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Louisville **Youth Philanthropy** Council
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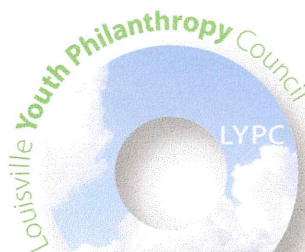director@lypc.org | 502.741.7870

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The Louisville Youth Philanthropy Council is looking for students who have a passion for making a difference in their communities. The LYPC gives teenagers the opportunity to learn how to run a non-profit ('501(c)3') philanthropic foundation. We teach the principles and practices of philanthropy through hands-on learning experiences and teach our students how to put what they learn into practice by making grants of $5,000 in the Louisville, Kentucky area.

The Council meets 16 Saturdays throughout the school year for 2½ hour classes. They split into two teams that each develop a philanthropic mission, researches and interviews organizations with programs that fulfill that mission, makes site visits, and ultimately decides how to distribute $5,000 in grant money. The Council members are also charged with raising the grant money for the following year's class. Grant awards are presented by the Council members to the selected organizations at a Celebration Dinner in March of each year. Through our partnership with University of Louisville, we are also able to offer eligible students college credit. The LYPC is a fiscally sponsored program of the Community Foundation of Louisville and operates under its non-profit status.

Enclosed is an enrollment application and info sheet. If you have any students that you think would be interested in joining LYPC please encourage them to visit our website, www.lypc.org, and learn a little more about our program. Please feel free to call us at 502.741.7870 or e-mail director@lypc.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Marcella Kragel and Ina Miller
Co-Executive Directors

FAQs – LYPC

1. Who can be an LYPC member?
Any public, private or parochial high school student (grades 9 through 12) in Kentucky, Jefferson County and the contagious counties to it, may submit an application to become an LYPC member. Applicants must conduct a face to face interview.

2. Does it cost anything to be a part of the LYPC?
No! There are no fees of any kind for LYPC members.

3. How do I get accepted to the LYPC?
Your application form is reviewed by a committee, and those who pass the first screening are invited to a face-to-face interview session in July. The interviews are with the LYPC staff, board members, as well as former LYPC members. If you successfully pass your interview, you will be notified by letter before the LYPC sessions begin.

4. When do the LYPC meetings happen?
There are 16 sessions scheduled on Saturdays throughout the school year. Meeting dates are determined based upon the school calendars, so the LYPC does not meet EVERY Saturday. The first LYPC session is in September, and the last is at the end of February. We end every year with a Celebration Dinner where students present their grants and share the accomplishments.

5. How long are the meetings?
The sessions run from 11:00am to 1:30pm. Lunch is provided.

6. Where does the LYPC meet?
Sessions location for 2018-2019 are at Metro United Way located at 334 E Broadway in Downtown Louisville.

7. What happens if I miss a meeting?
Attendance at LYPC sessions is mandatory, except for illness or family emergency. Since the Council works as a team, everyone needs to be there. You will be asked to sign a pledge to indicate your commitment. If a Council member has more than three unexcused absences, that person will not receive a completion certificate.

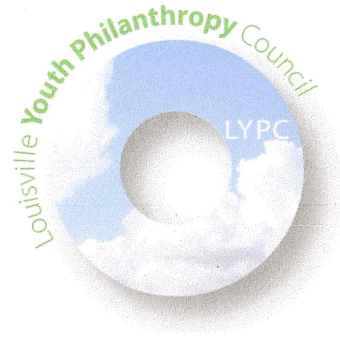### 8. Who leads the LYPC sessions?
Each Council team has its own facilitator who is an experienced professional.

9. Where can I get more information?
The LYPC website is: www.lypc.org

LYPC Fact Sheet

Louisville Youth Philanthropy Council

I. Who We Are

The LYPC is a fiscally-sponsored program of the Community Foundation of Louisville, and operates under its non-profit status. We give teenagers the opportunity to learn how to run a philanthropic foundation, and then help them put what they learn into practice by having each Council team make grants of $5,000 to programs in the Louisville area that fit the mission that they create. Examples of missions include: help and support for youth with physical disabilities, abused children military families the homeless, environmental sustainability, autism, mental health (and many, many others!)

II. How We Got Started

The LYPC began as a program of the Donors Forum of Kentuckiana, a group of local grant-makers who have as part of their mission "to bring philanthropy to the community". In 2005, the idea for the LYPC was launched, and the first Council met during the 2007-2008 school year. We are currently completing our eleventh year. The number of participants has grown to the point where we now have two simultaneous Council teams making grants during the school year. The LYPC operates under the sponsorship of the Community Foundation of Louisville, and is managed by an independent Advisory Board.

III. What We Do

The LYPC brings 25 to 35 teenagers together from schools all over Jefferson County and the contagious counties to it – public, private and parochial. Council teams of 10-15 people meet for 2-1/2 hours for 16 Saturdays during the school year. Each team independently develops its own philanthropic mission, researches and interviews organizations that fulfill that mission, makes site visits and ultimately decides how to distribute $5,000 in grant money. The Council members also are charged with raising the grant money needed for the following year's class. Grant awards are made by the Council members to the organizations selected at a Celebration Dinner in March of each year. Students are also offered the opportunity to earn college credit through our partnership with University of Louisville.

IV. Why We Do It

The LYPC is a 'Triple Play' for our community. First, we help teenagers develop a philanthropic spirit at a young age; second, the community is helped by the grants that each Council team awards; and third, youth are inspired to future service in the non-profit world – either as a career path, or as a volunteer.

V. Who Can Do It

Any student in grades 9 through 12 in a public, private or parochial school in Kentucky, Jefferson County and the contagious counties to it, can apply for a seat on the Council. **The application deadline June 15, 2018 for the upcoming school year.** All applicants must complete a application and then participate in a face-to-face screening interview.

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LYPC APPLICATION FORM: 2018-2019 Class

Applications may be submitted on line (www.lypc.org) or on this form. The application process closes on **June 15, 2018**, at which time face-to-face interviews will be scheduled for students selected. Upon submittal of this application, students will be selected for service based upon the following criteria:

- — **Passion for service**
- — **Leadership ability**
- — **Good character**
- — **Willingness to learn**
- — **Time Availability**

NAME

First: _____   Last: _____

ADDRESS

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____   Zip Code: _____

PHONE

Cell Phone: _____   Home Phone: _____

E-MAIL

E-mail Address: _____

BIRTHDATE

Month: _____   Day: _____   Year: _____

NAME(s) OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

_____   _____

SCHOOL

Name of School: _____   Graduating Year: _____

Principal's Name: _____

Counselor's Name: _____

REFERENCES

Please list 3 references we may contact:

Name 1: _____   Phone: _____

Name 2: _____   Phone: _____

Name 3: _____   Phone: _____

Please provide examples of community service you have done, or experience you have had in caring for others:

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Please provide a list of your school activities planned for this coming year:

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Please explain (in 100 words or less) why you would be a good candidate for membership on the Louisville Youth Philanthropy Council:

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