

**Is there anything the Youth Council will not fund?**

- **No funding for religious teachings or activities**
- **No funding for teacher wages, tuition or conference expenses, etc.**
- **No funding for equipment normally supplied by schools**
- **No funding for sales tax and shipping/handling costs**
- **No funding textbooks or workbooks normally supplied by schools, however supplemental reading books used in innovative ways will be considered.**

**All grants are awarded on a one-year basis. Total funding from all sources may not exceed your total project cost. If your project is funded by MCYAC, it is expected that you will withdraw other grant proposals for the same costs.**

**Who will determine mini-grant awards?  
When may I expect the award?**

**The Mecosta County Youth Advisory Council will select the grantees. This council is composed of high school student representatives from the Big Rapids, Chippewa Hills, Crossroads Charter Academy and Morley Stanwood Schools.**

<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>April 1 of each year</b>
<b>MCYAC Approval/Denial Process</b>	<b>April of each year</b>
<b>Mecosta County Community Foundation Board of Trustees Review of MCYAC grant approval</b>	<b>End of April</b>
<b>Letters of Tentative Approval Pending review of Fremont Area Community Foundation</b>	<b>May of each year</b>
<b>Fremont Area Community Foundation Review of MCYAC Grant Awards Final approval/denial</b>	<b>May of each year</b>
<b>Notification of Grant Awards</b>	<b>June of each year</b>
<b>Grant checks</b>	<b>June/July of each year</b>

**Mecosta County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council  
Mini-Educations Grant Program**

The Mecosta County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council, MCYAC, is offering mini grants for educators in Mecosta County. The mini grant program is open to K-12, alternative education, community education and pre-school education in all county accredited schools.

A typical mini grant award ranges \$ 200.00 to \$ 400.00. The program is designed to offer resources for classroom activities that school district budgets typically cannot afford to fund. Awards will be granted for projects that will benefit the condition of youth attending accredited schools in Mecosta County.

**What kinds of special projects will be funded?**

Highest priority will be given to creative, innovative projects rather than ones that are conventional in approach. MCYAC is looking for special projects to enhance the learning experience for students in Mecosta County Schools. Applications will be judged on individual merit. Awardees will be selected by criteria among which are the following:

How creative and innovative the proposed project is and the potential for success

The potential to improve student achievement and morale

The number of students involved

The potential of replicating the project in other classrooms

The cost effectiveness of the proposed project

**Who may apply and what is the process?**

All teachers and other non-administrative teaching personnel from any accredited school in Mecosta County may apply. Please limit your application on the form provided. Attachments are discouraged unless they are essential to MCYAC members understanding of the proposed project.

All applications must contain:

A complete description of the proposed project and how it will be conducted.

The expected results or outcome.

An itemized budget of anticipated revenue, sources and expenses.

Signatures of your principal and superintendent.

## **Grant Award Project Completion Date and Evaluation**

**Grant award recipients will be asked to complete an evaluation of their project by the end of the school year that the grant is awarded. If the project is not concluded, if the costs are significantly less than anticipated, or if other funding is received, the unused MCYAC funds must be returned to the Foundation Youth Endowment Fund. Any equipment purchased for a mini grant project will become the property of the school district.**

**Additional information regarding grant applications can be received from a Mecosta County Community Foundation Board Trustee, by contacting Deb Patterson at 231.796.8683 or by e-mail at [dpatterson@pattersonflowers.com](mailto:dpatterson@pattersonflowers.com). Applications may be found at the Mecosta County Community Foundation website [www.mecostagives.com](http://www.mecostagives.com), by contacting a MCYAC member at your school, or your principal's office.**

**Mail application to:**

**Mecosta County Community Foundation  
Youth Advisory Council  
P.O Box 1012-C  
Big Rapids, MI 49307**

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**The Mecosta County Community Foundation  
Youth Advisory Council  
Mini Grant For Educators Application Form**

<hr/> <b>Project Title</b>	<hr/> \$ <b>Grant Requested</b>
<hr/> <b>Educator's Name</b>	<hr/> <b>Position or Title</b>
<hr/> <b>Home Address</b>	<hr/> <b>City and Zip Code</b>
<hr/> <b>School District</b>	<hr/> <b>School Building or Program</b>
<hr/> <b>School Address</b>	<hr/> <b>City and Zip Code</b>
<hr/> <b>School Phone #      Home Phone #</b>	<hr/> <b>Grade/Age of Students Involved</b>
<hr/> <b>Applicant's Signature and Date</b>	<hr/> <b>Principal's Signature and Date</b>
<hr/> <b>Superintendent's Signature and Date *</b>	

*\*Signatures acknowledge that this proposal is in compliance with school board policies and curriculum guidelines.*



**Please submit your completed application to:**

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Youth Advisory Council  
P.O. Box 1012-C  
Big Rapids, MI 49307

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