



Best Practices

For a Youth Advisory Committee Member

The YAC is a permanent advisory committee of the community foundation with the primary responsibility of making funding recommendations for grants made from the community foundation's endowed Youth Fund. These Best Practices are intended to serve as a guide for YAC members' work within YACs. A separate set of Best Practices is also available to help guide YACs.

Best Practice 1: Attends, is prepared for, and actively participates in all meetings.

Best Practice 2: Knows the names and schools of fellow YACers and makes an effort to get to know them.

Best Practice 3: Is aware of officer and committee positions available and their responsibilities.

Best Practice 4: Understands the function of the YAC and actively informs others in the community about the YAC.

Best Practice 5: Is aware of the needs in the community through needs assessments and personal observations.

Best Practice 6: Takes an active role in all aspects of the grantmaking process.

Best Practice 7: Volunteers for community service projects and other YAC activities.

Best Practice 8: Learns about the importance of fund development and works to grow the YAC's endowment.

Best Practice 9: Knows the roles of philanthropy and foundations in society.

Best Practice 10: Understands the foundation's role in the community and looks for ways the YAC can help.

Best Practice 11: Is acquainted with the foundation's staff and board members.

Best Practice 12: Participates in the Youth Grantmakers Summer Leadership Conference and Regional Trainings.