



YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES FUND

What is the YOF?

The Youth Opportunities Fund is an endowed fund of the Kiwanis Children's Fund, which provides grants to the Key Club and Key Club members for scholarships and service opportunities.

YOF grants can help you take action. Look around and identify services that need to be done in your school, community, or the world. Then apply for a grant. Click on the links on page 2 for more information.

YOF Grant Basics

- YOF grants are only given to Key Clubs and/or individual club members. Grants are not given to divisions or districts.
- Grant amounts between US\$100 to US\$2,000 may be requested.
- Applications must be submitted online by October 15 at 11:59 PM, EST.
- Applications are reviewed by the Key Club board at the November meeting.
- Grant applicants are emailed of outcomes the first week of January.
- A list of grant recipients is posted online the third week of January.
- The club's 2019-2020 dues must be paid before YOF grant checks can be issued.
- A YOF Final Grant Report is due at the end of the grant cycle (January 1).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

August 22, 2020 - Divisional Council Meeting

September 5, 2020 - Officer Training

October 1, 2020 - Annual Key Club Dues become payable

October 17, 2020 - Dollywood Fall Rally

November 2-6, 2020 - Key Club Week

December 1, 2020 - Annual Key Club Dues become delinquent

DIVISIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

I would like to hold our first Divisional Council Meeting on August 22, 2020. That is the fourth Saturday in August.

I understand that COVID-19 is still a very prominent problem as of right now and that schools might not be open or that physical contact might be limited to a few people at a time. If we cannot meet in person I will hold the meeting online through Zoom. If August 22 does not work for you please let me know so I can work out a date that will accommodate everyone's needs.

OFFICER TRAINING

Training our officers is a very important part of ensuring strong Key Clubs within our division. It is my job to help with their training. We will hold our first meeting for Officer Training on September 5, 2020.

As I said, I understand that COVID might serve as a roadblock. If you have not elected your officers yet I urge you to hold a virtual election. If you will have me, I would love to attend and get to meet your new officers and club members!

Please try to have your officers elected and their information sent to me by early September. I would like to talk to them and give them a chance to get to know me before I help with their training!

KEEPING IN TOUCH

There is a lot going on in the world right now. I know that at times it can feel like your voice isn't being heard. If any of you feel that way and need someone to talk to, or simply listen to what you have to say I will always be available to talk to. Feel free to contact me through my divisional Instagram. It is my job to help you all in any way that I can. Even if that help is in the form of simply having a conversation through DM's.

We all have to stick together and help each other out. As Key Clubbers, it is our job to provide service. No matter if that service is through formal service projects or having simple conversations with friends, family, and those around us.

With that being said, please take the proper precautions to ensure your safety and the safety of others.

With much love - Aleeza

Links

- Submit 2020 File here
 - https://kiwanis.formstack.com/forms/key_club_2020_yof_final_report_submission_form
- PDF of Grant Copy
 - https://www.keyclub.org/?post_type=resources&p=2962&preview=true
- 2019-2020 Grant Recipients
 - <https://www.keyclub.org/youth-opportunities-fund-2019-20-grant-recipients/>

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Inspiring Quotes

In my last newsletter, I had a section that had fun facts about myself. I wanted to add a few quotes that inspire me in this one :)

"Through love all is possible."
-Sarah J Maas

"Love's the only thing that ever saved my life."
-John Green

"Dream up something wild and improbable. Something beautiful and full of monsters."
-Laini Taylor

"Dreams. I would always choose dreams over nightmares. Light over darkness, and love over hate. And I would continue to make that choice forever."
-Kerri Maniscalco