

2021 Guidelines for Youth Service Fund Applications

Youth Service Fund

The Youth Service Fund was established by the global United Methodist Church to support youth and youth ministries in their endeavors to live and grow as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. The Susquehanna Conference supports the global Youth Service Fund with 30% of all raised funds. The remaining 70% of funds are distributed by the discernment of the Young People's Ministry Council. Grants are administered to ministries and experiences that further the mission and priorities of the Susquehanna Conference Young People's Ministry Council.

Mission and Priorities

The mission of the Susquehanna Conference Young People's Ministry Council is to empower young people to equip their peers to make disciples. The Susquehanna Conference YPMC seeks to live into its mission through providing experiences for young leaders to engage in leadership development. Therefore, grants will be distributed to applicants that are seeking to develop new or expand existing ministries that:

- 1) Develop spiritual leadership in young disciples between the ages of 12-18 years old
- 2) Provide opportunities for young leaders to mentor, teach, and support their peers in discipleship development
- 3) Increase the racial or ethnic involvement in the ministry
- 4) Are fully planned and executed by young leaders (between 12-18 years old)
- 5) Change the culture of the local church to be more inclusive of young leadership

Requirements for Selection of YSF Projects

When applying for Youth Service Fund (YSF) grants, the YPMC will evaluate the applicant's execution of the above-mentioned priorities. The more closely aligned the application is to all the priorities, the higher the opportunity for funding. Beyond aligning with the priorities set by the YPMC, all applicants must meet the following requirements.

- 1) Ministries or experiences must incorporate youth leadership and development in every aspect of the experience. (12-18 years of age, have been leaders in the creation, development, implementation and evaluation of a project.)
- 2) YSF money is to be used to develop new projects or expand existing ministries that will become self-supporting. YSF grants will not be used to fund a deficit or partially or fully pay salary or commission. There is no guarantee of funding after one year. No ministry or experience will receive grant money more than three times.
- 3) YSF grants could have a substantial impact on the project but will not fund the entire project.
- 4) Grants will only go to fund experiences in connection with local United Methodist churches or UM Boards and Agencies. Ecumenical ministry experiences could receive support if United Methodist young leaders serve in key leadership positions.
- 5) Applications will be accepted April 1, 2021 - October 31, 2021. Applications received after October 31 will not be considered.

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1) Project Contact Information

Project Title: _____

Contact Person: _____ Church/Agency: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Website: _____

Project Funding

Total Project Budget \$ _____ Amount Requested \$ _____

The ministry is organized by: (check one)

- United Methodist Church
- United Methodist Board or Agency
- United Methodist Lead Ecumenical

Have you applied for grant funds for this ministry through other United Methodist channels?

- No
- Yes: Which ones? _____

Have you previously applied for YSF grants through the Susquehanna Conference YPMC?

- No
- Yes

If yes: Indicate the title on previous applications and whether "awarded" or "denied".

What are your reasons for applying again? _____

List other sources of funding for which you have applied. Indicate whether "awarded", "pending", or "denied".

List below or as an attachment an itemized budget for the entire ministry or experience.

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2) Ministry Priorities

Please choose the one that best describes your ministry:

	Spiritual Leadership Development	Encourages, equips and empowers youth to be Disciples of Christ and agents of change in the local church, community and the world.
	Equipping of Peers	Provides an opportunity for young leaders to mentor, teach and support their peers in their walk with Christ and their own leadership in the Body of Christ
	Racial and Ethnic Inclusion	Increases the participation and support of ministry with racial and ethnic persons previously not served or included
	Culture Change	Works to shift the culture of a local UMC to be more intentionally inclusive of young disciples in church wide leadership

Participants' racial/ethnic identity:

Native American

European American

Asian American

Pacific Islander

African American

Other

Hispanic American

Ministry will serve:

Rural setting

Urban setting

Ministry Details

Briefly describe your ministry plan. How will your ministry or experience equip or empower young leaders?

How and when did the ministry get started? How many young leaders have been impacted by the ministry?

Who do you plan to engage with during this ministry? What are the ages of the persons with whom you will be in ministry?

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What are the measurable outcomes for this ministry? (Name at least 3)

How do you understand these outcomes to be aligned with the priorities of the YPMC?

List the ministry facilitators and their ages:

Selection

- 1) The YPMC will review all applications in November 2021
- 2) Applicants will receive a letter informing them of the approval or denial of funds in December 2021.
- 3) Funds will be disbursed to selected applicants in December 2021.
- 4) Applicants receiving funding will be asked to submit:
 - a) A written progress report on the ministry by April 1, 2022 to include:
 - i. status of the ministry
 - ii. additional amounts of funds raised
 - iii. number of participants (actual or anticipated)
 - iv. number of people impacted by the ministry (actual or anticipated)
 - v. photographs
 - b) A full written report on the ministry by November 1, 2022
 - i. total amounts of funds raised
 - ii. total number of participants
 - iii. results of achieving ministry outcomes
 - iv. photographs

**Submit Completed Applications
by email to minners@susumc.org**

**or by mail to
Young People's Ministries Council
Susquehanna Conference, UMC
303 Mulberry Drive
Mechanicsburg PA 17050**

**Contact for questions:
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