



Youth Engaged in Philanthropy (YEP) - Grant Guidelines **All Applications Due to DCCF Office by 5:00 p.m. on February 22, 2010**

Introduction:

The YEP is a youth philanthropy program that teaches young people leadership skills and the importance of community involvement and philanthropy. They assist the DeKalb County Community Foundation in addressing youth issues in our community

Guidelines and Eligibility:

Youth Engaged in Philanthropy Grant Applications are due on February 22 of each year and will be reviewed and decided upon by members of the YEP committee. All requests must be submitted using the Youth Engaged in Philanthropy Grant Application available on the DCCF website at www.dekalbccf.org. A site visit or applicant presentation may be required as part of the grant application process.

- **Be a Youth Led Initiative:**
 - ❖ Youth must be directly involved in the development and/or implementation of the project. Projects may occur in the areas of Arts & Culture, Community Development, Education or Health & Human Services. Preference will be given to innovative programs or projects.
 - ❖ Grant awards will be limited to a maximum of \$2,500 per project.
- **Respect Equal Opportunity**
 - ❖ Projects must respect diversity and inclusiveness.
- **Dedicated to Community**
 - ❖ The project must be in response to a legitimate need in the community and benefit residents of DeKalb County.
- **Have Accountability**
 - ❖ Applicants must have a nonprofit fiscal sponsor and demonstrate a realistic plan with a clear set of goals.
 - ❖ Applicants will need to report any alterations of their project plans after submission of the application and the changes will need to be approved by the YEP Committee.
 - ❖ Applicants should be willing to meet with YEP representatives either as part of the application process or for a site visit to evaluate the project
 - ❖ Applicants will be expected to complete a short evaluation of the success of the project.

- **Show Promotion of Developmental Assets™**
 - ❖ The projects must be consistent with the YEP's dedication to youth empowerment, promotion of youth leadership, and the strengthening of youth involvement in the DeKalb County community as reflected in the Search Institute's Developmental Assets™ framework. The grant application requires knowledge of the 40 Developmental Assets™. For more information visit: <http://www.search-institute.org/developmental-assets> and <http://www.dekalbcountykeys.org>

Projects Generally Not Funded:

While the Community Foundation remains flexible in meeting community needs, in general, Youth Engaged in Philanthropy Grants do not fund:

- ❖ Operational phases of established programs
- ❖ Personnel and/or administrative costs associated with programs or projects
- ❖ Religious purposes (however, grants can be given to religious organizations for non-religious purposes, or facilities such as day-care centers that have non-profit status independent from a sponsoring church or religious organization)
- ❖ Purchase of advertising
- ❖ Capital or operational debt reduction
- ❖ Any political campaign or to support attempts to influence legislative issues of any government body
- ❖ Specific individuals

YEP Grantmaking Goal:

Our goal is to assess community youth needs, create clear criteria for grants, and review and evaluate proposals thoroughly. YEP members make grants to support good ideas that will make a difference in our community.

The DeKalb County Community Foundation (DCCF) is a nonprofit foundation that meets a wide variety of social, cultural, educational and other charitable needs throughout DeKalb County. DCCF's mission is to enhance the quality of life in DeKalb County by proactively addressing community needs and expanding, managing, and distributing philanthropic resources. To learn more about DCCF visit our website: www.dekalbccf.org.

For more information about YEP contact:

Deanna Cada
Program Manager
815-748-5383
Deanna@dekalbccf.org