



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
OF THE FOX RIVER VALLEY

YEP

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN PHILANTHROPY

WHO

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE GREATER AURORA AREA, TRICITIES, AND KENDALL COUNTY

WHAT

MEET WITH A DIVERSE GROUP OF STUDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY, AWARD GRANTS TO NONPROFITS, AND PLAN SERVICE PROJECTS

WHY

YOUR PASSION FOR SOCIAL ISSUES CAN CREATE REAL CHANGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

WHERE

MONTHLY MEETINGS AT PRISCO CENTER IN AURORA, STARTING IN AUGUST

HOW

LEARN MORE AND APPLY HERE: WWW.CFFRV.ORG/YEP

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Youth Helping Youth

YEP – Youth Engagement in Philanthropy

Why – An opportunity for “youth to help youth” in our community and a chance for them to #bethegood in the Fox Valley area.

Who – Open to high school students in the Greater Aurora Area, Tri-cities and Kendall County.

What – Meet with a diverse group of students to learn more about your community, award \$25,000 in grants to local nonprofits, and plan and participate in service projects.

Where – Monthly meetings at Prisco Community Center and opportunities for service projects

When – Meetings will be held the first Thursday each month from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

How – Learn more and apply: <https://www.cffrv.org/yep/> Come join us!

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YEP was created to help local high school students explore and learn more about fundraising, grantmaking and making a difference in the community. The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley wanted to find a way to empower the next generation by providing the opportunity for youth to fund ideas which impact and inspire their community. The Community Foundation values the partnership of Dunham Foundation in making this program available for young people in our community and are grateful for their ongoing support. Together, we are building a future of philanthropy.

There are many different types of agencies and ways to be of service in the community, and many different groups of people to help. Through YEP, we want to make sure that our students are exposed to a wide range of what is available in the community and ways that they can make a difference. We are here to help them with all of it! This is a unique opportunity for youth to be philanthropic in a leadership role while expanding their breadth of experiences and enhancing their resume for future success in organizations and leadership positions during high school, college and beyond.

We meet once a month for business meetings, the first Thursday of the month. Students will also be asked to participate in at least one service project and one fundraising project during the year. The year culminates with the grantmaking portion of YEP. As a group, YEP members can decide how \$25,000 should be allocated to local non-profits in order to create the greatest impact for youth-related causes in the Fox River Valley area. This amazing opportunity benefits not only our YEP members, but also the community at large.

YEP allows youth to be involved with the community foundation, local nonprofits, gain experience with evaluating grant proposals, allocating funds, go on site visits, making decisions, meet community leaders and participate in service projects. Through YEP, students will learn decision making skills, the importance of community needs, conflict resolution, leadership and planning skills, fundraising skills, advocacy, and cultivating relationships. This is a meaningful way to give back to the community and #Bethegood.

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