



YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY PROGRAM Frequently Asked Questions

What is Youth in Philanthropy?

Youth in Philanthropy, YIP for short, is a program designed to offer high school students an opportunity to make a difference in their community while obtaining leadership skills that can be used throughout their lifetime.

Who Can Apply?

An applicant to the YIP program must:

- Be a High School Junior or Senior residing in Fort Bend County
- Commit to the time and attendance requirements to participate in scheduled YIP activities
- Desire to learn more about the community in which they reside.

How do I apply to YIP?

All applications are submitted online.

<http://www.thegeorgefoundation.org/program/youth-in-philanthropy/>

What is the time commitment to participate in YIP?

- YIP members are required to attend a **mandatory orientation** and a **mandatory evaluation session**. **Additionally**, each participant must successfully complete (3) volunteer sessions. It is highly encouraged to attend all (4) sessions to fully embrace the YIP experience. *Please check the Survival Guide for specific dates.*

How will YIP Team members be selected?

- YIP Program participants are selected through an application process. In the selection process, the YIP Coordinating Committee will strive to ensure YIP Team members represent a diverse group of students representing Fort Bend County.

What is a YIP Team?

- YIP Teams are formed by bringing together diverse students from different schools throughout Fort Bend County to create a unique opportunity to experience how volunteerism and philanthropy impact their community.
- **The YIP Teams** participate in monthly volunteer projects at local nonprofits as a cohesive unit to increase their knowledge of organizations serving Fort Bend County and the nonprofits impact on the community.

- At the conclusion of the program, armed with new knowledge and understanding of the community and the many organizations providing services to its residents, the **YIP Teams** evaluate local nonprofits and award monetary grants to support their mission.

Where will the YIP Teams meet for monthly sessions?

- The YIP Orientation and the Evaluation sessions will be held at University of Houston Sugar Land, 14000 University Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479.
- The nonprofit sessions will commence from University of Houston Sugar Land. Each participant must ride on the bus to and from each nonprofit. Students are encouraged to arrive between 8:30 am – 8:45 am. The buses will depart promptly at 9:00 am.

What is the cost?

- The YIP Program is provided free to students including snacks, lunch, materials, etc.

Who is the contact person for YIP?

- For other questions concerning the YIP program, please contact Ammie Blahuta, Director of Special Programs at ablahuta@thegeorgefoundation.org or at 281-342-6109.

PLEASE REFER TO THE RESOURCE ENTITLED YIP SURVIVOR TIPS FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM!