



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONS

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY PROJECT GRANTS 2011-12

Young Adult Ministry Project Grants are used to support local projects that offer Unitarian Universalist young adults (ages 18-35, inclusive) opportunities to grow in faith, deepen in spirit, pursue their own initiatives for leading our faith, and engage in service and justice work. Grants are available to support a diversity of programs in congregations and beyond. The UUA embraces a vision of young adult ministry that is as diverse as the young adults we serve. *Project grants typically range from \$200 to \$2000.*

How proposals are evaluated – *In addition to general thoughtfulness and cohesion, the following standards will be used to evaluate proposals:*

- Grassroots support – Grants are most effective when they launch or enhance dynamic initiatives developed by and for young adults. Projects that tap into the energy of young adult communities and the issues and activities that excite them will receive priority.
- Return on investment – With limited resources available for grants, projects that have matching support from groups like congregations and districts, are used to remove significant programming obstacles, or enhance capacity and provide the foundation for future programs will receive priority. Projects sponsored by UUA Fair Share congregations will be given additional consideration.
- Accountability to historically marginalized groups – These groups, traditionally underserved in our denomination, our communities and our country, are important to keep at the forefront of our ministry. Projects which serve traditionally marginalized groups, including LGBTQ young adults, racial or ethnic minorities, young adults who are differently abled, and young adults affected by addiction, abuse, assault, economic hardship, involvement with the criminal justice system, etc. will be given priority.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

In addition to your application form, please complete and submit the following:

1. Summary of your project in brief, narrative form. Be sure to include:
 - a. Goals and accountability – What is the goal of your project and how will you know it was accomplished?
 - b. Background – What is the story behind your proposal?
 - c. Plan – Describe the actions that your proposal entails, when they will happen, and who is responsible for each action.
 - d. Relevance - how this project will help the youth involved to grow in faith, deepen in spirit, develop skills, learn, and serve Unitarian Universalist communities.
2. Estimated budget that includes both income and expenses.
3. Letter of support from a minister, director of religious education, or UUA Field Staff member. This may be submitted separately.
4. Any relevant supporting documentation of your project, such as photographs, historical information, mission statements, data, etc.

Send completed, signed application and attachments to:

Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries - Youth Ministry Project Grants
Unitarian Universalist Association

Mail:
25 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02108

Email:
youngadults@uua.org

Fax:
617.367.4798

We look forward to reading your project proposal!

Questions? Please contact Youth and Young Adult Ministries Director Carey McDonald at cmcdonald@uua.org or (617) 948-4359.

Grant Application Deadlines

Grant applications received by the following deadlines will be given priority. Grant applications received after the deadline will still be reviewed for the available funding. Do not allow the deadlines to stop you from applying for a project that begins soon or doesn't fit the schedule below!

For Programs Beginning	Priority Application Deadline
February 1 – June 30, 2012	January 9, 2012
July 1 – October 31, 2012	May 1, 2012
November 1, 2012 – February 28, 2013	October 1, 2012

Grants made available through the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries are made possible from a variety of sources including your congregation's Annual Program Fund dues.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION

Amount Requested (\$200-2000): \$ _____ For program beginning (date): _____

Project Title: _____

Project Coordinator*

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

** If there is more than one coordinator involved in the project, please attach a separate list*

Sponsoring Organization/Congregation (if applicable)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Treasurer of Sponsoring Org./Congregation

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

All correspondence will be sent via email to the Project Coordinator(s). If you prefer regular mail, please check here: ___

Signatures

Project Coordinator: _____ Date: _____

Treasurer: _____ Date: _____

Don't forget to include your project summary, budget, letter of support, and other attachments!

OFFICE USE ONLY:			
Date Received:	_____	APF Fair Share:	_____
Date Letter Sent:	_____	Date Check Sent:	_____
			Approved / Declined