular, faith-based, and sports-related activities planned for the 2020-2021 school year: _____

Do you think any of these commitments may prevent you from fully participating in YGA activities? _____

PLEASE RETURN BY MAY 15, 2020 by e-mailing yga@wsfoundation.org or mailing to:

The Winston-Salem Foundation
Youth Grantmakers in Action
751 West Fourth Street, Suite 200
Winston-Salem, NC 27101
(You may also fax your application: 336-727-0581)

Youth Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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For more information about YGA, visit www.youthgrantmakersinaction.org.