



Youth Philanthropy Contest Guidelines

THE BASICS

The Fremont Area Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Contest is an exciting opportunity for youth to use their creativity, compassion, and talent to make a difference in their community. The Fremont Area Community Foundation wants kids from kindergarten through grade 12 to ask themselves this question:

"How can I make a difference in my community?"

Applicants can submit their best ideas to change the world, right here in their own backyards.

Contest winners will receive up to \$1,000 to help implement their projects.

Q&A:

What does it mean to "make a difference?"

We are looking for projects that help our community grow and change for the better and are "philanthropic" in nature. **Philanthropy** is a big word but it can be easily understood as "giving of your time, talents, and treasure for the benefit of all." Here are some questions to help you think about ways to make things better in your community:

- ***What do I care about?***
- ***How can my caring help others?***
- ***What in my community needs fixing?***
- ***What would make my community a better place?***

Your idea could be something you've been thinking about for a while or a totally random spark of inspiration – as long as it benefits others. You could save something, create something, or change something. Tell us about your best idea for making a difference!

We're looking for project ideas that:

- Have a positive impact on the community
- Can be completed within 9 months
- Take place in the FACF grant area (see map)
- Are charitable in nature (which means it must focus on serving the public interest or common good)
- Engage young people in philanthropy



Do I have to do this by myself?

Not unless you want to! The contest has three different age-based categories for youth, so find the one that works for you. The winner of each category will receive \$1,000 to complete their community project. In addition, there will be up to four "best of show" projects chosen also! If you add it up, that is potentially \$7,000 worth of great things that will be happening to make our area a better place. See which group you fit into below:

Kindergarten – 4th Grade

5th Grade – 8th Grade

9th Grade – 12th Grade

*****If your group has kids of various ages, choose the age group of the oldest person participating.***

How do I complete an application?

There are a few things that **MUST** be turned in with your application and there are a few additional pieces that may help “sell” your idea to the selection committee and give them a better sense of what you are trying to accomplish. The more you can demonstrate the details of your project and its impact in the community, the better your chances of being selected.

Required Application Materials:

- Contest Application (all sections must be completed – including a media release for EACH student that participates in your group.)

Optional Things to Include with Your Application:

- Pre-application submission form
- Video (on a cd or flash drive) (***This one is strongly encouraged!***)
- Visual Aids (Posters, display boards, sketches, flow charts, statistics, etc.)
- Photos
- Examples or prototypes of your project if it is a product of some kind



Fremont High School student Anya Morosov designed a story board to help describe her project idea. See more samples of visuals on the next page.

You are HIGHLY encouraged to create some sort of visuals to go with your written application. These will also be necessary when you display your materials at contest events.

Videos do not have to be long or especially polished—just engaging and effective at telling your story! Visit our website to see samples of videos submitted for our last contest at <http://www.facfoundation.org/community-involvement/youth-philanthropy-contest>.

What is the deadline for this contest?

All applications are due by **October 20, 2017**. All parts of your application must be received by the deadline. ***No late entries will be accepted.***

When do you announce the winners?

Winners will be announced at the Fremont Area Community Foundation Annual Dinner in **November 2017** at the Fremont Golf Club. You will receive more information about this when you turn in your application. *All applicants (or their representatives) with qualifying proposals are required to attend.*

What do I do with my contest application and supporting materials once they are done?

Contest applications can be mailed to:

Fremont Area Community Foundation
Attn: Youth Philanthropy Contest
1005 E. 23rd Street, Suite #2
Fremont, NE 68025

You can also drop off your contest application and supporting materials at the Fremont Area Community Foundation’s office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Questions? Email us at info@facfoundation.org or call us at (402) 721-4252.

Important Dates to Remember

October 11th – Pre-Application Form due, if being submitted

October 20th – Contest application materials are due

November TBD – Youth Philanthropy Contest Winners Announced at FAF Annual Dinner



The Presbyterian Church's PresbyYOUTH group created videos for two YPC projects...

*View videos created for the last Youth Philanthropy Contest on the community foundation's website at:
<http://www.facfoundation.org/community-involvement/youth-philanthropy-contest.html>*



...so did Scribner-Snyder High School student Jamie Poppe for her winning "Best in Show" project called "Foster Care Bags."...



...And Keegan McConnell, Reagan McConnell and Emily Brodd of North Bend created prototypes for their "Blankets for Kids" project.



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OTHER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How will I know if you received my application?

We will send a confirmation email to the address you provide on your application.

Is there a way I can get help with my application?

You can always get help by calling 402-721-4252 or email us at info@facfoundation.org with any questions you might have about the contest or application process.

Why should I submit a video, poster or other visual aid?

Visual aids such as videos, posters, or displays help our selection committee better understand your project and the impact that it can have on the community. Use the visuals to sell your idea and tell us why it should be selected for funding.

Are there any guidelines for my video?

Your video must be **2 minutes or less** in length, be appropriate to your project, be in English, and be clear, focused and audible. You must also have the permission of all identifiable individuals (or a parent or guardian if he/she is 17 years of age or younger) in your video. Videos can be placed on youtube.com (please include the link in your application) or submitted on a portable flash drive.

Do I have to make sure my project is approved by the community organization or group that it benefits?

YES! All projects that directly impact a club, group, or organization **MUST** have approval from those organizations affected by the project for your application to be considered for the contest. Not having permission to move forward with your project should it be selected as a contest winner will disqualify your application. *Please note, however, that we would be happy to help you identify and connect with the organization most likely to be impacted by your project idea. Just give us a call or email.*

Who decides which projects receive funding?

The Youth Philanthropy Contest has a selection committee that will be reviewing all applications. Applicants' identifying information will not be available to the selection committee so that all applications are treated equally.

What happens if my idea is funded?

If your idea is selected for funding, you will be connected to either a non-profit agency or a local service club which will serve as your mentor and help you complete your project and obtain reimbursement for expenditures. The prize money will be granted to the 501(c)(3) organization, not to the individual contest winner.

If you are a contest winner, you will complete an agreement form regarding the implementation of your project, timelines and the reporting guidelines.

Must I report back to the Fremont Area Community Foundation after completing my project?

You and your mentor will provide updates to the Fremont Area Community Foundation on your project's progress. When your project is completed, we will ask you to answer a few questions about your project and how it went.

What is the timeline for completing my project?

You have nine months to complete your project from the date you receive your funding.



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Submission deadline: October 20, 2017

Project Name: _____

Name of Individual or Group: _____

Main Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of Parent(s): _____ Phone: _____

Age Group: Grades K-4 ____ Grades 5-8 ____ Grades 9-12 ____

If your group has kids of various ages, choose the age group of the oldest person participating.

***Please list the names/ages of each group member below. A signed media release form is required for each (continue on back or separate page).**

Name	Age	Name	Age
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

If your project benefits a community organization or group, you must have permission from that group to complete your project prior to submitting your formal application. If this applies to you, have you received permission? ____YES ____NO

If yes, who did you speak to?

Organization Contact: _____ Date: _____

If no, would you like our help identifying and/or contacting an organization? ____YES ____NO

Contest winners will be announced and **attendance is required** at the FACF Annual Dinner in **November, 2017**. You will receive more information on this at a later date. All contest participants are **required to display their projects at the November event** which will be held at the Fremont Golf Club. Additional funding for projects not selected as contest winners may be available at this event.

Applicant Signature

Date

*Parent/Guardian or Sponsor Signature

Date

**Required if participant is 17 years of age or younger*



Project Description

For more information, see Youth Philanthropy Contest Guidelines

Here is your chance to tell us what you want to do to make your community a better place. Please respond to each of the following questions. Feel free to use additional paper.

1. What do you want to accomplish?
2. What impact will this have on your community?
3. WHY do you think this is needed?
4. Why do YOU want to do it?
5. HOW are you going to do it? Be sure to complete the attached budget sheet.
6. WHO is going to help you make it happen?
7. If your project directly impacts an organization or group in your community, have group leaders approved your project? Who did you speak to and when? If you have not identified or contacted any organizations, would you like assistance in doing so?

Please include a one sentence description of your project:



Media Release/Consent

Required of each contest participant – please make copies as needed

Return completed forms to:
Fremont Area Community Foundation
1005 E. 23rd Street, Suite #2
Fremont, NE 68025
(402) 721-4252
info@facfoundation.org

Permission to Photograph/Quote

Participant's Name: _____

I agree that the Fremont Area Community Foundation may use photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including such purposes as publicity, illustration, promotion, advertising and web content.

I also agree that the Fremont Area Community Foundation may use my comments upon approval for similar promotional purposes.

I understand the Fremont Area Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization, which exists to improve the quality of life in the Fremont area by connecting donor interests with community needs and serving as a leader and catalyst in the development of solutions. I further understand that I will not receive compensation for the use of my photographs or comments.

I have read and understand the above:

Applicant Signature

Date

Printed Name

*Parent/Guardian or Sponsor Signature

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Date

Club or organization (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____



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Budget Sheet

Project Expenses

How are you going to spend the \$1,000?

Determining the actual expenses ahead of time will make your project flow much more smoothly.

ITEM DESCRIPTION	COST
TOTAL EXPENSES	

In-Kind/Donations

(What other support do you expect for your project?)

ITEM DESCRIPTION	APPROXIMATE VALUE