



## OTTAWA YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY

### **Youth Empowerment Granting Guidelines**

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) of the Community Foundation's Youth in Philanthropy program is seeking applications to support projects focusing on youth in Ottawa and which are important to the community. Through our Youth Empowerment Grants we will be providing funding for projects that are **proposed and implemented by youth to benefit their peers**. Applications for projects up to \$2,500 are welcome. Once the applications are received, the YAC will review them and make final recommendations to the Community Foundation's Board of Governors.

Applications must be submitted electronically by **April 14, 2008 at 5 p.m.**

#### **Eligibility**

- Grant applications from Ottawa youth aged 14 - 21.
- Projects must be supported by two (2) references from members of the community, one of which must be a registered charity. Support can be in the form of a reference letter on official letterhead OR the community members' contact information. Examples include someone from your community centre, a parent or teacher.
- Projects must be implemented in the City of Ottawa.
- Projects must be completed before the end of May 2009.

## Priorities

The YAC is interested in supporting projects that:

- build on the assets and strengths of the youth in our community by responding to evolving issues and emerging priorities;
- are innovative and make a difference in the lives of local youth;
- are likely to make a significant and sustainable impact on the community in the future;
- are original, creative and cost-efficient;
- seeks to tackle a situation in a school and/or community that is in need of change.

## Restrictions

The YAC will not review grant proposals that support:

- sectarian religious activities, political lobbying or legislative activities;
- indirect and administrative costs and capital campaigns;
- relief of existing obligations, debts or liabilities;
- fundraising events or campaigns;
- sponsorships;
- loans, scholarships, fellowships or grants to individuals.

## Important Notes

Projects should be volunteer-based; however, there may be some opportunity for small honorariums to be included in grant requests. If your application is successful, you will be required to provide an evaluation report upon completion of your project.

For more information about how to apply for a Youth Empowerment Grant, contact:

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