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Over \$7,500 in grants available!



YOUTH
GRANTMAKERS IN
ACTION

2021-2022 Grant Application

APPLICATIONS DUE: Monday, January 31st

**RECOMMENDED VIRTUAL GRANTWRITING
WORKSHOP:**

Wednesday, January 12th 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

For application and more information, go to:

www.youthgrantmakersinaction.org

Or Contact Us:

yga@wsfoundation.org

Youth Grantmakers in Action

Youth Grantmakers in Action (YGA) of The Winston-Salem Foundation is a diverse group of youth from across Forsyth County that comes together to gain leadership experience, represent teens in their community, voice their opinions, and make grants to youth-directed projects that address community issues and challenges in Forsyth County. YGA is structured to support authentic, working partnerships between young people and adults in designing these community change projects.

Members of Youth Grantmakers in Action are selected each spring for the following school year. Youth between the ages of 15-18 can apply to The Winston-Salem Foundation to join YGA.

2021-2022 Youth Grantmakers in Action

Luke Armentrout	Emma Jensen
Sarah Bettis	Naudia McKoy
Sebastian del Campo	Kelly Mills
Will Craig	Saniya Mitchell
Lochlan Downard	Anya Narayan
Hillary Dunn	Anam Parveen
Ashanti Evans	Alex Shen
Landon Greenwood	Desiree' Shields
Danasia Haney	Gwen Straker
Grace Isiguzo	Skylar Sumrell
Testimony Isiguzo	

Adult Advisors:

Katie Sonnen-Lee, The Winston-Salem Foundation
Andrea Hulighan, The Winston-Salem Foundation
Megan Mills, YGA Alum

Facilitator:

Fred Baker, Leading To Change

Examples of Previous Grants

- Winston-Salem Youth Council to create public space for positive self-expression
- Kid's Café: Through a New Lens to fund a photo journal mentoring project
- Youth Advisory Committee to host a smoke-free basketball tournament for youth
- Youth Alternative Prom Committee to host an alternative prom for youth
- LaDeara Crest Youth Council to fund SAT preparation for youth
- Atkins High School HOSA - \$300 to create a blessing closet filled with school and toiletry supplies for students

Guidelines for Funding

Basic requirements:

- Your project must have a positive impact on youth in Forsyth County.
- Your project must be planned by youth and carried out by youth.
- The majority of your group should be under the age of 18.
- Your project must be completed by August 31, 2022.
- At least two youth members from your group must be available for virtual interviews Saturday, February 26th.
- Each group must have an adult ally/advisor and a sponsoring organization. This sponsoring organization can be a community group or school.
- Each group must follow all recommended safety procedures for COVID-19 when implementing their project.

Other things we want you to consider:

- Does your project have the potential to grow or make a lasting impact on youth in Forsyth County?
- Have you done research to find out whether or not your project is needed in the community? Has your project been done before, and if so, is there still a need for it?
- Is your project creative and realistic, especially given projects must be completed by August 31st?
- Do the items in your budget align with the activities you intend to do for your project?
- If your project needs more funding than YGA may be able to grant, do you have other ways to obtain the money you will need to complete the project or will you be able to complete it without additional funding?
- Do you have contingency plans for your project, especially given the unpredictable nature of COVID-19 related issues?

Examples of what we CAN pay for:

- Costs for an event, like equipment rental, space rental, awards, food, drinks, or music
- Technology
- Materials or supplies like sports equipment, games, books, school supplies or markers
- Postage, printing, copying, or design costs
- Contracted services (e.g. a caterer, guest speaker/instructor)
- Transportation costs (e.g. van rental)
- Personal protective equipment such as masks, gloves, disinfectant, and hand sanitizer

Things we WON'T pay for:

- Projects that are designed to make an impact outside of Forsyth County
- Projects that are planned or led by adults.
- Salaries or stipends for adult allies, sponsors, or youth to carry out the project.
- Overhead that the sponsoring organization incurs.
- Illegal activities and materials.
- Anything that is not going to be directly used for the project.
- Projects that are discriminatory or that may bring harm to others.

Important dates to remember...

- **Wednesday, January 12th:** RECOMMENDED virtual grant writing workshop.
- **Monday, January 31st:** Deadline for submitting the online application
- **Saturday, February 26th:** Virtual interviews with the groups that apply for a grant. You will be asked to participate in an interview with the youth grantmakers about your project on Saturday, February 26th. After you submit your proposal, we will contact you to schedule an interview time.
- **Late February/early March:** Notification of which projects will be funded.
- **Wednesday, April 20th (tentative):** A community celebration of the groups who receive grants. At least two youth representatives from your group must be available to participate if your project is funded.
- **Wednesday, August 31:** Written summary of completed project (including receipts and any photos, video, scrapbooks, etc.) submitted to Katie Sonnen-Lee (ksonnenlee@wsfoundation.org) at The Winston-Salem Foundation. All funded groups must submit a summary.

If you have any questions, contact us via e-mail (yga@wsfoundation.org) or call at (336) 231-0503.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How much money can we ask for?

A: While there isn't a minimum or maximum, YGA will have approximately \$7,500 to use for grants thanks to the continued generous support of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, which recently awarded \$5,000 to YGA for the fourth year in a row.

Q: Can we pay ourselves to do the work?

A: No. However, we will pay for training or other services (like graphic design) that an adult or another youth might perform for you.

Q: Can I apply for funds as an individual?

A: We want to give money to young people who have already come together as a group. If you are an individual who has a great idea for a project, we can help you identify groups of youth who might be willing to work with you to apply for funds and carry out the project.

Q: What if our group doesn't have a sponsoring organization?

A: You must have an organization or school that will sponsor you. The organization will receive the check if you get funded. If your group does not have a sponsoring organization, contact us and we can help you identify potential organizations to sponsor your application.

Q: What should I expect for the virtual interview on February 26th?

A: You will be greeted and interviewed by the youth of YGA. Please come prepared to answer questions about your project. The interview will be in a question and answer format; there is no need to prepare a presentation.

Q: What are our chances of getting the money?

A: There is no guarantee that if you apply you will get the money. Your proposal will be in competition with other youth-led projects for limited funding.

Q: If we receive a grant, how long will it take us to get the money?

A: We will let you know if you receive a grant in late February or early March, and if approved, your group will receive its check as early as March.

Q: Where does the money come from?

A: The money comes from a fund at The Winston-Salem Foundation that has been created from community donations. The fund is endowed, which means YGA has a permanent source of money for its grants. YGA members raise money every year to add to the fund so that it continues to grow.

Q: How do I become one of the youth who makes decisions about the grants?

A: We will be recruiting for new members of YGA in the spring of 2022. Contact Katie at (336) 231-0503 or yga@wsfoundation.org and ask to be put on the list. When applications become available, we'll send you one.