



# OUTDOOR YOUTH CONNECTIONS

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## Grant Award Policies and Guidelines

### Overview

This document expresses Board policies and guidelines applicable to the Outdoor Youth Connections (OYC) grant practices.

### Policies

Proposals must engage youth of high-school-age or younger with recreation, stewardship, or study in the natural outdoors.

Classes of applicants and applications shall be deemed ineligible as follows:

- Political candidates, organizations, or campaigns
- Labor organizations
- Tickets, raffles, or other opportunities of chance
- Mass marketing initiatives
- Competitive sports

Applications shall not be accepted from organizations that discriminate for prejudicial reasons like, but not limited to, race, religion, national origin, gender, or sexual orientation.

The OYC Board has full discretion over the selection of recipients and the amounts awarded.

Application reviews require participation by a majority of the Board. Approval requires unanimous consent of all Board members voting at the award review.

Regular application reviews are conducted at the earliest convenience after January and July of each year. Additional reviews may be conducted, as needed, at the discretion of the Board.

### Guidelines

Grant applications that articulate financial need, delivery of a local community service benefit within six to twelve months, unusual opportunity, cost effectiveness, and sincere, age-appropriate interest in the outdoors are favored.

Generally, grants are awarded for courses, outings, and/or outreach programs, including the fees, equipment, transportation, and other expenses necessary to participate.

It is not intended that grants cover the full cost of a proposal or project; award recipients are expected to contribute part.



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Generally, cash awards are not distributed directly to individuals, except to reimburse expenses already incurred.

Applicants are asked to release photos and testimonials from the funded activity for non-commercial use by Outdoor Youth Connections.

Where applicable, applicants shall agree to recognize awards from Outdoor Youth Connections in their publications and shall also permit Outdoor Youth Connections to publicize their organization and the funded activities. Such “partnering” shall include the reciprocal publication of web site links.

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