



The Best Memories are the Ones You Can Remember

A program funded by the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies' Summer 2015 Youth Philanthropy Internship through The Heinz Endowments

Applications Due: Thursday, August 6th, 2015 at Noon

Funding Opportunity:

The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies' Summer 2015 Youth Philanthropy Internship Program is requesting applications from I.R.S. designated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or governmental entities to fulfill a community need. We are seeking an organization to develop a program(s) that will provide and/or make available a fun and safe atmosphere for high school students following school events (i.e. proms/school dances, sports events, homecoming, graduation, etc.). The organization should ensure that participants in this program are in a substance-free atmosphere that appeals to the high school age group. It is imperative to recognize that a student's ability to make decisions while under the influence of drug and alcohol is significantly impaired, and this can often be the case following school events. Decisions made while under the influence can lead to fatal accidents and/or peer violence. We believe that through this program students will lead a healthier life and have a more productive high school career. It is anticipated that one organization will be awarded one grant up to \$25,000; however, budgets should not be inflated to meet that amount. Consideration will also be given to awarding several smaller grants (totaling no more than \$25,000) to multiple meritorious programs.

Statement of Need:

Adolescence is a time of growth, enjoyment, and self-discovery. The choices made during this time will shape the rest of an individual's life, for the best or worst. For instance, prom night presents either the opportunity for a wonderful evening or a night that physically will not be remembered. According to Edgar Snyder & Associates, 54% of students drink more than 4 drinks on prom night. Additionally, more than 90% of teens believe their fellow classmates will likely drink and drive on prom night. However, only 29% believe driving on prom night comes with a high degree of danger. This dangerous disconnect is unsettling, especially when one

considers that according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration one in three children under age 21 who died in alcohol-related accidents died during prom and graduation season. On top of all this a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services national survey reported 39% of high school senior boys considered it acceptable to force sex on a girl who is intoxicated by alcohol or high on drugs. In Pennsylvania alone, 19,300 nonfatal violent crimes such as rape, robbery, and assault were caused by underage drinking in 2012. This program has the potential to provide students a place to spend their time in a safe environment and create memories that will actually be remembered.

Project Goals:

- Facilitate events to provide alternative activities and prevent substance abuse and violence following school events
- Enable multiple school access (either through separate events for separate schools or through single events for multiple schools)
- Create a program that is sustainable for at least several years
- Make the events so appealing to students that the alternatives are foregone
- Market program to school administrations

Preferences (not limitations):

- Involves all three (3) counties (Bedford, Cambria, and Somerset)
- Student leadership involvement in the program

Who May Apply:

Applications may be submitted by a single agency, but partnerships and collaborations will also be considered. The agency/lead agency must meet the following criteria:

- A 501(c)(3) organization located and providing a health or human service in Bedford, Cambria, and/or Somerset County.
- In full compliance with all federal, state, county, and local requirements and laws pertaining to nonprofits, including the USA Patriot Act and other counterterrorism laws.

How to Apply:

Applicants must submit the following:

- Agency information and application questions (below)
- Detailed project budget
- Organizations' annual financial statements
- Organizations' most recent audit
- List of board of directors
- IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter

Agency Information:

Organization Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Organization Locations (if multiple offices):

Organization Website:

Primary Contact Name and Title:

Primary Contact's Phone Number:

Alternate Phone Number:

Primary Contact's Email:

Funding Request (Up to \$25,000):

Total Project Budget:

Please complete the following questions in a separate document.

Application Questions:

1. Give a detailed description of your organization (and any collaborative organizations, if applicable), including your goals, mission statement, and major accomplishments.
2. Outline your intended program and how you will make it accessible to local schools.
3. Which specific schools in Bedford, Somerset, and Cambria counties do you plan on targeting?
4. What do you want participants to gain from this experience? How will you measure the success of your program? (If applicable, in what ways have you measured your success in the past?)
5. What are the long-term goals for your program? How does your organization plan to sustain the program beyond this grant period?

6. What challenges do you expect to face and how will you address them?
7. Is your organization (or one of your partners) experienced with working with youth?
Please give the key qualifications of the team members who will be in charge of implementing this program.
8. How do you plan on involving the youth in leadership roles?
9. Do you plan to (if possible) replicate this program in other areas of our region in the future to further the program's outreach? If so, how would you go about doing so?

Please send proposals to:

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Attn: 2015 Youth Philanthropy Internship Program
116 Market Street, Suite 4
Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15901

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Or submit them electronically to:

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