



**Youth Service Fund (YSF)** is a mission fund exclusively of United Methodist Youth. YSF is money raised by youth, spent by youth to benefit youth. For every dollar of YSF money raised, \$.30 goes to the United Methodist Youth Organization where youth from across the US determine grants given to ministries helping youth across the world. The \$.70 that remains in the Arkansas Conference is used 1/3 for Conference youth ministry, 1/3 for In-Conference projects and 1/3 for Out-of-Conference Projects. Our Youth Service Fund Task Force made up of representatives from each district, determine how YSF monies from this Conference are spent, upon the approval of the CCYM.

1. The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ, therefore projects will be examined to see how they challenge youth to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.
2. The project must be youth-related. (12-18 years of age)
3. YSF grants should have a substantial effect on the project.
4. YSF grants will not be used to fund a deficit.
5. Projects should be racial/ethnic inclusive whenever possible.
6. Preference will be given to United Methodist projects within the connectional system. Projects of other churches and cooperative efforts between religious groups will be favored next. Finally, projects sponsored by secular organizations that meet CCYM criteria will be considered.
7. Priority will be given to those projects that are youth-led.

#### YSF Grants

1. The YSF committee shall meet at the to review and finalize YSF requests. All action shall be voted on by the entire body.
2. Grant applicants shall:
  - i. Answer all form questions in full.
  - ii. Give permission to use photographs and testimonies for YSF promotion and education.
  - iii. Be required to present a photograph and at least 3 personal statements from the youth after the project has been completed by sending email to YSF task member that will be assigned to your application.
3. All YSF grant requests must be postmarked no later than **OCTOBER 1** of the year preceding the meeting at which the requests are approved

Youth Service Fund Project Application  
Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministry

Application Deadline is a **\*OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>** Postmark

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Project Budget: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received Arkansas CCYM YSF funds previously? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

List years and amounts of previous funds:

What age will project providers be? \_\_\_\_\_

If different, what age will persons being served be? \_\_\_\_\_  
(i.e. camping programs, work camps, tutorial programs)

Participants' racial/ethnic group:

\_\_\_\_\_ % Native American \_\_\_\_\_ % Asian American

\_\_\_\_\_ % African American \_\_\_\_\_ % Caucasian

\_\_\_\_\_ % Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_ % Other

Briefly describe the setting of your project. What significance does your project have on the lives of individuals and the community it serves?

How does this project challenge youth to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ?

How are youth involved in the planning, programming, and administration of the project?

Provide a proposed budget for the project.

How do you plan to spend this Youth Service Fund grant?

What will be the effect on your project if you are awarded an amount substantially less than the amount requested? Will you be able to adapt?

Return application to:

Youth Service Fund

First United Methodist Church

ATTN: Jennifer White

307 East 4<sup>th</sup> St.

Stuttgart, AR 72160

Or email completed applications to: Jennifer White - [jennifer.pooh89@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.pooh89@gmail.com)