



Youth in Philanthropy Program Policies & Guidelines



Youth in Philanthropy (YiP) is a program designed to introduce local high school students to philanthropy and local community development. The components listed below make up the program and apply to high schools and community organizations that participate in the program. Schools or organizations that are unable to meet these criteria will be asked to leave the program.

Youth in Philanthropy Mission statement: Youth in Philanthropy (YiP) is a youth-led program designed to introduce motivated high school-aged young people to philanthropy and local community development. YiP aims to empower youth to make change in their community through educational opportunities in the form of site visits, events, and grantmaking.

High School Committees

- Each participating high school will establish one Youth in Philanthropy Committee at the beginning of the school year. Committees are student led, stand alone, and extracurricular with two staff advisors to provide guidance and support.
- Each committee will be open to all students in the school who wish to participate, from every senior high grade level (Gr. 9 to Gr. 12).
- Each committee will host an orientation meeting in the fall to introduce interested youth to the program. Each committee will also be invited to the annual conference in the Fall. The conference will provide introductory information to prepare them for the year ahead.
- Participating schools will demonstrate that YiP has student body support, based on student participation of the committee.
- Each committee will have an annual orientation in the fall. The orientation, led by staff of The Winnipeg Foundation, explains the YiP committee's role as a grantmaker as well as its relationship with the community foundation.
- The Winnipeg Foundation will provide each committee with an administrative grant of \$500 to cover annual expenses related to the project. At the end of the year, committees will provide a report accounting for the use of these funds. Any unused funds must be returned to The Foundation by May 30.

Grantmaking

- The Winnipeg Foundation will provide each participating high school with \$5,000 of Community Building dollars for grantmaking. YiP grantmaking criteria are as follows:
 - Grants can only be made to registered charities
 - Projects must primarily benefit the citizens of Winnipeg
 - No single organization shall receive more than \$1,500 from one committee

- Each year, committees must be dedicated to responsibly spending the full \$5,000
- Each YiP committee will actively participate in a grantmaking process that begins with identifying community needs and assets and developing students' grantmaking priorities. The process also includes researching charities, conducting site visits, making written grant recommendations to the Board of The Winnipeg Foundation, and evaluating grantmaking efforts.

Endowment Building

- Each participating school will establish an endowment called the High School Philanthropy Fund. This will form part of the consolidated trust of The Winnipeg Foundation and will earn annual income and operate on the same basis as all other funds.
- Committees will use the annual income from their fund to supplement their grantmaking dollars from The Foundation. If a committee does not use these dollars within the current granting year, the sum will be used towards the committee's grant allocations first, in the following year before applying that year's Community Building dollars.
- YiP committees are encouraged to make donations to their committee's YiP fund through returning part of their administrative grant or through organizing fundraisers
- If a participating high school opts out of the program for more than three years, annual income from their High School Philanthropy Fund may be used by The Winnipeg Foundation for general community grants to community organizations. The school will also be placed on the Youth in Philanthropy program waiting list.

The total amount allocated for YiP grants from Community Building Funds is approved as part of the grants budget at the beginning of the fiscal year. The individual grants are approved by the Chief Executive Officer and reported to the Strategic Initiatives committee.

Please visit wpgfdnywc.org for further details.