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## YOUTH UNITED

### Youth United State Farm® Matching Grant 2009-2010

We are excited to announce the fourth year of the Youth United State Farm Matching Grant. State Farm has provided 15 matching grants for Youth United for the 2009-2010 school year. The available grants include:

- Five \$10,000 matching grants
- Ten \$4,000 matching grants

Grant winners who have not participated in an action planning session during 2009 will also receive an action planning session as part of their award. The action planning session is conducted by an HFHI Youth United coordinator, and will provide the Youth United group with information and help them create a plan to meet their goals. Action planning session topics can include fundraising, recruitment, working with younger youth, and more. The Youth United coordinator will travel to present the session between November 2009 and May 2010 at a mutually agreed upon time. The Youth United group is responsible for arranging for a meeting space and making sure that *at least* six youth representatives are present. The affiliate contact is also encouraged to attend.

#### Timeline

- July 15, 2009: Application online
- October 9, 2009: Applications due
- October 30, 2009: Phone interviews with select applicants
- November 6, 2009: Award recipients notified
- May 15, 2010: All grant requirements must be met for funds to be received

#### Requirements

In order to receive the grant, the covenant affiliate must be in good standing with HFHI, have signed a Youth United Letter of Intent and completed their end of year YU report by June 5, 2009. Youth United groups who have been awarded another grant through HFHI must be up to date in their reporting.

Youth United groups who received the matching grant in 2008-2009 (awards were announced in fall 2009) may apply again; however, preference will be given to new applicants.

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Previous accomplishments in house building and fundraising
- Organization and sustainability of the Youth United group.
- Success in involving diverse youth in Youth United.

- Success in engaging homeowner and under 16 youth in Youth United.

## Expectations

If awarded the matching grant, Youth United groups are expected to:

- Sign a letter of intent.
- Raise the matching amount by May 15, 2010.  
*Note: A letter from the affiliate indicating that the funds have been raised must be received by HFHI in order to transfer the funds. Funds will be sent directly to the covenant affiliate.*
- Plan and participate in a recognition event with your State Farm zone office.
- Complete the grant evaluation.
- Youth United groups who received an action planning session must complete their session, with at least six youth in attendance, by May 15, 2010.

## Application

To fill out the online application, you will need:

- Name and contact info of the affiliate contact and a youth leader.
- Date of signing the Youth United Letter of Intent (when the YU group was started).
- House building and fund-raising history for the Youth United group.
- List of steering committee positions filled.

To apply, go to [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=UScyjsK4vhzt9qOIJzhj7g\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=UScyjsK4vhzt9qOIJzhj7g_3d_3d).

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