



Youth as Resources

Volunteer Description- Youth Board Member

Mission: To improve people's lives by mobilizing the caring power of Central Minnesota.

Overview: Youth as Resources (YAR) encourages youth leadership and provides youth an opportunity to creatively address community needs. Youth as Resources offers grants up to \$1,000 for youth 5-21 who want to make a difference. There is \$15,000 available annually for youth-led service projects. The youth and adult decision-making board meets monthly to review project proposals, allocate grants dollars, strategize outreach, raise funds, and provide direction for the program.

Volunteer Responsibilities:

- Attend monthly board meetings
- Read materials before the meeting and come prepared to discuss with fellow board members
- Rate each funding proposal with the checklist provided
- Represent YAR in your school district by sharing the program with fellow students, teachers, and staff
- Participate in YAR fundraisers and provide assistance in identifying funding sources
- Promote funding opportunities for youth-initiated, youth-led projects
- Help plan recognition strategies and annual recognition event
- Determine funding priorities

Qualifications:

- Must be a student in 7th- 12th grade residing in United Way of Central Minnesota service area
- Ability to discuss opinions with others and be respectful of others' perspectives
- Comfortable sharing Youth as Resources with others in your community
- Responsible and committed to empowering other youth

Training: Training provided by current board members and coordinator

Benefits:

- Develop personal leadership skills
- Mileage reimbursement available
- Great experience to list on college applications and resumes
- Learn more about community needs and community resources
- Meet other great youth in Central Minnesota

Commitment:

- Board members should attend meetings or let coordinator know in advance if unable to attend
- Generally, board members spend about 6-8 hours per month volunteering with YAR

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