



YOUTH ENGAGED IN  
PHILANTHROPY

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is the purpose of the Youth Engaged in Philanthropy (YEP) program?**

The Hamilton Community Foundation strives to assist Hamilton County in preparing the next generation of philanthropic leaders. Three Pillars Initiative is the curriculum that will be used for the YEP program. This program model provides robust learning experiences in fundraising, charitable giving and service projects.

### **Who are students recruited?**

This program is designed for teens with a genuine interest in making an impact in the community by learning how community philanthropy works and engaging in important decisions regarding grantmaking and community projects.

### **How are youth selected for the program?**

Each year interested high school sophomores apply to be part of the Youth Engaged in Philanthropy program which is a two-year program for juniors and seniors. Students who apply are personally interviewed and selected by YEP Program Mentors and Program Coordinator.

Students may submit applications February 26<sup>th</sup> through March 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. To apply, go to [hcfne.org/youth-engaged-in-philanthropy](http://hcfne.org/youth-engaged-in-philanthropy). Download the YEP Application form which is a fillable pdf. Once this form is complete, email it to [lthiele@hcfne.org](mailto:lthiele@hcfne.org) before 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Late applications will not be accepted.

### **What are the major program components?**

The junior cohort focuses on the art, science and business of charitable giving. The YEP program will have \$10,000 to grant out each year. Students lead the grant application process and review funding proposals submitted by area charitable organizations in Hamilton County. After reviewing the grant applications and conducting site visits, students will use consensus building to determine how they wish to distribute the \$10,000 in grant funding they have to award.

### **When would the program begin and end?**

The program will mirror the school calendar year, beginning in August with a Parent/Student Orientation then the cohort will meet 2 hours each month from September through April. Each of the eight sessions builds on one another so attendance is an important aspect of the program. Drinks and snack will be provided. One service project may occur in addition to the monthly sessions.

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