



# Youth in Philanthropy



# *What is Youth in Philanthropy?*

Youth in Philanthropy (YiP) is a program designed to introduce motivated youth, like you, to philanthropy and local community development. The program will give you hands-on experience working as a team and with the local charitable organizations to help your community thrive. It's a one-of-a-kind experience.

## *The History of YiP*

In the spring of 2017, with the support of the Thomas Sill Foundation, the Rivers and Area Community Foundation and Rivers Collegiate launched its first Youth in Philanthropy program. This program's goal is to engage youth in their communities and philanthropy to create positive social and environmental change through involvement with the local community foundation. The first grants were awarded in the spring of 2018 at a Gala Assembly at RCI.

## *How does the YiP Program work?*

The program begins in the fall each year, when the school forms the committee. The committee has \$2500 to distribute to charities of its choice, and money for administration.

First, you must discuss your areas of grant making focus and determine the goals of your committee. Then you research the charities that meet your criteria and learn more about what they do by visiting them (if possible) or interviewing people that work there.

With input from the committee members, you decide on which charities will receive the grants and how much each will receive. You will then meet with the members of the Rivers and Area Community Foundation for final approval. In May, the program will wind up with a grant awards presentation for YiP participants, staff, and grant recipients.

The challenge of every grant maker is to set priorities. As a committee, you will choose an area of focus and criteria, which will set your priorities as grant makers. Incorporating your committee's interests, values, as well as the needs of the community, will produce grants that will make you proud, and that the community can truly benefit from.

Through YiP you will gain skills that will last you a lifetime and learn about some amazing people and organizations doing powerful work to make our community better.

# Letter to Grant Recipients

Your committee must send a letter to all approved grant recipients, informing them of the grant, its purpose and amount, and inviting them to the Grants presentation event. Your committee should have an invitation include with the letter.

## Sample Letter

May 1, 2014

Jane Jones  
Executive Director  
ABC Daycare  
123 Any Street  
Brandon, MB R7B 5V2

Dear Ms. Jones,

On behalf of the [School Name]'s Youth in Philanthropy Committee, we are pleased to advise you that [Charity Name] has been selected to receive a grant from our committee and The Brandon Area Community Foundation. This grant, in the amount of \$[amount], is to be used for [purpose of the grant].

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our gala celebrating the end of the YiP year. Please see attached invitation for the event. This event brings together all of the students and grant recipients who took part in this year's program.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,  
[Name of a person who visited the organization]  
Youth in Philanthropy Committee, [Name of school]



## Youth in Philanthropy GRANT APPLICATION

**Please submit completed form to: Rivers Collegiate**  
**P.O. Box 519 Rivers, MB R0K 1X0**  
**Email: mklassen@rrsd.mb.ca**  
**OR:**  
**Rivers and Area Community Foundation**  
**P.O. Box 714**  
**Rivers, Manitoba R0K 1X0**  
**Email: [info@riversareacommunityfoundation.org](mailto:info@riversareacommunityfoundation.org)**

### AGENCY PROFILE

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency contact(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Charitable Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_

YIP member names(s) & school: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Grants: *Please list previous grants received from YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY AND / OR the Rivers and Area Community Foundation in the last three years: (use reverse side if necessary)* \_\_\_\_\_  
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### PROJECT PROFILE

*Please describe your project details, should you be the recipient of a YIP grant. \*Please note that once allocated, grant monies may **not** be re-distributed to other projects or groups!\**

Total Cost of Project (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Funding will be used for: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name