

Mt. Pleasant Area

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Youth Mini-Grants

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation (MPACF) invites mini-grant applications that address the needs of the youth in Isabella County. Since 1993, the YAC has advised the MPACF Board of Trustees on youth related grants, including those developed by youth themselves.

Who is eligible? Applications may come from charities, schools, or units of government for programs addressing the needs of youth in Isabella County.

How much is available? Mini-grants up to \$300 are available. The YAC awards approximately \$30,000 each year from the Kellogg Youth Fund.

When are applications due? Mini-grant applications are accepted year round. Review and approval takes 60-90 days, so plan to apply well in advance to secure funding.

How do I apply? Visit www.mpacf.org to review frequently asked questions and a sample mini-grant application. Create an account and complete the online mini-grant application form. It can take just 10-15 minutes. Contact MPACF Program Officer, Brittany Sherrill, at (989) 773-7322 with questions.

What kinds of projects will be funded? The YAC is most interested in funding projects that address the needs of youth through 1) after-school recreation/social activities; 2) personal development programs (art, music, fitness, etc.); 3) job development and opportunities; 4) leadership activities; and 5) volunteer programs. The YAC's most recent Youth Needs Assessment identified the most important issues facing youth today as follows:

- Bullying (personal threats, gossiping, internet harassment, etc.)
- Stress/School Pressure
- Alcohol and drug abuse
- Self-esteem/Respect for self and others
- Depression/suicide/loss
- Family issues (divorce, abuse, finances, etc.)

