

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina 2010 Summertime Kids Grant Guidelines

About Summertime Kids Grants

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina offers Summertime Kids grants of up to \$2,000. The objective of this mini-grants program is to provide nonprofit organizations, churches or schools funding so they may offer recreational and enrichment activities for disadvantaged children who otherwise would not have special summer opportunities.

Deadline to Apply

March 1, 2010

Eligibility

We welcome grant applications from nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. Public agencies and churches also are eligible, as long as the proposed program is open to all children who meet the STK guidelines listed below. To be considered for funding, a nonprofit organization must be located in or serving one of these western counties of North Carolina:

Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Yancey

Guideline Specifics

- Programs funded through Summertime Kids generally serve children who are from low-income families, live in remote areas, have disabilities, or have been neglected or abused.
- Requests should be for safe, rewarding activities for kids to be offered during the summer 2010 (between June 1 and August 31). All project funds must be expended by August 31.
- Applicants are required to show how they will ensure that funds are targeted to provide activities for children who otherwise would not have such opportunities. (Previous applicants have used enrollment in the public school free lunch program, referrals from social service agencies, and other clearly identified criteria to show how the grant funds will benefit those in need.)
- Summertime Kids funding may be used to: add activities to summer programs that serve the target population; provide scholarships for youth that meet specific criteria and wouldn't be able to participate without this support; recreation and/or education and enrichment activities; or staffing costs, materials, field trips and other program needs. (Equipment or capital expenses are a low priority)
- Applicants are encouraged to be innovative: for example, create a summer camp experience in an underserved community; initiate a new educational opportunity; visit a special place in Western North Carolina; or expand summer program plans to serve additional children who wouldn't be able to participate without Summertime Kids support.
- Show us how the project will challenge children's abilities or utilize their imaginations.
- A project budget must accompany the application, listing expenses not to exceed \$2,000. Please be specific about how grant dollars would be used.
- Only one application can be submitted per organization.

Additional Information

- Application for a Summertime Kids project does not have an impact on any other grant request submitted to The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina.

Past recipients of Summertime Kids grants are eligible to apply if there are no past due end-of-grant reports. Projects will not be funded for more than three consecutive years. Reviewers will analyze the previously funded project to help determine whether repeat funding will be approved only if the project evaluation from the previous year has been submitted.

How to Apply for a Summertime Kids Grant

1. Call to Inquire about Your Idea

Before beginning an application, contact Spencer Butler at The Community Foundation via email (butler@cfwnc.org) or by phone (828) 254-4960 to discuss your grant idea and funding needs. Based on this discussion, your organization may be encouraged to submit a proposal.

After speaking with a CFWNC representative, you may receive an application in paper form or it may be accessed from www.cfwnc.org.

2. Submit an Application

Grantseekers must submit a completed application form. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2010. Applications must be received in The Community Foundation office (Suite 1600, the BB&T Building, One West Pack Square in downtown Asheville) by 5 p.m. Applications may be mailed to: CFWNC, P.O. Box 1888, Asheville, NC 28802. No emailed or faxed applications will be accepted. Deadlines are strictly enforced. If you have not been notified by the end of March that your application has been received, please contact Spencer Butler.

3. Applications are Reviewed, Recipients are Notified

Applications are screened for completeness, clarity and compliance with eligibility. Proposals are evaluated by a volunteer Summertime Kids Advisory Committee, and approved by The Community Foundation Board. Grants will be approved or denied in April. Applicants will be notified in writing by mid April whether or not funding is approved.