

YAPPERS

youth area philanthropists

The YAPPERS (Youth Area Philanthropists) are the youth board of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque. They are dedicated to using volunteerism, grantmaking, and philanthropy to develop leadership skills, to act as positive youth role models, and to improve the Dubuque community. The YAPPERS program gives young people a voice in the issues that affect them now, and the skills to confront the challenges they will face in the future. The best way to learn generosity, gain leadership skills and value community service is by direct exposure and involvement.

The YAPPERS consist of students from Hempstead, Dubuque Senior, and Wahlert Catholic who work to address the needs of youth in the Greater Dubuque area. Their energy and focus is directed to two major projects/areas: a full grantmaking cycle and our Feed the Need event. The grants are issued to local nonprofit organizations that conduct programs which serve Dubuque youth.

The YAPPERS meet monthly to engage in teambuilding and leadership activities, to discuss local youth issues, and to plan events in the community. Additionally, the council conducts community service projects.

As a member, it is expected that you:

- Attend monthly meetings from August-May
- Learn about youth needs and assets in our community
- Make decisions about granting funds to youth projects
- Work with adults and show adults that youth are a community resource
- Participate in community service projects
- Are open to opportunities for personal growth (i.e. leadership skills)
- Make a difference in our community



Community

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**Greater Dubuque
Application Form 2020-2021**

Applications must be submitted to yappers@dbqfoundation.org.

For additional information, please contact the YAPPERS Student Coordinator, Isabelle Werner at yappers@dbqfoundation.org or 563-588-2700. You can also visit our website at <http://www.dbqfoundation.org/yappers>.

General Information (please print or type)

Date of Application: _____

Name: _____

Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) Names: _____

Street Address: _____ **City, Zip:** _____

Email Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ **Cell Phone (YOURS):** _____

School: _____

Age: _____ **Year of Graduation:** _____ **Shirt Size:** _____

Note: YAPPERS wear shirts to identify themselves at public events. The shirt will cost \$20.

If assistance is needed for the purchase, please note: ____ (assistance needed)
This will have no bearings on the application process.

YAPPERS will meet monthly from October 2020 – May 2020. Can you commit to attending monthly Sunday evening meetings as well as other events throughout the year? Yes _____ No _____

Organizations & Activities

How have you become involved in your community? Please list school, religious, social, athletic or other activities or organizations in which you have participated during high school and will continue to remain involved in while serving as a YAPPER.

How did you hear about YAPPERS?

What is your motivation for joining YAPPERS?

What strengths or personal characteristics will you bring to YAPPERS?

Why do you feel it is important for high school students to learn about community issues and how can you play a role in making a difference?

Attendance

Attendance is **key** to this program and to your experience. Meeting days and times will be set by the group members at the mandatory retreat. **Members will only be allowed two excused meetings for the year** – any unexcused meetings will be reviewed by the Student Coordinator. If attendance becomes an issue, you may be asked to meet with the board chairs for review of your commitment to the group. Please sign and date to agree to the attendance policy.

Signature

Date