

# YOUTH LEADERSHIP & PHILANTHROPY INITIATIVE

## Goals

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1. Help young people understand and experience philanthropy
2. Encourage and support meaningful youth-initiated service within the community
3. Involve youth and adults in partnership for community philanthropy
4. Educate and immerse youth in the value of giving and serving
5. Help young people develop the skills to evaluate projects worthy of investment
6. Help young people be stewards of funds by acquiring evaluative skills
7. Train youth and adult leaders in the process of grantmaking
8. Encourage youth involvement within local non-profit action and community service
9. Promote youth representation within non-profit planning and organization and encourage youth membership upon local non-profit Board of Directors
10. Encourage each member to think critically, discuss tough ideas, and investigate creative solutions.

## Best Practices

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1. Meets a minimum of seven times a year
2. Has a minimum of 12 members who are representative of the diversity within Hazard and Perry County and be representative of the many communities, schools, and townships of Hazard and Perry County.
3. Has a minimum of two Adult Advisors who are knowledgeable, passionate, and supportive of youth development and youth leadership
4. Holds an annual orientation for all new members and encourages all members to participate in training opportunities that will strengthen their skills in philanthropy
5. Assesses critical issues of Hazard and Perry County and the youth of that area once every three years
6. Engages in a grantmaking process that is responsive to the critical issues of area youth and the community at large.
7. Evaluates the effectiveness of each grant awarded
8. Participates in a community youth project annually
9. Engages in fund development activities to assist with the continual growth of the endowed youth fund and the community foundation
10. Actively interacts with the Foundation for Appalachian KY Board of Directors, staff, and donors
11. Has activities highlighted by the community foundation's annual report, web site, newsletters, public presentations and other communication tools
12. Conducts an annual self-assessment to reflect upon its strengths challenges, use of Best Practices, and opportunities for improvement