

# Youth Advisory Council



**Grand Haven Area**  
Community Foundation

**Thank you for your interest in joining the Youth Advisory Council (YAC)  
of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation!**

*We are a group of high school students that are passionate about learning about our community  
and investing in programs that will impact and improve the lives of youth.*

## **YAC's Mission:**

We aim to set an example for future generations by giving of time, talent, and treasure to actively impact the lives of youth in Northwest Ottawa County.

## **YAC's Vision:**

A community where all youth have the resources and opportunities available, allowing them to be successful.

## **YAC's Values:**

*Empathy* – to understand the needs of the youth in our community

*Integrity* – in making equitable decisions for the youth of our community

*Collaboration* – through innovation and teamwork

*Open-mindedness* – through a passionate and diverse group of youth representation



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## Youth Advisory Council *Application for Membership*

### **Membership:**

Membership is made up of high school youth, in grades 10 – 12, from Northwest Ottawa County.

### **Duties & Responsibilities of a YAC Member:**

- Attend a minimum of 8 monthly meetings per school year (set evenings from 6:30 to 8:30pm) and team building events held at various times throughout the summer. If unable to attend, contact the advisor 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- Committed, dedicated, and interested in learning about community youth issues through collaboration, discussion, speakers, site visits, and possible regional meetings with other YACs in the State of Michigan.
- Preparation for meetings, which can include reading multiple pages of grants.
- Evaluate all funding requests in a fair and equitable manner reflective of the Foundation's mission and stated grant criteria.
- Active engagement in the meetings.
- Responsible and mature representation of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation.

### **The Application Process:**

*There are a limited number of open seats on the Youth Advisory Council available for incoming sophomores and juniors.* All submitted applications are reviewed through the following process:

The Selection Committee is comprised of current YAC members and the GHACF YAC Advisors.

The Committee seeks to ensure a cross-section of youth membership through:

- gender
- age
- school
- and a balance of culturally, socially, and economically diverse students

Additionally, applicants are evaluated through a blind application process with respect to their interest and awareness of issues and concerns in the youth community, willingness to read and evaluate complex grant applications, potential for leadership, and the unique qualities they will bring to YAC.

Select candidates will be invited to interview with the Advisor and the Committee – additional details, including deadlines, meeting dates, and more can be found online at [ghacf.org/who-we-are/youth-advisory-council](http://ghacf.org/who-we-are/youth-advisory-council) or by contacting the foundation at 616.842.6378. You can also send an email to the YAC advisors:

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