



Youth Grant Guidelines

The foundation's youth grants are intended to fund organizations and programs that provide high quality experiential learning opportunities to youth during out-of-school-time hours and/or during the summer. The foundation supports programs intentionally designed to develop understanding and knowledge, social and life skills, and leadership potential through "hands-on" or interactive experiences. Ideally, young people participate in the planning, execution, reflection, and application of the learning activities.

The foundation board considers all applications for funding in the context of societal and youth-related trends or issues. The board, at its discretion, may choose to focus all or a portion of its youth grants in certain areas. Currently, the foundation is focused on addressing young people's growth and development in the following areas:

- **Nutrition, health, and fitness** (examples might include activities that raise awareness of the connections between nutrition, fitness, and health; that promote healthy choices and safe, drug-free behaviors; that increase physical fitness and/or healthy eating among youth with poor fitness and/or nutrition habits; and/or that involve youth in addressing these issues in their communities; etc.)
- **Environmental education and awareness** (examples might include activities that raise awareness of local and global environmental impacts and needs; that increase knowledge and appreciation of the natural world; that develop skills and confidence through outdoor education; and/or that promote environmental stewardship through community service and/or youth-led advocacy efforts; etc.)

For all 2008 and 2009 grant cycles, the foundation's goal is to allocate at least 50% of its youth grants to programs that address these issues in their work.

Preference is given to programs that serve economically disadvantaged or underserved youth and that target children ages 11-18.

Grants are available for both program and capital needs, as well as for organizational needs directly related to the provision of high quality youth programming, such as capacity building, training, evaluation, etc.

The foundation does not fund sectarian programs that promote a particular set of religious beliefs and/or exclude participants based on religious affiliation.

Youth grants are available to organizations serving Fairfield County CT, New Haven County CT, Monroe County NY, Tompkins County NY, King County WA, or Kitsap County WA. Youth grants are generally in the \$10,000-\$25,000 range.

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Application Process

Before applying to the Tauck Foundation, please confirm that your project or organization meets the foundation's published guidelines. If so, please send a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) that is no more than two pages and includes the following:

- A description of your organization and its mission, as well as the specific program or project for which you are requesting funding. Please clarify whether the program/project is established and ongoing, newly or recently initiated, or proposed.
- An explanation of how the proposed program meets the Tauck Foundation's funding guidelines and priorities.
- The total annual budget of the organization, as well as the overall budget of the proposed program/project. Please indicate the amount of funding you anticipate requesting from the Tauck Foundation.
- The name, title, address, phone and email of the contact person to whom any questions regarding the LOI can be addressed.

All letters of Inquiry should be sent via mail, fax, or email to:

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2008 Funding Calendar:

- Letters of Inquiry for **school year programs ONLY** due by Friday, May 23, 2008 (email, fax, or postmark date).
- Full proposals invited from selected applicants by Thursday, July 3, 2008.
- Complete proposals **DUE** by Friday, August 29th, 2008.
- Funding decisions communicated and grants made the week of October 20, 2008.

2009 Funding Calendar:

- Letters of Inquiry for **summer programs ONLY** due by Monday, December 1, 2008 (email, fax, or postmark date). Final funding decisions made by April 2009.
- Letters of Inquiry for **school year programs ONLY** due by Monday, February 16, 2009 (email, fax, or postmark date). Final funding decisions made by June 2009.
- Letters of Inquiry for **school year programs ONLY** due by Monday, May 4, 2009 (email, fax, or postmark date). Final funding decisions made by October 2009.