**POLSON ROTARY**

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER**

The Polson Rotary Youth Fundraiser annual project was initiated in 2007. Over the last decade, Polson Rotary has donated over $390,000 to local organizations for youth oriented projects. The following basic guidelines were developed to assist potential applicants with the application process.

1. Applicants must be a non-profit organization with the appropriate legal tax status in place.

2. The Youth Fundraiser typically gives away approximately $20,000 on an annual basis. The project amount requested can be as little as $1000 or as much as $20,000. In some years, numerous projects are funded.

3. Any organization in the Polson/Ronan/Mission Valley area may apply. Most Polson Rotarians live in the Polson/Ronan area. Priority will be given to applicants that service youth in this area.

4. Successful project applications usually specify what the Youth Fundraiser is purchasing. Examples would be; lockers for the swimming pool, lights for a ball field, shooting supplies for a summer scout camp, soccer goals, or remodeling a building used for youth activities.

5. Many projects are large and beyond the annual scope of Youth Fundraiser. Typically, Youth Fundraiser does not contribute to a "pot" of funds intended to complete a project. The Polson Rotary Club wants to purchase tangible items that the community can see. Large projects can request purchase of an item for the project that fits this criteria.

6. Project applications that contain salaries for organizational personnel are generally not funded.

7. The Youth Fundraiser typically funds projects that are ready to go. Large projects that will require many years of fund raising should only apply when the project is close to being totally funded.

8. Some larger projects can be done in phases. The Youth Fundraiser is amenable to purchasing items for a project phase that is nearing construction.

9. Applicants selected for funding are expected to help with the fund raising. All Youth Fundraiser funding comes from the sale of raffle tickets. Raffle ticket prices are $25 each or 5 for $100. There are 5-6 raffle prizes each of which has a value of approximately $1000. The applicant is expected to sell tickets through their organization and at the Rotary booth at the Cherry Festival and Arts in the Park.

10. Project applications must be submitted **by May 1st this year**. Applicants are screened and a successful project(s) is selected by June 15th . Funds are transferred after fund raising is completed in August.

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**“PARTNER” APPLICATION**

**Event Date August 10, 2024**

Submission deadline is May 1st.

Name of Organization:

Mailing Address:

Contact Person: Name & Phone

Contact Person: E-Mail

Tax Exempt ID Number:

Brief Project Description:

How will this benefit youth in Polson, Ronan or the Mission Valley:



Funding Request Amount:

Funding Budget:

Name any Rotarians that are part of your organization or have detailed knowledge of your project.

Will your organization assist with raffle ticket sales?

Additional Information:

Submission deadline is May 1st.

Please submit entry to: Polson Rotary Club, P.O. Box 922, Polson, MT 59860 or

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