2018 Contest Guidelines/Q&As

Youth Philanthropy Contest
of the Fremont Area Community Foundation

What is this?

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 implement their projects.**

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! You can do a project on your own, with friends, or as part of a class, club or group. 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 up to $1,000 to complete their community project. In addition, there will be "best of show" projects chosen also! Project funding will be determined by the project budget and may be as much as $1,000. 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 including forms and additional pieces that may help "sell" your idea to the selection committee to 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.)
- Examples or prototypes of your project if it is a product of some kind
- Project Display (Posters, photos, display boards, sketches, flow charts, impact statements, statistics, or anything else that helps showcase your project) and/or video (on YouTube or flash drive)

Optional Things to Submit to the Foundation:

- Pre-application submission form (deadline: October 10)



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. It has been our experience that the projects that included good displays with their application submissions are more likely to be chosen as contest winners. Videos do not have to be long or especially polished—just engaging and effective at telling your story!

What is the deadline for this contest and what do I do with my contest materials when they are done?

Contest applications and materials can be mailed to or dropped off at the Fremont Area Community Foundation, Attn: Youth Philanthropy Contest, 1005 E. 23rd Street, Suite #2, Fremont, NE 68025.

Written applications: are due by **October 19, 2018**.
Supporting materials: Project displays, prototypes, etc. can be dropped off at the FACF offices either **October 31, 8:00 – 3:00** or **November 1, 8:00 to Noon. *No late entries will be accepted.***

All applicants will be required to present their projects to the selection committee on **November 1st beginning at 4:00 pm** at the First State Bank Education Center (1005 E 23rd St, Fremont). Once we have received your application, you will be contacted to set up a time for your presentation.

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

When do you announce the winners?

Winners will be notified by mail in **November 2018,** following the applicant presentations on November 1st. *All applicants (or their representatives) with qualifying proposals are required to attend the presentations.*

Important Dates to Remember

October 10th – Pre-Application Form due, if being submitted
October 19th – Written application materials are due
October 31st (8:00 – 3:00) or November 1st (8:00 – 12:00) – Drop off supporting materials at FACF office
November 1st – Present applications to YPC Selection Committee (beginning at 4 pm, at the First State Bank Education Center, 1005 E. 23rd St, Fremont)



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/YPC



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



…And Kylie Schurz of Fremont created prototypes for her "Octopuses for Babies" 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. It has been our experience that the projects that included detailed visual aids with their application submissions are more likely to be chosen as contest winners.

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.

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.

Youth Philanthropy Contest Application
Submission deadline: October 19, 2018

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Contact Information Sheet

Project Name: _____

Name of Individual or Group: _____

Main Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Cell/Home Phone: _____

Name of Parent(s): _____

Parent Phone: _____ Parent Email: _____

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/participation form is required for each (continue on back or separate page).**

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

Please include a one sentence description of your project. This summary will be used to promote and help fund your project.

What do I do with my contest application and display once they are done?
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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. What type of display have you included with your application to help better explain your idea?

If you have a video to submit, what is the link? _____
** Please see contest guidelines for more detailed information about video submission*

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, who did you speak to?

Organization Name: _____

Organization Contact: _____ Date: _____

If no, would you like our help identifying and/or contacting an organization? _____YES _____ NO

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Media Release/Consent to Participate

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.

As a parent, I understand that my child wishes to participate in this contest. I will support them in their efforts. If I have questions I can contact the Fremont Area Community Foundation at the phone number listed above.

I have read and understand the above:

_____ _____
Applicant Signature Date

_____ _____
Printed Name Age

_____ _____
*Parent/Guardian or Sponsor Signature Date
**Required if participant is 17 years of age or younger*

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 Youth Philanthropy Contest grant?

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

ITEM DESCRIPTION	COST
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

TOTAL EXPENSES _____

In-Kind/Donations
(Is there other support you expect for your project?)

ITEM DESCRIPTION	APPROXIMATE VALUE
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Project Application Checklist

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Before you turn in your project, have you:	**Yes!**
Reviewed the 2018 Contest Guidelines	☐
Completed ALL sections on the Contact Information Sheet (page 5)	☐
Completed ALL questions on the Project Description Sheet (page 6)	☐
Completed a DETAILED Project Expense Sheet (page 8)	☐
Marked the following required dates on your calendar:	☐

Written applications due (October 19th)
Drop off supporting materials (October 31st 8:00 am – 3:00 pm or November 1st 8:00 am – Noon)
Present projects to selection committee (November 1st starting at 4:00 pm)

Determined who will represent your project at the presentation	☐
Completed the Consent/Media Release forms for EVERY participant (page 7)	☐
Completed all pieces of your display and/or video (to be displayed at the presentation)	☐
Liked us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/facfoundation)	☐
Followed us on Twitter (@facfoundation)	☐

Contact Information

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