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INFORMATION ON THE YOUTH GRANTMAKERS COUNCIL

The Youth GrantMakers Council (YGMC) is a program of the Greater Salina Community Foundation* that creates and supports exciting opportunities for Saline County youth to be active leaders in their community. YGMC gives money to youth-directed projects that address community issues and challenges. YGMC is unique because young people make the decisions about which youth projects get money for their ideas! Some past projects have been renovating a high school student lounge, remodeling a meeting room for a youth program, and purchasing a basketball goal for a church youth group.

Members of YGMC review project ideas submitted by youth in the community and then they decide which projects will be funded. They also learn about philanthropy and what it means to be a philanthropist. While serving on the council, members gain leadership and grant making skills that will be helpful into the future. Members must be willing to make a time commitment to the council. YGMC meetings are held twice a month (every other Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.). Throughout the year, there may be opportunities to participate in occasional training sessions, conferences, and volunteer projects. Members of YGMC are allowed to serve for multiple years, as long as they are of high school age and in good standing with the council.

The current members of YGMC are: Miranda Basinger, Sean Bender, Ryan Claybaugh, Damion Cooper, Bryan Eitel, Madison Hale, Megan Haugh, Kendra Lawson, Kate Martens, Kylie Metzger, Laurel Michel, Ann Nguyen, Alyssa Peppiatt, Jordan Pieschl, William Putzier, Sydney Rayl, William Reid, Chloe Seim, Adria Smith, Courtney Train, Tyler Walker, Alyse Weishaar, and Robyn Zey. YGMC is assisted by volunteers Ken Miller and Margaret Yarnevich, and by YGMC leader Caitlin Cox.

Those who wish to apply for membership must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Saline County
- Must be a high school student in the 2010-2011 school year
- Must be interested in helping youth and the community
- Must have a desire to learn about leadership, grant making, and group consensus

* The Greater Salina Community Foundation is a collection of funds designed to link donors with charitable causes. In collaboration with our donors, the Foundation strives to enhance all areas of life including, but not limited to, education, environment, civic and human services, health care, and the arts. The Greater Salina Community Foundation is not so much a *place* to give, but a *way* to give. Learn more at www.gscf.org.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP YOUTH GRANTMAKERS COUNCIL

APPLICATION MUST BE WRITTEN IN PEN OR TYPED

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Gender: M ___ F ___

Parents: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

School: _____ Grade Level: _____

Please list activities in which you are involved (involvement in other activities is NOT required to serve in the YGMC.)

School Related

Non- School Related

Employment: _____ Hours per Week: _____

Due: April 1, 2010

Please send us 26 copies of your completed application!
(Completed Application: information page & questions)



Please list below the persons whom you have given the 2 recommendation forms. **They** are to send us their forms by **April 1, 2010**, or your application **will be void**. **Relatives may not be used as references.**

Adult: _____ Phone: _____

Peer: _____ Phone: _____

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS IS VERY IMPORTANT.

Please answer the following questions. If you need more space, please use another sheet of paper **and label it** so we will know where to find your answers.

How or from whom did you hear about the Youth GrantMakers Council (YGMC)?

Do you see yourself as being a strong leader? What qualities do you have that allow/hinder you from being one?

What interests you in becoming a member of YGMC?

What is the best and the worst qualities of Saline County?

If you could change something in your community today, what would it be? Why? How would you go about making the change?

Is donating your time and money to organizations important to you? Why?

If selected for this council would you be able to attend an all day Kick-Off Retreat at the end of the summer? If no, why?



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RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant Name: _____

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What is your relationship to the applicant and how long have you known him/her?

How would you describe this applicant's ability to work in a group setting?

What strengths does this applicant have that would help him/her as a member?

What weaknesses does this applicant have that would hinder his/her ability to contribute to the council?

Why does this person deserve to be on the council: work ethic, leadership, etc.?

Do you feel this person will speak up and voice his/her opinion?

Is there anything else you would like us to know about this applicant?

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COMMITMENT STATEMENT

(Please include one copy with application.)

I, _____, understand the purpose and function of the Greater Salina Community Foundation's Youth GrantMakers Council. I am prepared to come to meetings on time, learn about the grant making process, empower myself and other youth, research needs, participate in community service, let my voice be heard, and to grow personally .

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

I, the parent/guardian for _____ understand the purpose and function of the Greater Salina Community Foundation's Youth GrantMakers Council. I support her/him in this commitment, and give permission for full participation in all activities and responsibilities pertaining to the duties of a Youth GrantMaker.

Signature: _____ Date: _____