

THE YOUTH SERVICE FUND

The United Methodist Youth Service Fund, commonly known as YSF, is a way UM Youth can connect to benefit other youth in need around the world.

Here's a quick guide to changing lives around the world.

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2019 Grant Recipient

CINDERELLA'S CLOSET

Cinderella's Closet provides formal wear to girls who could not otherwise afford to attend their prom or homecoming. Through donations of new and gently used formal dresses and accessories, they are able to offer an unforgettable experience to students that are referred by their school, community organization or social care agency.

This youth led ministry gives youth the opportunity to lead in many different areas including ministry administration, budget and sponsor management, advertisement and marketing, inventory management and volunteer coordination. More importantly, they have the opportunity to connect and share the love of Jesus with the girls and their families.

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**Provides
funding for
youth ministry
locally,
nationally,
and globally.**

**Money Raised by Youth
Administered by Youth
To Benefit Youth**

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Fund Raising

Funds are raised in
two different ways:

1) Local Congregation Donations:

- Hold YSF Fundraisers
- Donate 10% of fundraisers
- Special Offering on Youth Sunday

2) Annual Conference

Each year at Annual Conference the youth members offer a variety of fundraisers to support YSF. Since 2012, the Young People's Ministry has raised over \$41,000.00.

Each year new and exciting options are added! Visit the YSF booth at Annual Conference to see what we have in store!

Distribution

All of the funds raised for YSF and distributed by the Young People's Ministry go to build ministry with and for young people.

30% of all funds collected by the Conference are sent to the General Church Youth Service Fund. These donations are combined with others received from across the denomination to fund national and international missions and discipleship opportunities.

The remaining funds are distributed following the review of grant applications by the YPMC.

Grant money is distributed at the beginning of the grant calendar year.



Apply

Applications for 2020 grants accepted
April 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019

Qualifications

All applications receive prayerful consideration. Priority is given to applicants that are:

- 1) Youth-led
- 2) Creating or Expanding New or Existing Ministries
- 3) Racially and Ethnically inclusive
- 4) Produce documentation of other funding
- 5) UM ministries receive first consideration, followed by ecumenical and cooperative ministries, secular programs are also considered.

Applications

Applications can be completed online on the Young People's Ministry website

igniteyoungpeople.org

Downloadable copies are also available on the website.