



# Best Practices

For a Youth Advisory Committee Advisor

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 advisors. Best Practices are also available to help guide YACs and YAC members.

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**Best Practice 1:** Empowers young people to take responsibility and make decisions.

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**Best Practice 2:** Attends and is prepared for all meetings.

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**Best Practice 3:** Mentors and contributes to the personal growth of YAC members.

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**Best Practice 4:** Provides an annual orientation for all new members.

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**Best Practice 5:** Is knowledgeable about the field of youth philanthropy and community foundations, and informs YAC members about those topics.

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**Best Practice 6:** Understands and educates the YAC of the grantmaking process.

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**Best Practice 7:** Creates a diverse and inclusive atmosphere in the YAC.

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**Best Practice 8:** Connects the YAC to community opportunities and informs the community of YAC initiatives.

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**Best Practice 9:** Understands the role of community service, fund development, needs assessments, and public relations in a successful YAC.

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**Best Practice 10:** Serves as a liaison between the community foundation and YAC members, both current and alumni.

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**Best Practice 11:** Encourages all members to participate in training opportunities that will strengthen their skills in philanthropy.

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**Best Practice 12:** Evaluates their performance as a YAC advisor.

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