



# THE COMMUNITY FUND

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## “What exactly is a Youth Community Fund (YCF)?”

The YCF is a group of high school students from Bronxville, Eastchester and Tuckahoe who want to make an impact in their community. YCF is open to students grades 9 – 12 on the Member Team and 11<sup>th</sup> graders on the Leadership Team. As a member of YCF, you will participate in community service, fundraising and support local non-profit agencies. YCF will raise funds and distribute these funds to local agencies, who provide important services to the BET community, via a grant application process. Grants will be evaluated and voted on by members of the YCF.

## Who can apply to be on the Leadership Team?

Applications for the Leadership team will be open to rising-juniors who are residents of Bronxville, Eastchester or Tuckahoe. You do not need to attend a school in the BET community. Preference will be given to those who participated on the Volunteer Team in previous years.

## Who can apply to be on the Member Team?

The Member Team is open to rising 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who are residents of Bronxville, Eastchester or Tuckahoe. You do not need to attend school in the BET community to be a part of the YCF. Joining the Member team is a great opportunity to give back to your community and discover what the YCF is all about.

## What does being a member of the YCF Leadership team entail?

The YCF Leadership team will meet monthly. Each member will be assigned to a committee – Fundraising, Community Service, PR/Social Media or Evaluations. Committee members are in charge of planning events, running a PR campaign for YCF, and conducting evaluations of agencies that apply for grants, amongst other things. We anticipate the time commitment to be 2-3 hours a month, varying if there is an event going on.

Don't have enough time or that sounds like more than you are looking to commit to, but still want to participate, be on the Member Team!

The Member Team will participate in a community service project and a fundraising project. By participating on the Member Team you will also learn about local organizations that serve youth in the community and vote on which grants will be awarded in April/May.

Why is there a required \$50 donation to YCF in order to participate?

The YCF awards grants every year to local agencies that support programs for the community's youth. The donations collected from the YCF members go to fund the grants. This money combined with the money raised allow the YCF to award multiple grants and have a bigger impact on the community.

What can you expect to get out of the experience?

You will learn about local agencies, philanthropy, leadership and how it all works together. Plus, all YCF members will get the satisfaction felt in helping their community, we like to think of it as the warm, fuzzy feeling of doing good.

Finally, how do you apply?

Please go to the [YCF webpage](#) for the application. Print it out, fill it out and email it to [ycf.bet@gmail.com](mailto:ycf.bet@gmail.com).

Applications for Leadership Team must be submitted by May 19th.

The Member team will be capped at 100 and filled on a first come first served basis. The Member Team applications will close by August 30th.

Remember, there is lots to do, so if you are interested and willing there will be meaningful work for you!

Thanks for your interest!

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