

YOUTH AND PHILANTHROPY FUND

United Way of Tompkins County helps people meet their immediate, basic needs while creating lasting change by strengthening the three building blocks for a good life: education, financial stability and health.

EDUCATION: Children and youth succeed in school, work and life.

FINANCIAL STABILITY: Individuals and families have improved financial stability and self-sufficiency.

HEALTH: Children, seniors and adults have improved physical, emotional, and mental well-being.

PURPOSE

The Youth and Philanthropy initiative is designed to give local students the opportunity to become more engaged with their community and think about how philanthropy can become an important part of their lives.

This program inspires and provides youth with a greater understanding of current community needs, while allowing them to explore individual leadership abilities, participate in team-building activities, learn about charitable giving, develop a grant application, receive and review grants, and to invest money in community programs that are making a difference for local residents and organizations

Applications will be evaluated based upon the following criteria:

- *Need:* The community need is clearly defined and demonstrated.
- *Impact:* Community impact is made through specific measurable goals and outcomes. The program is intended to make a significant, sustainable impact.
- *Implementation:* The program is thoughtful, realistic, and clearly addresses the identified community need. The organization(s) are able to execute the work effectively (have a plan to meet the needed capacity).
- *Creativity and Innovation:* The organization(s) is able to outline a new, innovative approach to service delivery for either a new community need or a historically chronic service challenge.

GRANT SIZE

The Triad Foundation, in partnership with United Way, provides the students with \$25,000 to grant to the community. Students review the grant applications and provide funding recommendations based on the criteria above.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants should thoroughly review the general partner eligibility and grant procedures document for funding eligibility requirements.

Grants may be made for one time funding to new projects or for the significant expansion of existing project and should not be viewed as ongoing program support. Applicants are encouraged to address a sustainability plan for their proposal. Applicants applying for capital requests are encouraged to discuss the calculable impact of a gift to their fund.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All applications must be submitted online through Apricot. The YAP application opens in August and closes in early October.

Fifteen to thirty students from across Tompkins County review the applications and make their recommendations to the Community Investment Committee and the Board of Directors for approval. The grants are awarded to the receiving organizations in early December.

GRANT REPORTING

If an organization receives a grant from YAP, it will be required to submit a final report the following fall. Additionally, recipients may be asked to assist with marketing and media efforts that highlight their work.

