



*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 create, or expand, an annual program that will work throughout the school year to engage local youth by developing leadership skills, creating networking opportunities, and raising awareness of the resources, attractions, and issues in their communities. The program should strive to provide a challenging curriculum targeted at the participant's region to ensure youth investment and leadership growth. Partnering with local businesses may help to ensure stability for future years of involvement. This program should be sustainable and designed with the intent of becoming an annual program. Because exploration fosters education, the program should include local site visits and an introduction to diverse career paths and professionals with an underlying theme of community altruism that culminates in a major community service project. Recognizing that more and more post-secondary education institutions are searching for community leaders, this program should boost confidence of participants while also shedding light on other community programs for future involvement. By exposing youth to different career opportunities and the various facets of their community through leadership development, we hope to see an increase of civic pride, youth investment, and retention. The program would benefit an age group of its choosing with regular meetings over an extended period. It is anticipated that one organization will be awarded one grant of \$25,000; however, budgets should not be inflated to meet that amount.

**Statement of need:**

Through the site visits and presentations of our youth internship, we have noticed that our community is struggling— especially regarding youth initiative. **Through research we have noticed many young, talented individuals leave our local communities due to a lack of civic pride. A deficiency in civic pride directly results in the overall lack of investment and involvement shown by local youth. These individuals are disadvantaged by this phenomena when applying for higher**

**education as many institutions desire applicants who have strong records of community involvement.** After exploring the different communities in the tri-county area, we have found that these are unnecessary problems. There is an abundance of heritage, businesses, attractions, and opportunities in the area. A comprehensive program is needed to demonstrate these factors to youth. If done well, such a program would invest, involve, and inspire our community's youth. Networking opportunities, fostering communication skills, and introducing participants to local resources, attractions, and issues could be vehicles by which to do this. Such a program would inspire and educate young people, hopefully encouraging them to remain in the area and improve their communities by giving back.

**Project Goals:**

- Create networking opportunities between fellow participants and community leaders
- Promote youth leadership development
- Encourage participants to engage in their communities
- Complete at least one major service project by the end of the program
- Expose participants to local resources, attractions, and issues
- Improve quality of life in the community

**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 providing a 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
- Organization's annual financial statements
- Organization's most recent audit
- List of board of directors
- IRS 501 (c)(3) determination letter

**Agency Information:**

Nonprofit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship with other organization(s) relevant to this project (if applicable):  
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Please complete the following questions in a separate document.

**Application Questions:**

1. Give a detailed description of your organization and any collaborative organizations, including your goals, mission statement, and major accomplishments.
2. Outline your intended program (or program you wish to improve) and its implementation and timeframe. Will you be receiving or applying for any other grants?
3. Will you partner with any other organizations or utilize other resources to help you accomplish these objectives?
4. What is the target number of participants expected to be served by this program? How do you intend to market this program to teenagers and young adults? What do you want them to gain from this experience?
5. What are your target age group(s) and area(s) of interest? Please be as specific as possible.
6. What are the long-term goals for your program? How will you measure the success of your program? If applicable, in what ways have you measured your success in the past?

7. How does your organization plan to sustain the program beyond this grant period?
8. What challenges do you expect to face and how will you address them?
9. Is your organization, or one of your partners, experienced with working with students and/ or businesses? Who will be in charge of your program and its implementation? What qualifications do they possess?
10. Do you plan to replicate or expand this program in other areas of our region in the future? If so, how would you go about doing so?

**Please send proposals to:**  
**Community Foundation for the Alleghenies**  
**Attn: 2015 Youth Philanthropy Internship Program**  
**Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15901**  
**116 Market Street, Suite 4**  
**(814) 536-7741**

**Or submit them electronically to:**  
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**[rking@heinzinterns.org](mailto:rking@heinzinterns.org)**

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