

2018 MCFYP COMMITTEE APPLICATION

The Michigan Community Foundations' Youth Project (MCFYP) Committee is comprised of 12 Youth Advisory Council members (YACers) and three YAC Advisors from around the state.

Before completing this application, please review our Frequently Asked Questions at the end of this document.

The Committee's primary functions include four key roles:

- Design and facilitate the Youth Grantmakers Summer Leadership Conference.
- Set the agenda for any potential state-wide YAC initiatives.
- Facilitate the annual YAC recognition awards program.
- Adopt any new roles that coincide with the goals and objectives of YACs.

What is expected of committee members?

To accomplish these functions, the committee is required to have a minimum of two face-to-face meetings and six monthly conference calls throughout the year. As a committee member, you will be held accountable to the group and may act as a representative of MCFYP and the Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF) on a state-wide level when necessary. New committee members serve for a three-year term, beginning September 2018. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your eligibility, please feel free to contact Olivia Henry by phone at 313-960-4633 or by e-mail at ohenry@michiganfoundations.org.

Who is eligible to apply?

- The applicant must be entering their 10th, 11th, or 12th grade year of high school
- It is preferred that the applicant has attended at least one Youth Summer Leadership Conference.
- The applicant must currently be a member of their Michigan Community Foundation YAC.
 - Please reference our Frequently Asked Questions at the end of this application for details regarding geographic eligibility.

Committee Member Qualifications

- Group facilitation skills
- Desire to work as a team
- Commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion
- Leadership skills
- Fun and energetic
- Positive attitude
- Commitment to youth grantmaking
- Responsible and organized

Application Deadline

Interested YACers must complete the attached application form, respond to the questions listed, obtain one letter of reference and have all materials postmarked to Olivia Henry, Program Coordinator at the Council of Michigan Foundations, NO LATER than **July 31, 2018.**

MCFYP COMMITTEE APPLICATION FORM

Part I

Name		Age:
Home Address		
City, State, Zip		
High School		Grade as of Sept 2018:
Parent/Guardian Name(s)		
Home Phone	Cell Phone	E-mail
Current YAC/Community Foundation		Years involved in YAC:
Have you attended the Summer Leadership Conference?		List years:
Have you attended a CMF sponsored Fall Regional Training?		List years:
What specific plans do you have to continue YAC involvement after high school graduation?		

****Optional* Please complete the following demographic section:***

1. Ethnicity: Circle all that apply.

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian American
- Arab American
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White
- Latina/o/x
- Not listed: _____

2. Gender Identity: Mark all that apply

Female

Male

Transgender

Gender Non-Conforming

Not listed: _____

3. How would you describe your family's socio-economic status? _____

Part II

On a separate document, respond to each of the following questions in no more than **250 words for each question**.

1. Describe your involvement and impact in your local youth advisory council as well as your volunteer/community service experience.
2. Why do you want to be on the MCFYP Committee?
3. Considering the many intersections of identity, how do you choose to identify? In what ways, if any, does your chosen identity impact your approach to leadership?
4. Reflect on a challenge that you faced in your life. What did you learn? How has it impacted you?

Part III

This is your opportunity to make a personal statement to the MCFYP Committee. Tell us about what makes you unique, throughout whatever form you choose: essay, video, poem, collage, art, etc. Be creative!

Part IV

One letter of recommendation is required. This recommendation letter should be from one of the designated adult advisors who works with your youth advisory committee. The letter may be included with application materials or submitted by the advisor directly to the Program Coordinator at CMF.

Part V

If selected to be a member of the MCFYP Committee, I understand that I will serve a three-year term from September 2018 through August 2021. The MCFYP yearly agenda tentatively follows this schedule:

September: Select new MCFYP Committee members

October/November: Orientation call

Winter: Weekend planning retreat for Summer Leadership Conference

March: Breakout session planning

April: Summer Conference MCFYP committee call

May: Select YAC Award recipients

June: Conference (Wednesday – Sunday commitment for the Summer Leadership Conference)

July: Summer Leadership Conference debrief

My commitment to the MCFYP Committee is that I will make a concerted effort to:

1. Communicate in an effective, respectful and timely manner with Committee members, as well as the CMF Program Coordinator and Mawby Intern;
2. Participate in the planning and facilitation of the Youth Grantmakers Summer Leadership Conference;
3. Be a respected leader in the field of youth philanthropy.

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Signature of Applicant

Date

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

MAIL, FAX, or E-MAIL APPLICATION NO LATER THAN JULY 31, 2018 TO:

Council of Michigan Foundations

Attention: Olivia Henry

300 River Place, Suite 6600

Detroit, MI 48207

Fax: 313-566-2445

E-mail: ohenry@michiganfoundations.org

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What factors are considered to determine geographic eligibility?

The MCFYP Committee strives to represent the geographic diversity of the state of Michigan. To do so, we do our very best to recruit and select committee members from a host of communities. We believe that diversity of lived experience makes our committee stronger. With that, we are committed to ensuring balanced, equitable and diverse representation on our committee.

One factor we consider in determining geographic eligibility is related to which community foundation YACs are currently represented on the MCFYP Committee. The community foundations currently represented on the MCFYP Committee are:

- Battle Creek Community Foundation, Lapeer County Community Foundation, Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, Hillsdale County Community Foundation, Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, Community Foundation for Delta County, Community Foundation of St. Clair County, Cadillac Area Community Foundation, Community Foundation of Greater Flint, Bedford Community Foundation YAC and Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation.

We strongly encourage applications from community foundation YACs that are NOT currently listed above. We weigh this heavily to ensure there is balanced community foundation representation on the committee.

2. Why am I asked to provide demographic information in the application process?

Diversity, equity and inclusion are critically important to philanthropy's ability to grow and sustain its impact. The MCFYP Committee strives to represent the many intersections of diversity in the state of Michigan. We believe that diversity of lived experience makes our committee stronger. With that, we are committed to ensuring balanced, equitable and diverse representation on our committee.

3. When should I expect to hear back on the status of my application?

You should hear back by mid-August on whether you have an interview with the MCFYP Committee and if you are advancing to the next step of the application process.

4. If I have any questions on this application, who should I contact?

Contact Olivia Henry, Program Coordinator at CMF by phone at 313-960-4633 or by e-mail at ohery@michiganfoundations.org with any questions about the application.

5. How long should this application take?

That is completely up to you! We look for a complete, creative and thorough application that is returned by the deadline of *Tuesday, July 31*. The time it takes depends on the writer. We encourage you to take



your time when filling out the application. This application is an opportunity for you to represent yourself and your interests to the best of your ability and for the MCFYP Committee to get to know you.