



The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) seeks qualified candidates to fill the following openings in 2010:

- 2 seats open to current 9th or 10th grade students at Holland Christian High School
- 3 seats open to current 9th or 10th grade students at Holland High School
- 2 seats open to current 9th or 10th grade students at West Ottawa High School
- 2 seats open to current 9th or 10th grade students who are residents of the Holland/Zeeland area but *do not* attend one of the 6 high schools with permanent seats on the Youth Advisory Committee (Black River, Holland Christian, Holland, West Ottawa, Zeeland East, and Zeeland West)

All applications are due to the Community Foundation by **April 1, 2010**.



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for taking the time to apply to the Youth Advisory Committee of the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area.

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is a group of 20 local high school students who are responsible for reviewing funding requests and recommending grants for programs that benefit area youth. YAC members meet at least once a month during the school year for grantmaking, site visits to local organizations, and learning about community needs and philanthropy. The YAC is enriched by the unique perspective and experiences that each member brings to the Committee's work.

The YAC program was established in 1991 through a challenge grant from the Michigan Community Foundation Youth Project (MCFYP) funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The YAC made its first grant in 1993 to the Boys and Girls Club for \$1,500. Since then, the YAC has granted over \$1,025,000 to local youth organizations. The mission of the YAC is to empower young people, involve them in the community and teach them about philanthropy while serving as stewards through granting.

In selecting new members, the YAC looks for young people who:

- ✓ care about the community and want to make a difference
- ✓ bring diverse perspectives to our YAC
- ✓ are open-minded, critical thinkers able to discuss tough issues and creative solutions
- ✓ demonstrate integrity and initiative in their actions and decisions

Expectations of YAC members:

- ✓ Attend required grant meetings twice a year and the majority of all other YAC activities and meetings. YAC meetings are usually held from 5-7 pm on weeknights and dinner is provided.
- ✓ Come to meetings prepared and actively participate in decision-making and activities
- ✓ Be an advocate for the YAC, the Community Foundation, and the needs of youth in the Holland/Zeeland area

Final candidates may be requested to participate in a brief interview with current YAC members. All applicants will be notified of final decisions by May 1st. If you have any questions about the application or the YAC, please contact Elizabeth Kidd, Program Director at elizabeth@cfhz.org or 616.396.6590.

Thank you for your interest in YAC and best of luck!

Kristen Etterbeek
Chair

Shane Brandsen
Vice-Chair

Maddi Smith
Secretary

Youth Advisory Committee New Member Application



First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____
(Number & Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____ Gender: Male ___ Female ___

High School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) name(s): _____

School Activities and Organizations in which you are involved: _____

Community Activities and Organizations in which you are involved: _____

Work Experience: _____

Why do you want to serve on the Youth Advisory Committee?

What would you bring to the Youth Advisory Committee (personal perspective or experience)?

If selected, what would you hope to learn from being a YAC member?

How did you hear about the Youth Advisory Committee? _____

Please return your completed application by **April 1st** to
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