

Youth Service Fund (YSF) Guidelines

Kansas East Conference

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The purpose of Young People's Ministries is to empower young people as world-changing disciples of Jesus Christ, to nurture faith development, and to equip young leaders. This may be done by building a network of support and providing resources that connect the diverse experiences of youth and young adults in local ministries and communities across the globe.

1. YSF money is administered by youth and used to serve youth. "Youth" is defined as 12-18 years of age, or up to 30 for international applications.
2. The purpose and plan of action for any project must be clearly stated on the application and will be reviewed by the Conference Council on Youth Ministries project review committee.
3. YSF money will not be used to fund any project's deficit.
4. A specific budget is essential on the application.
5. No more than 25% of the money for a project should be used for administration or salary.
6. Preference will be given to United Methodist projects within the connectional system. Projects of other churches and cooperative efforts between religious groups will be favored next. Finally, projects sponsored by secular organizations that meet the Conference YSF guidelines will be considered.
7. Grants will be awarded in March for applications received by the February 15 deadline, and in June for the May 15 deadline.
8. Those who are awarded YSF money will be required to submit a follow-up report which reflects the success of the project and agree to a good faith agreement in the award letter.
9. YSF monies will be spent as follows:
 - a. 30% of the money raised shall be given to the national level for distribution
 - b. Of the 70% left:
 - i. No more than one third of the YSF money shall be used for administrative purposes to publicize YSF.
 - ii. At least one third of the money shall be used for projects within the geographic bounds of the Kansas East Conference
 - iii. At least one third of the money shall be used for projects outside the geographic bounds of the Kansas East Conference
 - c. Maximum disbursement is \$1,000, unless extenuating circumstances.