



WHATCOM
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

YOUTH PHILANTHROPY PROJECT

Know a curious and adventuresome teen?

Applications for the Whatcom Community Foundation's youth giving program are open now through January 13, 2022



WHO

Any high school student from Whatcom County



WHAT

Join the 2022 class of the Whatcom Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Project (YPP).



WHERE

On Zoom! No commuting!



WHEN

Meetings are held Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 8:00pm.
Meeting dates: February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30



WHY

To develop skills needed by the next generation of community leaders and help environmental improvement efforts in Whatcom County.



HOW

With staff support, students form a leadership committee to review grant proposals and make funding decisions. They learn about local issues affecting Whatcom County and distribute funding that benefits environmentally focused organizations. A key aspect is learning about equity.

BACKGROUND

Funding for youth grant making comes from an endowment started by two high school seniors who biked more than 1,200 miles around Washington State to raise funds intended to introduce youth in our community to the concept of charitable giving. Together they raised \$14,324.31 and gifted it to the Whatcom Community Foundation to start an endowment for youth philanthropy focused on the environment. As of December 2021, YPP's permanent endowment has grown to more than \$120,000, with grants totaling \$80,000 awarded to thirty-one local organizations.

DETAILS AND APPLICATION

Students can apply [here](#). For more information, please contact: Laura Todd, lauratoddcoaching@gmail.com; 360-224-0116.



"I met great people and it felt good to give back to the community. I found out what a community foundation is and how important the Whatcom Community Foundation is to making our community better. Being on the committee also helped me with skills I'll definitely use throughout my life like how to lead a meeting, how to help people feel comfortable and cooperate, and how to present opinions and decisions."

— Gus Ringo, YPP committee member, 2018-2020

