Youth Volunteer Corps
Supporting Education Projects
Youth Volunteer Grant
WELCOME

Youth Volunteer Corps engages youth in team-based service experiences that build life and work skills while inspiring a lifetime ethic of service.

YVC youth volunteers have planned some inspiring volunteer service projects in the last 34 years. The Supporting Education Grants promotes projects surrounding any person or organization working in education. For the fifth year in a row, YVC’s International Youth Advisory Board will serve as the grant administrators, review panel, and decision-makers!

Review the following guidelines to apply for the 2021-2022 Supporting Education grant. QUESTIONS about eligibility or the submission process? Contact Danielle Small at dsmall@yvc.org.

SUPPORTING EDUCATION GRANT

Quality YVC service projects have an interactive icebreaker, high-quality service-learning activities, meaningful reflection, and of course – amazing volunteer service that meets a real community need. The goal of this grant is to provide YVC youth volunteers with the funding needed to plan and implement projects that focus on promoting and supporting any person or organization working in education.

ELIGIBILITY

Only active YVC youth volunteers from affiliates in good standing are eligible for the Supporting Education Grant. Affiliates in good standing are current on fees or dues payments, data collection, and reports for YVC (as applicable).

AWARD

The 2021-2022 Supporting Education Grant will be granted to three (3) YVC affiliates: two (2) $200 awards and one (1) $100 award.
SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2021-2022 Supporting Education Grant application is due Wednesday, December 1, 2021. To submit, email this application directly to dsmall@yvc.org. Grantees will be notified and publicly announced by Friday, December 17, 2021.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

This grant application seeks to support service projects that promote any person or organization working in education. These projects may benefit local Pre-K, elementary, middle or high schools; school districts; teachers or leaders; or any person or organization working in education.

Not sure where to start? Below is a partial list of potential service projects:

PROJECT EXAMPLES

- Arrange a school supply drive and collect pencils, notebooks, folders, crayons, pens, markers, glue sticks, and more for a school in need.
- Conducting a note writing or encouraging letter campaign for local teachers.
- Organize an advocacy event educating the community about an issue that is important to you.
- Partner with a senior center to offer tech education courses.
- Read with and tutor younger children.
- Host an after-school enrichment program for children in a low-income community.
- Supporting an education program at your local library.

REVIEW INFORMATION

The Supporting Education Grant will support youth-created and youth-led volunteer service projects – and for the fifth year in a row, YVC’s International Youth Advisory Board will decide the grantees! Following the December 1 deadline, IYAB will review and discuss applications during their meeting on Sunday, December 12, 2020. Grantees will be notified by a designee of IYAB and publicly announced by YVCHQ by December 17, 2021.
**GRANT INFORMATION**

Grants will not be made to individual youth volunteers. Grant checks will be sent directly to the sponsoring YVC program and applications require the signature of the YVC program director. Grantees will be required to complete a “Supporting Education” grant report with the assistance of their YVC program director.

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**Grant Application**

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**Please provide detailed responses to the following:**

**STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA – EDUCATION:** How does your project fall under the Education strategic focus area? Can it be included in an additional Strategic Focus Area? (You can learn more about Strategic Focus Areas here: https://www.yvc.org/about-us/strategic-focus-areas/)
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<td><strong>AGENCY PARTNER (IF APPLICABLE):</strong> Where will the volunteer project take place? If the project will occur at your local YVC, whom will the project benefit?</td>
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<td><strong>ICEBREAKER/TEAM BUILDER:</strong> Describe the icebreaker and/or team builder that will take place on your project.</td>
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<td><strong>COMMUNITY NEED:</strong> What community need will this project address? Why is this issue important to you? Think creatively about why this project matters. Please reference at least one outside source that supports your claim (a news story, a quote from an agency partner, a research study, etc.)</td>
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Provide as much detail as you can about your proposed project. When and where will it take place? What exactly will you be doing? Is this a new project? If not, what will you do differently this time that will require grant funding?

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**SERVICE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES:** What is the learning objective of your service project? How will you ensure that participants meet this objective? Discuss the service-learning lesson or activity that will be used during the project.

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**REFLECTION:** Please list three high-quality reflection questions that will prompt discussion after the project. *(Hint: great reflection questions cannot be answered with a “yes” or “no” or “show of hands.”)*

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**OUTCOMES:** What will occur as a result of this project? How will you know it was a success? Some items to include might be: number of volunteers, number of hours served, number of clients reached, etc.

**BUDGET:** Please include a budget for your service project (maximum $200). Exactly how will your grant money be spent?