

Walker Area Youth Council Grant Application

INTRODUCTION

The Walker Area Youth (WAY) Council (a program of the Walker Area Community Foundation) consists of 16 youth representing the eight high schools in Walker County. The Council is dedicated to creating service opportunities for fellow classmates. **Therefore, the Council will only fund projects involving youth in community service.**

The WAY Council makes every effort to assess the needs of the community and to prioritize those needs. Once the WAY Council receives an application, it will be reviewed initially to see that all required materials are included with the application. Applicants will be notified of any missing elements. Then, Council members will conduct site visits designed to give organizations or clubs the time to share interesting stories about their project, show pictures that could not be included in the application, and to verbally explain to us why they think they should be funded by the WAY Council. During the site visit, Council members will want to meet with key staff / members and observe the agency's / club's activities.

GUIDELINES FOR GRANT APPLICANTS

- 1) **The WAY Council will only fund grants involving youth in community service.**
- 2) Priority will be given to grants which address the following, but all grants will be considered.
 - More job opportunities and businesses for the growth of Walker County
 - Programs that emphasize church-related values
 - Equal opportunity programs which support minorities, those with disabilities, ESL, etc.
 - Programs that support education for youth including the training of teachers
- 3) No grants are made to or for:
 - ◆ Individuals
 - ◆ Dinners, Balls or other Ticketed Events
 - ◆ Political Purposes
 - ◆ Lobbying Activities
 - ◆ Replacement of Government Grants or Funding
 - ◆ Endowments or Other Discretionary Pools
 - ◆ Travel Expenses

WHAT WE LOOK FOR

The Walker Area Youth Council has \$10,000 with which to award grants in January, therefore, no multi-year funding will be awarded. In order to make the greatest impact with the funds available, we prefer requests that

- Address a critical community need and get at the root causes of a problem.
- Do not duplicate existing services unless they serve a population not already being served.
- Are pilot projects which, if successful, can be expanded to serve a wider population or be duplicated by other organizations / school clubs.
- We prefer requests for partial funding of projects rather than full support.
- Involve collaboration and cooperation with other organizations, agencies or clubs
- **Include an effective mechanism for measuring the impact of The WAY Council's investment.**

The requesting organization should:

- Demonstrate the volunteers necessary to accomplish the project.
- Operate under sound financial principles
- Have a future funding plan.
- Have a solid base of community and financial support to insure the future of the organization and program.

DEADLINE

Grants should be mailed or delivered to the Walker Area Community Foundation office no later than December 1, 2007.