



Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Grant Policies & Procedures

What is a YAC grant?

- YAC grants fund programs that involve youth in community service projects in Gratiot County.
- Youth applying for funding must not be primary beneficiaries of community service project.
- Youth members of YAC review applications and make grant recommendations.
- YAC grants are highlighted at the annual Youth Showcase at the Heritage Center in April.

How do I apply?

- Separate applications are available for Large Grants (more than \$500) and Mini Grants (\$500 or less).
- Applications must be completed by youth with limited adult participation.
- Applications must provide all required information.
- Completed applications must be received or postmarked on or before November 1 and February 1.
- Mail your application to GCCF, P.O. Box 248, Ithaca, MI 48847 or deliver it to 168 E. Center St., Ithaca.
- Applications are available by contacting the Gratiot County Community Foundation at (989)875-4222 or at amaniez@gratiotfoundation.org.

May I apply for a YAC grant?

- You may apply if you are, or are affiliated with, a registered nonprofit organization serving Gratiot County (for example, schools and churches are registered nonprofits).
- The Gratiot County Community Foundation does not discriminate based on age, race, gender, national origin, religion or disability and will award grants only to applicants which do not discriminate on the same basis.
- YAC grant dollars are paid out after the project is completed and required reports are received.
- Find out if your youth group is eligible by contacting your adult advisor or the Gratiot County Community Foundation at (989)875-4222 or at amaniez@gratiotfoundation.org.

What can YAC grants be used for?

- Programming
- Implementation of project
- Promotion of project

Are there projects/expenses that YAC grants cannot be used for?

- Capital expenses and normal operating expenses
- Annual giving or multi-year funding
- Religious or political purposes
- Completed projects
- Individuals
- Loans

What if I have a question about the application?

There are no silly questions, so feel free to contact Chelsea Holmes Matz, Executive Director, Gratiot County Community Foundation at (989)875-4222 or at cholmes@gratiotfoundation.org.