CLAY COUNTY YOUTH GRANT APPLICATION

The Clay County Community Foundation Youth Grant Committee exists to kindle the spirit of service and philanthropic leadership among the youth of our community by providing youth groups an opportunity to apply for grant funding in support of youth-driven, youth-serving projects. By submitting a grant application to the Clay County Community Foundation Youth Grant Committee, your group has a chance to receive a portion of the money that we have available for this purpose. Following are rules you must abide by to be eligible for grant funding:

1. Your group must have, or be affiliated with, an organization that has a 501(c)(3) charitable status. Please attach a copy of your IRS determination letter.

2. Your project ***must*** **(1)** provide a service-learning component**; (2)** be youth-led and youth-implemented with a preference for youth serving; and **(3)** promote philanthropic activity and thinking. You are encouraged to call Lidia Yigezu at the Community Foundation at 812-232-2234 to confirm that your project meets these requirements *before* you submit your application.

HIGH PRIORITIES

The priorities of the Youth Grant Committee are as follows:

- Youth-led, youth-implemented, and youth serving projects
- Projects that will make a significant improvement and better respond to the changing needs in our community
- Projects that seek to prevent problems, rather than 'treat symptoms'
- Programs that enhance cooperation and collaboration among institutions within our communities
- Projects with longevity

LOW PRIORITIES

While the Youth Grant Committee remains flexible in attempting to meet community needs, the following items generally are not funded:

- Funds for redistribution by the grantee
- Reimbursement for expenses incurred before a grant has been awarded
- Conferences, publications, films, television and radio programs
- Travel for groups such as bands, sports teams and classes
- Annual appeals and membership contributions
- Holiday Parties

3. The project must be youth-serving in **CLAY COUNTY**.

4. The application **must** be handwritten, preferably by a youth.

5. **Please attach a budget.** There is no minimum amount of money you can request, but there is ***a maximum of $500 per project or grant***. Preference is given to requests that show funding support for this project from sources ***other*** than the Youth Grant Committee, and that are accompanied by a budget that is clear and complete.

6. You will be required to come in for an interview when your grant is reviewed.

7. Please provide a timeline of when you need the money, the different steps of the project, and when the project will end.

8. After completing your project, your group may be invited to present your results to the Youth Grant Committee and/or other grant recipients.

If you have any questions about the grants, please contact Lidia Yigezu at 812-232-2234, or by email to lidia@wvcf.org. All applications are due November 18, 2026 to the Wabash Valley Community Foundation at 200 South 8th Street, Terre Haute, IN 47807. Grants will be paid in February 2027.

TODAY'S DATE _____

Clay County Community Foundation
Youth Grant Application

MUST BE HANDWRITTEN IN INK

Name of Group

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Group's Mailing Address

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Group's Phone Number

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Youth Leader

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Youth Leader's Address_____

Youth Leader's Phone Number_____

Youth Leader's Email _____

Adult Advisor_____

Adult Advisor's Address

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Adult Advisor's Phone Number

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Adult Advisor's Email

Inspiring all youth to lead, influence and serve for the philanthropic good of the Wabash Valley.

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Describe your project: _____

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Describe how the project will benefit the youth in our community: _____

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When are you planning to begin and end your project?

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Where will your project take place?

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What are your goals for this project?

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How many youth and adults will be involved in your project?

Adults_____ Youth_____

How much money do you need to complete the project? _____

How much money are you requesting from the Clay County Youth Grant Committee? _____

How much money do you already have? _____

Where do you plan to get any additional money needed?

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Tell us how you will spend the money. Attach a budget.

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Who will be responsible for the use of the money?

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How do you plan to let people in the community know about this project?

Describe the responsibilities of the youth who are leading the project.

How do you plan to recognize the youth involved?