



# *Make a Difference* Grant Application 2010

The goal of the Youth Resources *Make a Difference* grants is to empower youth to respond to community needs and design service projects to positively impact the problems. The core concept is based on the research-proven *Youth As Resources* and *Service Learning* models, which combine service objectives and learning objectives with the intent that the activity changes both the recipient and the youth participating in the project. This is accomplished by combining service projects with structured opportunities that link the project to self-reflection, self-discovery, and the acquisition and comprehension of values, skills, and knowledge. **Outcomes of these youth-led projects include developing young people's brainstorming, planning, budgeting, communication, teambuilding, grant-writing, evaluation, and leadership skills while improving self esteem and having fun!**

**Application Deadline:  
Friday, September 17, 2010**

## Youth Resources Grant Information

### **Who qualifies for a *Make a Difference* Grant?**

You can qualify for a grant if you are a school, church, business, service club, youth serving agency, or other not-for-profit organization working with youth in Southwestern Indiana. The age range for youth working on the grant should be K-12.

### **Good things happen through *Make a Difference* Grants:**

- Youth become aware of community needs and services.
- Youth develop leadership, planning, team work, and other life skills.
- Youth gain a sense of pride and confidence in discovering unique talents.
- Youth realize their power to affect personal change and improve the lives of others.
- Communities gain resources and creativity to provide needed community services.
- Communities gain stronger youth and adult partnerships.

### **What are the *Make a Difference* Grant details?**

Qualified grants range from \$100- \$1000 and all grant project ideas must originate from the youth and their interests. Youth must be at the center of the planning, preparation, and the implementation of the project. Projects must address a real community need and provide a service to others in the community. **All grant applications must be received by Friday, September 17, 2010.** Grants will be screened and awarded in the Fall. The grant projects will take place throughout the school year. A recognition ceremony for grant recipients will be held in the Spring. The date and location of the ceremony will be announced at a later date. Please plan on attending with at least one youth representative to share the outcome of your project.

### **How do we apply for a *Make a Difference* Grant?**

#### Step One: Research and Planning

Brainstorm with your youth to determine a need in your community. Once you have your idea, design a project that meets the need.

#### Step Two: Completing the Application

- Be specific and give as much information as necessary to complete each question.
- Youth Resources believes that the youth deserve to be recognized for their hard work! You will notice in the Budget Section of the application that 5% of each grant must be used towards youth recognition.
- Please contact Jessica Fehrenbacher at 812-421-0030 or [jessica@youth-resources.org](mailto:jessica@youth-resources.org) with questions or for grant writing assistance.

### **What's Next?**

- EVSC schools should submit their original *Make a Difference* grant application and two copies via school mail to Cathlin Gray in the EVSC Administration Building by **Friday, September 17, 2010.**
- All other grant applicants should submit their application plus two copies by **Friday, September 17, 2010** to:  
Youth Resources  
Make A Difference Grants  
PO Box 3635  
Evansville, IN 47735
- You will be notified on or before *Friday, October 29, 2010*, regarding funding for your project.

**Youth Resources**  
***Make a Difference Grant Application***  
**Deadline: Friday, September 17, 2010**

**Registration:**

Name of organization and/or group_____		
Youth Representative_____	Age_____	
Phone Number_____	Email_____	
Adult Advisor_____		
Mailing Address_____		
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City	State	Zip
Work Number_____	Home Number_____	
Email Address_____		

**Project Details:**

On a separate sheet, type or print your answers to the following:

- a. Describe the project.
- b. How will it help the community? What community problem/need is the project addressing?
- c. How have youth been involved in planning this project? How will youth be involved in the actual project?
- d. Approximately how many people will benefit from this project?
- e. Who will supervise the youth?
- f. When will the project begin and end? Please submit a tentative schedule of activities.
- g. Where will the project take place?
- h. How will the youth reflect/evaluate the project?
- i. If this is a school project, what is the connection to classroom curriculum?

**Project Budget:**

- a. What is the total cost of your project?
- b. How much money are you requesting from Youth Resources? Have you requested funding from any other sources?
- c. Who will oversee the funds and submit the financial report?
- d. What other donations of funds, talent, time or materials have you or do you project you will receive for this project?

Donated Items

Estimated Value

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**Total Estimated Value**

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- e. If the full amount of your request cannot be funded. What portion of the request do you consider most essential (include dollar amount)?
- f. Please attach a detailed budget reflecting to the following guidelines:
1. Direct Operation of the Project: 85%
  2. Transportation (if necessary, if not necessary apply to direct operation): 10%
  3. Youth Recognition (Reward them for their good work!!!): 5%

**Note that funds cannot be used for overhead costs, salaries or wages of any kind, direct donations to other organizations, or the purchase of capital items.**

### Grant Attachments:

Please also include following information:

- Verification of organization's not-for-profit status.
- List of main director(s) and officer(s).
- Brief history and description of the group.
- Your original application PLUS two additional copies

### Authorization

All grants and awards from Youth Resources are in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, be excluded from participation, be denied the benefits of, or be the subject to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving financial assistance.

Two officers of the applying organization with knowledge of the matters contained in the grant application form must sign this certification. This would ordinarily be the project director and the chief officer of the board, agency directory, and school principal, or church pastor. One of the two must have legal authority to obligate the organization.

The undersigned certify that:

1. All information contained is accurate or represents a reasonable estimate of future operations based on data available at the time of the application.
2. There are no misstatements or misrepresentations in the information submitted here or as a supplement;
3. The organization will comply with the Civil Rights and Handicapped Regulations summarized above and with other *Make a Difference* guidelines;
4. The group applying for this Youth Resources grant has its agency's permission to apply for the grant and carry out the project.

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Signature of Adult Advisor

Title

Date

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Signature of Applying Agency Director/Principal

Title

Date