

Idaho Youth in Philanthropy Project

Application Deadline: December 6, 2024

About the Program:

The Idaho Youth in Philanthropy Project (YIPP) is a hands-on leadership program exclusively focused on preparing youth in *rural communities* to become the next generation of philanthropists—those who contribute their time, talent, and resources for the common good. This program aims to empower rural high school students to address the unique challenges their communities face by awarding grants to nonprofits tackling critical local needs.

YIPP develops leadership, critical thinking, and collaboration skills while emphasizing the role of nonprofits in solving complex issues specific to rural areas. Through mentorship and real-world decision-making, students will experience firsthand the power of philanthropy in small communities, gaining the tools and inspiration to strengthen their hometowns and foster lifelong civic engagement.

Who Is Eligible to Apply?

- High schools in rural Idaho. YIPP prioritizes youth participation from rural communities and will not consider towns or cities with populations over 30,000. As a result, the program is **not** open to high schools from Boise, Garden City, Meridian, Nampa, Caldwell, Idaho Falls, Ammon, Pocatello, Chubbuck, Twin Falls, Coeur d'Alene, or Post Falls. This focus ensures that the program supports smaller communities where access to philanthropic opportunities and nonprofit resources may be limited.

How It Will Work

1. Application and Selection Process (*time commitment: one hour*)
 - o High school teachers/administrators across Idaho will submit applications identifying a class, club, or group of students to participate.
 - o Six high school groups throughout Idaho will be selected, with each classroom eventually distributing \$5,000 to one or more local nonprofits. (Reviewers will focus on geographic diversity, classroom readiness, and level of student engagement).
2. Teacher Instruction Training and Orientation (*Teacher time commitment: four hours in February.*)
 - o Selected schools and corresponding teachers will participate in two virtual orientation sessions led by project partners. Teachers will receive training on key topics and how to use the PowerPoint Presentation and Course Outline in their classrooms.
3. In-Class Student Grant Decision Process (*anticipated student/teacher time commitment: 8-12 hours in February/March*)
 - o Students will learn: 1) What nonprofits do and how they operate; 2) The role of philanthropy in building strong communities; and 3) How to evaluate nonprofit organizations and assess community needs.
 - o Students will then review grant applications submitted by local organizations to gain insight into the needs and services provided within their community.
 - o Finally, this process will give students hands-on experience in philanthropy, nonprofit evaluation, and grantmaking as they work together to determine which organizations will receive funding.
4. Classes Announce Grant Awards to the Community (Spring 2025)
 - o We encourage you to incorporate these grant announcements into an end of year assembly, community event, etc.
 - o If awarded, a short final report will be required, outlining your experience with the program (*anticipated time commitment: one hour*).

Application Instructions

Please Click [HERE](#) to submit your application via Survey Monkey.

Questions? Reach out to info@idahononprofits.org