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**Muskegon County  
Youth Advisory Council**

## **Community Foundation for Muskegon County Youth Advisory Council**

### **What is the Youth Advisory Council (YAC)?**

The Youth Advisory Council is a grantmaking committee of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County. Members of YAC help guide distribution of nearly \$60,000 a year in grants to youth projects in Muskegon County.

### **When and why did YAC get started?**

In 1989, the Trustees of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County created the Youth Advisory Council in response to a challenge issued by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Interest earned from the Youth Advisory Council Fund is granted back to the community based on the grant recommendation of the YAC. Since its inception, YAC has granted over \$1,000,000 back to the community! There are Youth Councils in every county in Michigan and in most states.

### **What do Members do?**

Members of YAC meet monthly during the school year to make grantmaking decisions or to learn more about youth issues in Muskegon County. Twice a year the council reviews grant proposals for youth projects and determines which projects will receive funding by evaluating the proposals and occasionally making site visits to the agency requesting funding.

### **What are some of the grants funded by YAC?**

- Support of the Teen Health Center in Muskegon High School
- Support of activities that encourage safety and violence-free communities
- Support for area teachers to assist with classroom projects

### **YAC Member Responsibilities:**

- Attend all meetings (monthly)
- Know YAC Purpose, Community Foundation Mission, and grantmaking guidelines
- Prepare for grant review meetings, which involves reading of grant proposal information
- Be prepared to recommend funding amounts for each grant request
- Identify Community Youth Needs
- Participate in Community Service

### **What is the Community Foundation for Muskegon County?**

The Community Foundation for Muskegon County was created in 1961 to improve the quality of life for Muskegon County residents. A publicly supported community endowment, the Foundation receives and manages contributions from community citizens and organizations who are committed to the future of Muskegon County. Supporting community projects in the areas of Arts, Education, Community Development, Environment, Health and Human Services and Youth issues, the Foundation reflects the collective vision of Muskegon County residents and provides a cost effective method for contributing to the community.

For further information JacQuaye A. Payne at 231-332-4124/jpayne@cffmc.org. Information on the Youth Advisory Council can also be found online at <https://cffmc.org/about-us/youth-advisory-council/> 425 W. Western Ave, Suite 200, Muskegon, MI 49440



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*Membership Application*

**Please return this application to the Foundation Offices by Friday, April 28, 2017.**

**If you have any questions, please contact JacQuaye A Payne, (231) 332-4124.**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(this may be used to contact you about a membership interview and meeting notices!)

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in the 2017/2018 school year (ex: 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>): \_\_\_\_\_

(Applications from 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are not accepted)

Favorite School Subject and Why: \_\_\_\_\_

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Extracurricular Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Activity and Why: \_\_\_\_\_

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YAC meets monthly during the school year. One of the responsibilities of being on the YAC is attending the meetings. Will you be able to attend monthly meeting? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

(It may be difficult for multi-season athletes to meet this commitment)

In your own words, explain why you would be a good YAC member?

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In your opinion, what is the most critical issue facing youth today and why?

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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I recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for consideration as a Youth Advisory Council Member.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Teacher, Principal or Counselor)