



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 are held in the Susan B. Davis Multipurpose Room (Room 103) on the University of Houston at Sugar Land (UHSL) located in the Brazos Building at 14000 University Boulevard, Sugar Land, TX 77479.
- The nonprofit sessions will commence from The Fort Bend Chamber located at 445 Commerce Green Boulevard, Sugar Land, TX 77478. Each participant must ride together on a 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!