

It's a way to give back to our communities.

Community involvement is valued on job and college applications.

Participate in grantmaking, community service projects, and group activities.

Attend workshops with like-minded YAC groups.

Attend the annual Summer Leadership Conference which features nationally-known speakers.





Members are students, ages 12-21, who reflect the many forms of diversity in our communities.

YAC especially wants to invite high school freshman and sophomores to join in order to maintain continuity in membership.

YAC representatives are elected by the group to sit on the Foundation's Board of Directors with full voting rights.

Members of YAC meet once every month.

YAC'ers get together at other times for special events, on-site evaluations and community service projects.

MSM Area COMMUNITYFOUNDAYION

- OUR MISSION -

Inspiring people to provide lasting legacies that enrich our communities.

- ABOUT THE FOUNDATION -

We are a community-based, independent, nonprofit organization created by the people of Marinette and Menominee counties.

We inspire and encourage charitable giving by connecting caring people with solutions that strengthen our communities.







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YAC members give their time, talents, and treasure to their community.

We send out grant applications; review all requests; make all decisions on awarding grants that benefit area youth, and follow up by completing on-site evaluations.

Every three years, a Needs Assessment Survey is completed by area youth to help in making grants. YAC members write survey questions to discover the most pressing needs of youth across Marinette and Menominee Counties.

YAC members target the top issues when awarding grants.

Each year the Youth Advisory Committee also chooses a recipient for the "Young Philanthropist Award." This award is presented at the M&M Area Community Foundation annual event in June.



How it got started

The Youth Advisory Committee was brought together in 1996 by the M&M Area Community Foundation as a result of a challenge grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Kellogg wanted to "get young people thinking in terms of practicing charitable giving all through their lives." It promised to match every dollar the Foundation collected by 50%.

The Foundation raised \$1,215,000. Kellogg added \$587,500 in matching funds designated to create a Youth Field of Interest Fund.

Investment earnings from the Youth Field of Interest Fund are granted to a wide variety of youth programs. Requests for grants are reviewed and awarded by the Youth Advisory Committee.



Since the Youth Advisory Committee began in 1997, we have given over \$325,000 to youth projects and programs throughout Marinette and Menominee Counties.

YAC has provided funding for:

- Camp New Day U.P.
- BARTA Youth Tennis
- Harmony Gardens Children's Learning Garden
- Crivitz Area Women's Club Back to School Program
- Rainbow House Domestic Abuse Services
- Pembine Youth Center
- Kids Fishing Derby
- Peshtigo High School Volunteer Club
- Opera for the Young
- Stephenson Library Spanish Language Collection
- Suicide Prevention Network

YAC also helps with community service projects such as:

- MMACF Tailgate Fundraiser
- Spooktacular Kids Triathlon
- "Angel Tree" Christmas Project
- Walk for Warmth

And so much more!