



Youth Philanthropy Council 2026 Grant Guidelines

The Youth Philanthropy Council of Hutchinson Community Foundation announces the availability of grant funds to support projects benefiting Reno County youth. Grant requests up to \$1,000 will be considered from the Richard W. Dillon Memorial Fund for Youth Philanthropy of Hutchinson Community Foundation.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Groups and organizations offering programs in Reno County beneficial to youth may apply. Grant-funded activities are to be completed between March 9 and October 31, 2026; a brief final report is required.

The Youth Philanthropy Council will offer grants for projects which (one or more):

- Are created and/or directed by youth with appropriate organizational supervision
- Promote the healthy development of children and youth
- Introduce children and youth to the fine arts or support their participation in the arts
- Provide opportunities for youth to give back to the community through meaningful service
- Build positive relationships between youth and adults.

AND

- Have a realistic budget and solid plans, including for sustainability beyond the grant period
- Include a signed statement of support from a youth who will be included in and/or served by the project

Programs involving youth in the development and implementation of the project will be given priority consideration.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Proposals must come from organizations that are exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) and serve Reno County, Kansas. Special purpose units of government may apply for support of innovative projects. Community groups who do not have a 501(c)(3) status may apply for grant awards if another tax-exempt organization acts as a fiscal sponsor. Grant proposals from individuals or non-qualifying organizations will not be considered. Applicants must comply with all discrimination laws.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Proposals must be submitted online through the Foundant Grant Lifecycle Management (GLM) system, accessed through HutchCF.org by **Thursday, January 15, 2026**.

AWARDS

Council members will review each application and may ask to meet with representatives of the applicant organization, including youth representatives. Grants will be awarded in a special ceremony at 3pm on Sunday, March 8, 2026 (location TBD). Please mark your calendar now to save the date and ensure at least one representative from your organization can attend.

QUESTIONS?

Contact senior program officer Jan Steen at Jan@HutchCF.org or 620.663.5293.