



Masonic Youth Program

APPLICATION YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

The Kansas Masonic Foundation wants to support the Masonic youth organizations. Specifically, a program has been designed for the three largest and best known.



The Order of DeMolay is an organization for young men aged 12 to 21. Young men do not need to have a Masonic relative to join the organization. DeMolay was founded in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1919, and is now international in scope. Like the other Masonic Youth Orders, DeMolay Chapters (local groups) usually meet in a room at a local Masonic Lodge. Adult leadership is provided by men (usually Masons) known as Chapter Dads or advisors. The Order takes its name from Jacques DeMolay, the last Grand Master of the Templars, who was martyred in the Middle Ages for refusing to compromise his honor. The Order teaches the virtues of reverence, love of parents, comradeship, patriotism, courtesy, cleanness, and fidelity. The Order provides many social events and activities, which help to teach social skills and leadership.



The International Order of Rainbow for Girls is an organization for young women aged 11 to 20. It was founded in McAlester, Oklahoma, in 1922. No relationship to a member of the Masonic Order is required for membership. Local groups or Assemblies are generally sponsored by either a Masonic Lodge or a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Women known as Mother Advisors give adult supervision and guidance. Each of the colors of the rainbow is associated with a particular virtue or source of inspiration. Like the other Youth Orders, Rainbow is deeply involved with local charity and support of education. It teaches character development, planning, leadership, and social skills through training programs and social events.



The International Order of Job's Daughters takes its name from a story in the Biblical Book of Job. It was organized in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1920. Membership requires the young woman be related to a Mason. The local organization is called a Bethel. The teachings of the Order are Biblically based, and similar virtues are stressed as in the other Masonic Youth Orders. Job's Daughters places special emphasis on community service. Many Bethels work with drug education programs and with the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (HIKE) Program. Membership is for young women age 10 to 20.

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The youth organizations are separate and independent organizations that stress the importance of character development, community service and leadership. While members of the youth groups are free to seek membership in Freemasonry, Order of the Eastern Star, or other Masonic appendant bodies, it is a personal choice and not a requirement of membership in a youth order.

The goal of the Masonic Youth Program is to provide financial support of the Kansas based Chapters, Bethels and Assemblies for programs and initiatives that will enhance and embrace the core beliefs and principals of each organization.

The available funding must be tied to the growth and improvement of the individual organization and is not to be utilized for operational budgeting or International related funding requirements. All grants will be made on a case by case basis and must be applied for by the youth leadership of the respective organization.

1. In order to qualify for a grant the request must be unbudgeted and a program or initiative that will help the youth organization advance its mission.
2. A detailed proposal request must be submitted outlining the purpose of the grant, how it will be utilized, why existing funding is not currently available from either the State or International Organizations, and benefits and/or expected outcomes from the approved grant.
3. The Kansas Masonic Foundation will consider multiple grants, if required, from each youth organization.
4. All requests will be presented in person by the youth leadership to the Kansas Masonic Foundation Masonic Youth Program Committee.
5. All requests for funding must be made by February 28th of each year to be awarded for the Kansas Masonic fiscal year of April 1-March 31 of that year.
6. Award grants will be given out in advance of program/ initiative. The youth organization must certify to the Kansas Masonic Foundation that the funds from the Foundation were actually used for the approved purpose by returning the Completion Form enclosed with the Kansas Masonic Foundation check.
7. In the case of an immediate unforeseen opportunity, the Kansas Masonic Foundation Masonic Youth Program Committee may consider a request(s), within its current budget year, however approval will be much more difficult to ensure as it would be an out-of-budget expenditure.

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PROPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- 1. We strongly encourage** the youth organization to include information in their proposal about how this request will impact one of the following attributes:
 - How it will improve the youth leadership of the organization;
 - Opportunities to reach more young people;
 - Telling the story of the organization;
 - Opportunities for young people to gain knowledge of the organization.
- 2. Outline the expected outcomes** at the end of the grant period, for example:
 - Describe how the organization benefited;
 - Describe how the organization was able to engage more youth;
 - Describe the youth leadership benefit of the grant;
 - Describe if there is a community or service benefit.
- 3. Budget Guidelines:**
 - Kansas Masonic Foundation will consider all grant requests;
 - Please be specific about the amount of funding being requested and when and how it will be spent;
 - Explain why funding is not available from State or International organization or through Chapter fundraising activities;
 - Kansas Masonic Foundation encourages "Matching Funds" proposals.
- 4. Ineligible Activities:**

Due to regulator considerations and the Foundation's funding policies, the following type of activities are not eligible for funding from the Kansas Masonic Foundation.

 - Events. Tables, exhibitions, performances or sports tournaments and one time volunteer events not connected with core organizational mission;
 - Capital campaigns for funding or purchase of equipment, technology or materials;
 - Trips and travel;
 - Contests, festivals or parades;
 - Sponsorship or fundraising or other events;
 - Advertising;
 - Tickets to events;
 - Sporting teams.
- 5. Funding Period:**

Proposals must be presented to the KMF Masonic Youth Program Committee prior to February 28 of any given year by the youth leaders of the organization. Once a proposal request has been submitted a meeting will be set-up with the Foundation Committee. Grants will be distributed not later than the desired timing of funding request identified in proposal.

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Organization Requesting Grant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Purpose or Title of Proposed Grant: _____

Requested Amount of Grant: \$ _____ Matching Funds Secured: \$ _____

Desired Timing of Funding Request: ____/____/____

Proposal Attached with Application: Yes No if no, reason: _____

Any Other Outside Funding being Solicited: Yes No

If yes, what organization(s) and amount(s) being requested: _____

Youth Leaders and position that will be present for Committee Presentation: _____

Return form to:

Kansas Masonic Foundation
5835 SW 29th Street, Suite 203
Topeka, Kansas 66614

(785) 357-7646; Fax (785) 357-7406

Additional Enclosures Encouraged:

- Current Masonic Youth Organizational Budget
- State Youth and Adult Leadership Chart
- State Membership Totals for the Past 5 Years
- Youth Organization Dues for the Past 5 Years



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