

Helpful Tips on Applying for Grants and Writing your Proposal (application)

- Always, always, always read the guidelines before you begin the application process
- Is your project “youth or young adult led?” Does it benefit young people?
- **This application is supposed to be written, and the program designed and implemented primarily by young people**
- Make note of the application due date and get it in as soon as possible
- Allow time for mailing the application– your application **MUST** arrive or be postmarked before the due date
- Make sure you sell your program, not the organization
- Proofread the document
- Double check websites and other references listed on your application
- Avoid technical language – The application is reviewed by the Project Review Committee (primarily youth and young adults from around the world)
- Provide a complete list of other funding sources you have received or that are pending
- Make a checklist of the guidelines that you can check off once completed
- Do not submit more than we ask- it will **NOT** give you an advantage
- Be specific when writing the budget. This gives us a better idea of how the money will be used
- Ask yourself these questions when writing: “Why should we give you money instead of another organization in your field?” “What makes your project unique?”
- Tell your friends to apply and remember this quote: “If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again.” – Thomas H. Palmer