

Young People's Ministries
A Division of The General Board of Discipleship

Presents

YOUTH SERVICE FUND
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

For funding year 2011



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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. This may be done by building a network of support and providing resources that connect the diverse experiences of youth and young adults in local ministries and communities across the globe.

Since the mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ, Youth Service Fund projects will be examined to see how they challenge youth to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Selection Process

Priority will be given to those projects that are youth-led (i.e. youth have been leaders in the creation, development, implementation and evaluation of a project.) The project must be youth-related (12-30 years of age.)

Youth Service Fund money is to be used to develop new projects that will become self-supporting. There is no guarantee of funding after one year and no project will be funded more than three consecutive years (funding for consecutive years will decrease from that of the previous year.)

Youth Service Fund grants should have a substantial effect on the project but will not be used to fund a deficit.

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.

Application Procedure

- The goals of the project should be stated clearly. The project review committee needs to be able to visualize the project in action.
- Submitting a specific budget is essential. Where does income come from? What expense does your project have? No more than 25% of Youth Service Fund monies granted may be used for administration or salary, freeing a minimum of 75% for program development.
- Illustrate church and community support, financial and otherwise. Letters of support from church and community leaders are required.
- Specify one primary project category to describe your project.
- If your project is chosen you will:
 - ✓ Be notified in October 2010;
 - ✓ Be required to return a Good Faith Agreement and wire transfer information by January 1, 2011;
 - ✓ Receive funds by wire transfer in year 2011; and,
 - ✓ Be asked to submit three progress reports throughout the year so we may be kept up to date with the project.



Youth Service Fund Project Application

*This form does not need to be used; but all the requested information needs to be provided.
Answer every question in the order listed to present a clear, complete, and concise application.*

Project Title: _____

Contact Person: _____

Church/Agency: _____

Annual Conference, if United Methodist: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ Website: _____

Total Project Budget
(In U.S. Dollars) \$ _____

Amount Requested
(In U.S. Dollars)* \$ _____

* May be up to \$15,000

Project Category: Please choose the **one** that best describes your project.

Faith Sharing and Outreach

Provides young people with tools to help them evaluate, understand and articulate and share their experiences of faith with others. 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 young people to be disciples of Jesus Christ and agents of change in the local church, community and the world

Scholarship

Provides monetary assistance to ensure participation of young people in educational/training, service/mission and other ministry opportunities

Ministry with At-Risk Youth

Incorporates youth oppressed by unjust economic, political and social systems in programs that seek to build just, free and peaceful societies. Equips youth with the skills needed to be healthy and whole. 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

INFORMATION ON PARTICIPANTS AND PROVIDERS

What age will project providers be? _____

If different, what age are persons being served? _____

To ensure inclusiveness, please describe participants' racial/ethnic identity:

PROJECT INFORMATION FOR FUNDING PURPOSES:

The project is: (select **one**)

- United Methodist (Name of church/agency) _____
- Non-United Methodist or Ecumenical or Interfaith
- Secular or Community-based
- Other (please explain) _____

If you have received any **Youth Service Fund** grants previously, please list below:

YEAR	AMOUNT	NATIONAL or ANNUAL CONFERENCE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please list other sources of funding for which you have applied for this project for this application year (including other United Methodist channels such as other general agencies or ethnic caucuses) and indicate whether "awarded," "pending," or "denied."

ANSWER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Briefly describe the background and setting of your project. What significance does your project have on the lives of both the individuals and the community it serves?
2. Write a three-sentence description of what this project hopes to accomplish.
3. What action will be taken to accomplish this goal?
4. Provide a checklist of four (4) measurable short-term objectives for this project (e.g., increase participation by 15% by July 30th, train five new mentors to serve in the program.)
5. How and when did the project get started? How many youth have been served?
6. How are youth involved in the planning, programming, and administration of the project?
7. How do you plan to spend this Youth Service Fund grant?
8. What will be the effect on your project if you are awarded an amount substantially less than the amount requested? Will you be able to adapt?
9. Attach a proposed budget for this project.
10. Attach letter of support from your annual conference's bishop (if United Methodist), your local church pastor (if Non-Methodist or Ecumenical), or the Organization Director (if Secular or Community-based.)

**Applications must be received by
JUNE 1, 2010**

Mail Youth Service Fund Application to:

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