

We believe that youth are not just leaders of tomorrow, they are leaders of *today*.



What is YAR?

YAR is a youth philanthropy group that seeks to empower and engage youth as partners with adults in creating positive community change. YAR provides grants of up to \$1000 to local youth in order to develop and carry out service-learning projects that address a clear community need. Two cycles occur each year. The funds for grants are made available by The Community Foundation.

Youth and adult board members make all funding decisions during the grant cycle process. Youth on the board are entrusted with making important funding decisions that affect their communities. They also coordinate service-learning projects and engage in monthly teambuilding, training, and social activities.

What is Service-Learning?

Service-learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the service experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities. This ensures that both the youth conducting the service project and the community being served achieve maximum benefits from the experience.

In order to become more involved in service-learning, YAR collaborates with Live. Educate. Advance. Dedicate. (L.E.A.D.). L.E.A.D. is a team that provides and connects youth to various community resources to develop life skills and leadership qualities. YAR will also work with the Monroe County Mentors Network which serves as a resource to connect youth with fellow community members to build respectful relationships and encourage learning.

F.A.Q.s for Grant Applicants

Q. Who can apply for YAR grants?

A. Grants are available to groups of at least 4 youth (ages 10-21). Any youth in Monroe County may apply. All groups must identify an adult advisor and a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization to sponsor their project. YAR can assist your group in finding a sponsoring organization if needed.

Q. What kinds of projects does YAR fund?

A. YAR funds a wide variety of projects, from youth-led educational workshops, to community gardens, to neighborhood clean sweeps, etc. **The important thing is that the project is led, planned, and implemented by youth with adults serving as partners.** The YAR grant must also be written by youth.

Q. When are the deadlines to apply?

A. YAR offers two grant cycles per year, with deadlines in October and May.

Want to Be More Involved? Join the Board!

YAR is always looking for new youth and adults to join our board and become philanthropists!

Youth on the YAR board are leaders in their communities. As a youth board member, you will develop professional skills, gain community service hours for school and college applications, make new friends, have fun, and have your voice heard! Joining YAR is free. Food is provided and transportation possibilities are offered.

Adults on the YAR board serve as role models for youth while becoming part of the solution to community concerns in Monroe County. You will also have opportunities to network with the many youth service providers in Monroe County.



Meet our Board Members:

"We're like a family."

-Nyheir, 2012-2013 board member

"I've learned that service is doing things for the community, but service-learning is doing things with the community."

-CJ, 2012-2013 chairman

"I've gained a lot of positive recognition from my community ever since I joined YAR."

-Kaisean, 2012-2013 chairman

"I've gained public speaking skills and gotten to know new people. YAR has made me grow as an individual."

-Aileen, 2012-2013 board member

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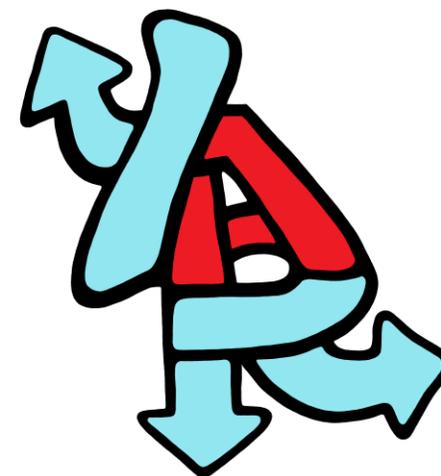
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