

Guidelines for Youth Service Fund Applications

Purpose and Mission

The purpose of Young People's Ministries is to empower young people as world-changing disciples of Jesus Christ, to nurture faith development, and to equip young leaders. The Youth Service Fund was established by the global United Methodist Church to support youth and youth ministries in their endeavors to live and grow as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Guidelines for Selection of YSF Projects

When applying for Youth Service Fund (YSF) grants, the following items will receive careful consideration. It is these areas that we examine most thoroughly. Be as clear and concise in your responses as possible.

1. Priority will be given to those projects that are youth-led.
(i.e. youth, 12-18 years of age, have been leaders in the creation, development, implementation and evaluation of a project.)
2. YSF money is to be used to develop new projects or expand existing ministries that will become self-supporting. There is no guarantee of funding after one year. YSF grants will not be used to fund a deficit or partially or fully pay salary or commission.
3. YSF grants should have a substantial impact on the project but will not fund the entire project.
4. Projects should be racially and ethnically inclusive whenever possible.
5. Preference will be given to United Methodist projects within the connectional system. Projects of other churches and cooperative efforts between religious groups will be favored next. Finally, projects sponsored by secular organizations that meet Youth Service Fund criteria will be considered.
6. Applications will be accepted April 1, 2017 - October 31, 2017.

Project Selection

1. The YPMC will review all applications in November 2017.
2. Applicants will receive a letter informing them of the approval or denial of funds in December 2017.
3. Funds will be disbursed to selected applicants in January 2018.
4. Applicants receiving funding will be asked to submit:
 - a. A written progress report on the project by April 1, 2018 to include:
 - i. status of the project
 - ii. additional amounts of funds raised
 - iii. number of participants (actual or anticipated)
 - iv. number of people impacted by the project (actual or anticipated)
 - v. photographs
 - b. A full written report on the project by November 1, 2018
 - i. total amounts of funds raised
 - ii. total number of participants
 - iii. total number of people impacted by the project
 - iv. photographs

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Project Contact Information

Project Title:	
Contact Person:	Church/Agency:
Address:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
E-mail:	Website:

Project Funding

Total Project Budget \$ _____ Amount Requested \$ _____

The project is organized by: (check one)

- United Methodist Church/Agency
- Non-United Methodist
- Ecumenical
- Interfaith
- Secular or Community-based
- Other, please explain: _____

Have you applied for grant funds for this project through other United Methodist channels?

- Yes: Which ones? _____
- No

Have you previously applied for YSF grants through the Susquehanna Conference YPM?

- No
- Yes. If yes:
 - Indicate the project title on previous applications and whether “awarded” or “denied”.

- What are your reasons for applying again? _____

List other sources of funding for which you have applied. Indicate whether “awarded”, “pending”, or “denied”.

List below or as attachment an itemized budget of how you plan to use the requested funds.

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Project Demographics

Please choose the one that best describes your project.

	Faith Sharing and Outreach	Gives young people opportunities to live their faith through ministry to others – through outreach, in-service learning, and mission.
	Leadership Development	Encourages, equips and empowers youth to be Disciples of Christ and agents of change in the local church, community and the world.
	Ministry with At-Risk Youth	Provides a safe environment where youth can express their hurts, joys and concerns, and experience the power of God’s love, healing and grace.
	Agricultural/Vocational	Assists families and/or communities in the areas of education, agriculture, economic development, job training and self-determination.
	Scholarships	Provides monetary assistance to ensure participation of youth in educational/training, service/mission and other ministry opportunities.

Participants’ racial/ethnic identity.

- Native American
- Asian American
- African American
- Hispanic American

- European American
- Pacific Islander
- Other

Project will serve

- Rural setting

- Urban setting

Project Details

Briefly describe your project or ministry plan. What impact will your project have on the lives of both the individuals and community it serves?

How and when did the project get started? How many youth have been impacted by the project?

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Who do you plan to serve with this project or ministry? What are the ages of the persons served?

3 Goals the project will accomplish:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

How do you plan to accomplish these goals?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

List the project facilitators and their ages.

Submit Completed Applications by mail:

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