

YOUNG WOMAN'S HOME ASSOCIATION
CRITERIA FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS AND AWARDING OF GRANTS

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1. Trustees have a fiduciary duty to award grants as objectively as possible according to these criteria. Furthermore, there shall be no discrimination on the basis of race, gender, age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or other area stated in Michigan or federal law in the consideration of requests and award of grants.
2. In accordance with the YWHA mission statement, grants are awarded in the areas of Basic Needs, Culture and Education and are awarded primarily to organizations serving women and children in Wayne County. Grant requests from organizations in Macomb and Oakland Counties also may be considered and awarded in accordance with the mission statement.
3. Preference should be given to those requests for which a grant from the YWHA will make the most impact. Nevertheless, favorable consideration will be given to those organizations that are actively trying to expand their funding base.
4. Grants generally are not awarded in the following areas:
 - general operating expenses, including salaries
 - capital expenditures
 - capital improvements
 - equipment
 - scholarships or "camperships"
 - requests from individuals
 - fundraising campaigns
5. All applications must be received by the appropriate deadline (August 1 for new applicants; September 1 for returning applicants) in order to be put forth by the Grants Co-Chairs for review and action by Trustees.
6. Organizations may request funding for one project or one item per year.
7. Once the Trustee review process has begun (following the September Trustee meeting), no changes or amendments will be allowed as to the amount requested or intended use of requested funds. If the applicant's circumstances have changed such that the application is no longer correct, the application should be withdrawn; otherwise, it will be denied.
8. All requests are addressed anew, although the history of the organization and project are relevant considerations.
 - (a) The history of key personnel is always relevant, although whether or not anyone associated with the organization is personally liked should not be a consideration.
 - (b) How well or efficiently an organization is operated and uses its resources should be considered. Although perfection is not required, poorly run projects should not be funded, no matter how noble the cause.
9. Any Trustee with a relationship with the requester or its key staff should recuse and remove her/himself during any discussion of or decision on the request.