



YOUTH INITIATIVE GRANTS APPLICATION FORM

SECTION 1: GUIDELINES

WHAT IS THE CENTRAL OKANAGAN FOUNDATION AND WHO ARE THE CENTRAL OKANAGAN FOUNDATION YOUTH VOLUNTEERS?

The Central Okanagan Foundation is a community foundation that has been supporting local registered charities since 1977. The purpose of the Central Okanagan Foundation is to accept and invest charitable donations in endowment funds, so that investment income can be distributed as grants to charities across the Central Okanagan. Since only the investment income is spent, the endowment capital is preserved, allowing the Central Okanagan Foundation to support important community organizations year after year.

An endowment fund was established in 2002 named The Central Okanagan Foundation Youth Fund, and supports projects and programs from Lake Country to Peachland that are youth-driven, collaborative and impactful. The volunteers reviewing the Youth Initiative Grants are young adults age 15 – 25, who have received a Central Okanagan Foundation Volunteer Spirit Scholarship. For more info: <http://www.centralokanaganfoundation.org/>.

WHAT IS GENNEXT AND UNITED WAY?

For over 65 years, the United Way of the Southern Interior BC has served the region from Revelstoke in the North, to Osoyoos and Princeton in the South. Our Community Impact mission captures the essence of what we do: We improve lives and build community by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action. The United Way invests for maximum impact in three focus areas that support all that kids can be, move people from poverty to possibility and builds strong communities. For more information, visit unitedwaysibc.com or call 1-855-232-1321. [Gennext](#) is a volunteer organization of young professionals working in partnership with United Way.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A YOUTH INITIATIVE GRANT?

Applicants must be affiliated with a charity, a school, or a church as their sponsor organization. Sponsor organizations must be willing to assume legal and financial support for a project and support the youth leading the project. Grants are not awarded to businesses or individuals. Grants are given within the region of Central and South Okanagan Similkameen to projects that directly benefit the local community. Applying does not guarantee that you will receive funding. All applications are assessed by a Youth Initiative Grants Advisory Council who will decide which projects are awarded grants.

Deadline to Apply: Monday, March 2, 2020 at 3:00pm

Send your application by mail, or e-mail to:

United Way Southern Interior BC
Mail: 202-1456 St Paul Street Kelowna, BC V1Y 2E6
E-mail: reanne@unitedwaysibc.com

Please submit sections 2 and 3.
Questions? We are here to help! Contact:

Cheryl Miller with Central Okanagan Foundation at 250-861-6160 or
cheryl@centralokanaganfoundation.org

Or

Reanne Amadio with United Way Southern Interior BC at 250-860-2356 or
reanne@unitedwaysibc.com

WHAT EXPENSES OR PROJECTS ARE INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FUNDING?

- Fundraisers
- Retro-active funding (funding for a project that has already happened)
 Projects are eligible for funding twice in a five year period

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR DECIDING WHICH PROJECTS RECEIVE GRANTS?

Your project must be:

- Youth-led (proposed and implemented by youth up to age 25);
- Volunteer-based (no salaries or remunerations may be paid to volunteers);
- Based in the Central Okanagan or South Okanagan Similkameen Region;
- Beneficial to both youth and the whole community

Eligible project costs may include:

- Promotional costs (posters, flyers, radio/newspaper ads);
- Materials related to the project - except for capital expenses such as equipment, office space, large electronics (at the discretion of the Selection committee);
- Transportation costs;
- Food and lodging for volunteers, etc.

These are the questions that the Youth Initiative Grants Advisory Council will be discussing to decide which applications receive funding.

- 1) Does the project engage youth, and is it led by youth?
- 2) Does the project benefit the community and meet a need?
- 3) Is the project clearly defined and realistic?
- 4) Is the project cost-efficient and budget conscious?

You may attach up to 3 additional pages, or send photos and/or videos to help explain your project.

ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER ORGANIZATION WILL BE ACCEPTED

SECTION 2: APPLICATION FORM

What is the name of your project? :

Youth Contact

Name:	
Age:	
City/Town:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	

Partner Organization Supervisor

Name:	
Position:	
Organization:	
Mailing Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
Charitable Registration Number:	

1. **Describe your group and the organization supporting you.**
2. **How much funding are you requesting? Note: Maximum request is \$2,000.**
3. **Explain the project that the grant will be funding. Who will the project benefit, who are your partners, and how will it meet a need in your community?**
4. **Describe how your project will engage youth.**
5. **What is the timeline for your project? When will the project be complete?**
6. **What do you hope to achieve with your project? How will you measure its success?**
7. **How will you show recognition of the Central Okanagan Foundation and United Way/Gennext?**

SECTION 3: PROJECT BUDGET

Item	Expense Details	Cost	Amount from YIG
Materials and Supplies			
Printing			
Advertising			
Transportation Costs			
Food Costs			
Training Costs			
Other			
Other			
Other			
Total Budget			

In kind or donations - If you are receiving any other types of donations or support from the community, please list here:

Authorized signatures:

Sponsor Organization Adult Advisor: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____