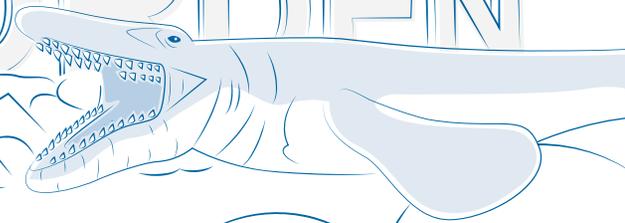


YiP Info

Youth In Philanthropy Policy



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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.

1. 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.

2. High School Committees

- A. The high school will establish one Youth in Philanthropy Committee at the beginning of the school year. The Committee is student led, stand alone, and extracurricular with two staff advisors to provide guidance and support.
- B. Each committee will be open to all students in the school who wish to participate, from every senior high grade level (Grade 9 to Grade 12).
- C. Each committee will host an orientation meeting in the fall to introduce interested youth to the program.
- D. The school will demonstrate that YIP has student body support, based on student participation of the committee.
- E. Each committee will have an annual orientation in the fall. The orientation, led by staff of the Morden Area Foundation (MAF), explains the YIP committee's role as a grant maker as well as its relationship with the MAF.

3. Grantmaking

The MAF will provide the high school with up to \$3,000 matching funds upon the receipt of funds raised by the participating high school for grantmaking. All funds raised are payable to the MAF and all grants approved by YIP are paid by MAF and not the YIP organization itself.

A. YIP grantmaking criteria are as follows:

- Grants can only be made to registered charities
- Projects must primarily benefit the citizens of Morden and area

B. The YIP committee will actively participate in a grantmaking process that begins with identifying community needs, assets, and develop students' grantmaking priorities. The process also includes researching charities, conducting site visits, making written grant recommendations to the Board of MAF, and evaluating grantmaking efforts by using a granting form supplied by the MAF.

4. Endowment Building

- A. The school will may establish an endowment called the Youth In Philanthropy Fund. This will form part of the consolidated trust of the MAF and will earn annual income and operate on the same basis as all other funds.
- B. 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 in the following year. YIP committees are encouraged to make donations to their committee's YIP fund through organizing fundraisers or soliciting donations.
- C. If the high school opts out of the program for more than three years, the annual income from their High School Youth Philanthropy Fund may be used by the MAF for general community grants to community organizations.

The total amount allocated for YIP grants from MAF General Community Fund is approved as part of the grants budget at the beginning of the fiscal year. The individual grants are approved by the MAF Board.

Please visit www.mordenfoundation.ca for further details.