

## **ROTARY CLUB OF SPOKANE #21 YOUTH SERVICE COMMITTEE**

### **Contribution Guidelines**

The Club 21 Rotary Youth Service Committee (YSC) focuses its funding on projects which address the needs that nurture children (pre-k to 21) in our community to help them develop the skills, attitudes, and values needed to become responsible adult citizens. We view our expenditures as an investment in our shared community and do give preference to projects that benefit disadvantaged youth. Over the years we have funded a vast array of activities in a variety of organizations and always prefer to work collaboratively with other funding sources.

The YSC supports programs and projects that have a broad impact on youth. We seek opportunities to help with shortfalls in budgets of organizations or to cover specific line items of new initiatives. We are particularly interested in opportunities where our funds have a multiplier effect by enabling the recipient to access other funds through the use of our local funding. Sometimes through the power of Rotary we are able to help with connections to access goods and services at substantial discounts and do what we can to help requestors better leverage their resources. In the past six years YSC has invested over \$372,000 in our community.

Generally, but not always, excluded from funding consideration are contributions to individuals, for profit entities, sports tours, athletic tournaments, capital improvements and pageants. The YSC reserves the right to consider any request and may make exceptions based upon unusual merit. The YSC prefers to participate with other donors and not assume the major portion of the money needing to be raised. The Committee also intends that its funds are used directly for youth and not for salaries or other overhead. The Committee would rather use its limited resources to support the greatest number of worthy endeavors and, therefore, tends to give gifts under \$2000.

In most cases requestors will be visited by members of the YSC to better understand the request so that it can be well represented to the larger committee for consideration. In some cases the requestor or a representative of the requestor will be asked to make a presentation to the YSC. If the YSC approves we simply write a check. If a check is written, you will be required to send in a post contribution audit form confirming that the funds were used for the stated purpose.

To apply for a contribution, go to <http://www.rotaryspokane.com>. Click on "Youth Services" in the Submitting a Grant Application box located on the bottom, right column of the Home page. When the Youth Services page appears on the screen, click on "Apply Here". Complete the Youth Services Committee Application and submit. The YSC meets regularly to consider requests. All Committee recommendations over \$1000 are submitted to the Rotary Club of Spokane #21 Board of Directors for final approval. Please allow three to six weeks for a response.

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