

SOCIAL JUSTICE THROUGH THE HUMANITIES YOUTH VOICES IN ACTION GRANT



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Roseville Area Schools
Quality Teaching & Learning for All...Equity in All We Do

Overview

At the core of the Minnesota Humanities Center is the Absent Narratives Approach™— a values-driven framework for community engagement and collaboration. These values include: learning from and with multiple voices, building and strengthening diverse relationships, recognizing the inequity or dangers of a single story, and amplifying community solutions for change. This approach put relationships with people at the center of community change-making and center diverse voices statewide — especially those left out, marginalized, or otherwise absented from our education and public awareness.

In collaboration and partnership with youth, the Roseville Area School district, the Minnesota Alliance With Youth, and the Minnesota Humanities Center seeks to **expand youth leadership on issues of social and racial justice and amplify youth-led solutions.**

Continuing the momentum of Youth in Educational Leadership Summit (YELS) event, held in April, 2021, our coalition seeks to organize youth and the community around ways that the humanities can bring people together to increase our understanding and spark change in our communities.

The following service grant offers young people in the state of Minnesota the opportunity to showcase their ongoing youth-led advocacy and organizing efforts centering the humanities.

Are you a young person involved

in...

Advocacy

Leadership

Civic Engagement

Social Justice

Racial Justice

Community Service



Apply now for a

Social Justice Through the Humanities: Youth Voices in Action Grant!

Amplify your voice, impact your community

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Who can apply?

Application is open to students grades K-12 in Minnesota.

How do I submit my application?

We want you to get creative! Options include creation of a video, poster, document, poem, art piece, video call, or use any other medium. We are looking to learn about the work that you, a young activist and organizer, do in the community.

Please make sure to respond to all of the questions at the end of this document within your submission.

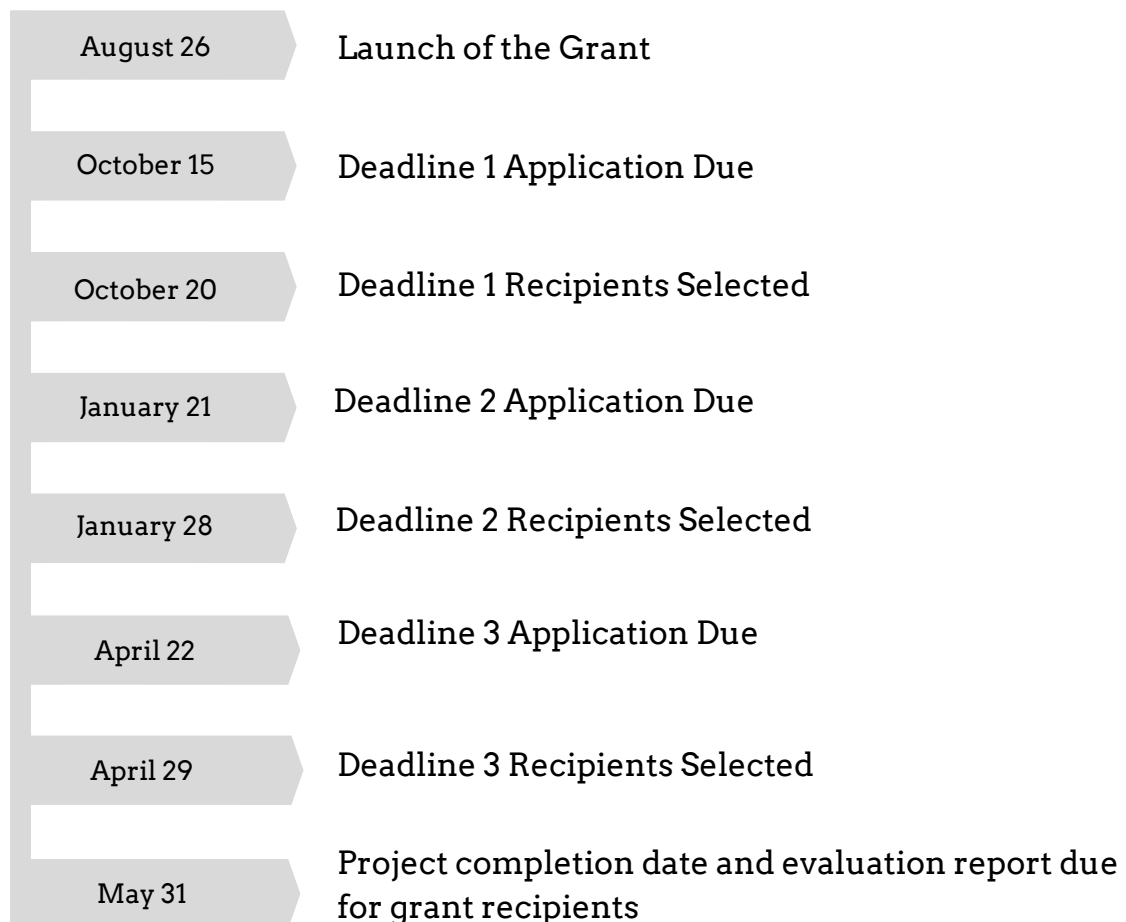
What is the service grant timeline?

Grant recipients will be selected three times throughout the school year. Students may select a submission date based on the scope, scale, and timing of their project.

Short-term Action Project **Medium-term Action Project** **Long-term Action Project**

Hoping to complete a small project in a few weeks? Select the short-term action project! Looking to make an impact in your community over many months? The long-term action project is for you!

Once you have selected the type of action project you would like to complete, select one of the 3 possible timelines to submit your grant application.



What is the selection criteria?

Projects must center service projects surrounding the humanities.

What do we mean by the humanities?

The humanities help us express, examine, and learn what it means to be human. They include our cultures, languages, ethics, civics, stories, religions, laws, philosophies, histories, and more. Humanities can refer to these disciplines as well as the activities and actions – reflecting, making meaning, connecting, questioning, etc.—that help us learn about our humanity and the human experience.

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Projects must be youth-led and use the humanities to take action, spark change, or increase understanding in your communities.
- Demonstrated impact of community engagement
- Clear goals and strategies
- Complete application responding to all provided questions

What types of projects are funded?

Funding priorities will be granted to applications that include:

- Use of humanities practices and/or subjects to address a bigger idea or mission
- Alignment with the meaning of humanities and the Absent Narratives Approach™
- Elevation of youth voice and leadership
- Emphasis on youth community engagement
- Use of strategic partnerships with youth development organizations and school-based initiatives
- Presentation of a model for other Minnesota school districts around youth-led advocacy, within and outside of education

What types of projects are *not* funded?

Applications will not be considered if:

- Project does NOT incorporate the humanities or humanities practices
- Project is NOT youth led
- Project does NOT participate in community engagement
- Project serves as a fundraiser or generates money for an organization or cause
- Project has a service component that takes place outside of Minnesota
- Project requests funds for stipends for the project participants or staff support
- Project extends outside of the granting timeline
- Project centers general operating support for regular (ongoing) service-based programs and activities
- Project include lobbying, partisan political activities, and/or voter registration
- Project is religious in nature or purpose

How much are the awarded service grants?

\$50- \$350

Grants will be awarded in amounts ranging from \$50- \$350 to implement youth-led projects that address some of the most critical issues facing our young people and leverage the humanities to spark change in communities. Special consideration may be given to classrooms or communities working on larger or long term projects for requests in the range of \$500-\$1000.

How am I responsible to share the project?

Grant recipients are required to:

Funded projects will also be highlighted in social networks and in the media. We will ask that you share press and media clips with us in order to highlight your work. Specified sponsor logos and hashtags will be provided.

Is there an evaluation due at the conclusion of the project?

Yes! A project evaluation will be sent to all recipients and must be completed by May 31, 2022. All grant recipients will be required to sign a Grant Agreement requiring grantees to submit a final project evaluation.

Who do I ask if I have questions?

Questions can be directed to youthvoice@mnyouth.net

Application Questions

Please refer to the information above to learn more about application submissions. Regardless of your chosen format, please consider and respond to the following prompts:

- How did you find out about this grant?
- How are you using humanities to take action, increase understanding, or spark change in your community?
- What is your project title?
- List your major activities, significant project dates, and locations of involvement.
- How is your project youth-led?
- Describe the community engagement aspect of your project.
- How many other youth/volunteers will be engaged?
- How do you incorporate the Absent Narratives Approach™ within your project?
- Why is the work you are doing as part of your project important to you?
- What is the amount of money you are requesting and how do you plan to use the grant funding you receive to further your project?
- What ways will you share your project out with your community via social media and local press?

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