



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF ELMIRA-CORNING AND THE FINGER LAKES
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The following guidelines have been designed to help make applying for a grant from the Community Foundation easy. Each proposal will be reviewed by a panel of youth and formally approved by the foundation's Board of Directors. Awards will be determined based on the proposals value to the residents and communities in the Southern Tier, availability of funding, and quality and vision presented in the application.

BACKGROUND

Rose's Youth Philanthropists (RYP) is a regional youth grants committee requesting proposals from organizations that impact youth in a wide variety of fields in Chemung and Southeastern Steuben counties. The S. Roberts Rose Fund was established at the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes in order to give youth a voice at the grantmaking table.

Students ages 15 to 18 apply to the Rose's Youth Philanthropists through their high school administrative or counseling offices. Through a rigorous 10-month, hands-on curriculum RYP students build leadership skills, participate in community service activities, make site visits to nonprofit organizations, review and analyze grant proposals, and make grant recommendations based on local needs.

THE S. ROBERTS ROSE FUND

The S. Roberts Rose Fund provides financial support for projects, programs and/or activities that serve youth in such areas as human services, arts and culture, education and youth, health, the environment, and civic affairs. Previous grants have ranged from \$200 to \$2000.

\$10,000 will be awarded in the upcoming grant cycle. All programs that receive RYP funds will be subject to an evaluation within one year of the grant date.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT?

Rose's Youth Philanthropists support a wide variety of projects but does restrict itself to organizations:

- located in or providing services to residents of Chemung and SE Steuben Counties
- classified as nonprofit charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code; or publicly supported organizations such as school districts and municipalities
- who have submitted a grant evaluation for any completed program previously funded by the Community Foundation

RYP GRANTMAKING OBJECTIVES

- Involve youth in the development and implementation of the project, program and/or activity
- Increase community involvement and volunteerism among youth
- Promote values of personal responsibility in youth
- Provide an avenue for internal exploration and personal empowerment of youth
- Respect and promote diversity
- Support intervention and prevention of social problems
- Support and encourage youth creativity
- Develop civic and public pride in youth



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PROGRAM INTEREST AREAS

Grant proposals will be accepted that address issues important to youth. Program interest areas are broad based and may include areas of academic preparation, cultural inclusion, awareness, and prevention, as well as indirect and direct services that will help youth develop positive assets for strong social, emotional, and academic growth.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

RYP is a responsive grantmaking opportunity designed to empower RYP members to review, score and recommend grant proposals that provide meaningful impact in the community. Submission of proposals that include activities that involve youth to address community need through involvement in arts (dance, drama, creative arts, music writing etc.), mentoring / tutoring, sports and recreation, drug awareness and abuse prevention services, hunger, suicide prevention, and programs that address racism are encouraged.

GRANT AWARD

Applicants may request amounts in the following range: \$200 to \$2,000. Due to its competitive process and limited funding availability, the average grants awarded are around \$1000.

GRANT PERIOD

The grant period is up to one year.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Applications will be screened for eligibility and completeness by the Community Foundation staff. The RYP committee will evaluate each application and will submit grant recommendations to the Community Foundation staff for final approval by the foundation's Board of Directors.

NOTICE OF GRANT DECISION

Applicants will be notified of approval or declination by letter following the Community Foundation's Board of Directors meeting.

An unsuccessful application does not reflect a judgment about the worthiness of a particular project. The Community Foundation routinely receives more requests than it can fund. If your request is denied, we encourage you to contact the Director, Grants and Communications to discuss specific reasons.

HOW DO YOU SUBMIT A PROPOSAL?

Prospective applicants are **strongly encouraged** to discuss their grant request with the Community Foundation staff before beginning the application process. Please read eligibility requirements carefully.

Organizations applying for funding are required to use the online application system, Foundant Grant Lifecycle Manager. A link to the application can be found on the Community Foundation website at <http://www.communityfund.org/community-grants>.

All applications must include a completed project budget and expense form. This form is a fillable PDF and is found on the Community Foundation website. You will have to upload this form into the online grants system.

DEADLINE & DECISION SCHEDULE

Application Deadline	Notification
February 1	Early-May

Feel free to contact the Vice President of the Foundation at 607-739-3900 or ses@communityfund.org if you have questions.