



Youth Philanthropy Contest
of the Fremont Area Community Foundation



FREMONT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.

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THE BASICS

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Applicants will submit their best ideas to change the world, right here in their own backyards. **Contest winners will receive \$1,000 to implement their projects.**

What do you mean "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:

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- **How can my caring help others?**
- **What in my community needs fixing?**
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What kinds of ideas qualify?

We're looking for ideas that:

- Have a positive impact on the community
- Can be completed within 9 months
- Take place in the FACF grant area (see map)
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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 community a better place. See where you fit in below:

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How do I complete an application?

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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
- Visual Aids (Posters, display boards, sketches, flow charts, impact statements, statistics, etc.)
- Video (on a portable drive)
- Photos
- Examples or prototypes of your project if it is a product of some kind

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 the contest events.

What is the deadline for this contest?

All applications are **due on May 1, 2014.** **ALL** the 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 *Youth Philanthropy Contest Event on June 11, 2014 at the Midland University Event Center.* You will receive more information about this when you turn in your application. All applicants 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
P.O. Box 182
Fremont, NE 68026

You can also drop off your contest application and supporting materials at the Fremont Area Community Foundation's office at 605 N. Broad St., Fremont, NE.

Important Dates to Remember

May 1st - Contest application materials are due
June 11th - Youth Philanthropy Contest Event

OTHER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

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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 their parent or guardian if they are 18 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.

What if I don't have access to video equipment?

Videos are not required, it is just an idea for you to consider that may help you better tell your story.

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 in town **MUST have approval** from those organizations effected 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.

Who decides which projects receive funding?

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What happens if my idea is funded?

If your idea is selected for funding, you will be assigned to either a non-profit agency or a local service club. This agency will serve as your mentor and will 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.

Do I have to report back to the Fremont Area Community Foundation after my project is over?

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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Project Name: _____

Name of Individual or Group: _____

Main Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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Age Group

Grades K-4 Grades 5-8 Grades 9-12

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Please provide a brief description of your project and tell us how it will meet the qualifications listed above:

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All contest participants are **required to display their projects at the June event** to be held at the Midland University Event Center. Additional funding for projects not selected as contest winners may be available at this event.

Applicant Signature

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Project Description

For more information, see Youth Philanthropy Contest Guidelines

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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?
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Media Release/Consent

Required of each contest participant – please make copies as needed

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Permission to Photograph/Quote

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I have read and understand the above:

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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

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Youth Philanthropy Contest Mentor/Mentee Expectations

THANK YOU for your participation in the Youth Philanthropy Contest. The success of the students and their projects will be greatly enhanced by the participation of our local service clubs and organizations as mentors. In order to help you with the mentoring relationship, please review the following information:

Youth Contest Winner Expectations

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Project Mentor Expectations

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