



Wisconsin Association of Lakes

A nonprofit group of citizens, organizations, and businesses working for clean, safe, healthy lakes for everyone.

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WAL Youth Fund Grant Application

Wisconsin Association of Lakes recognizes that continued clean, safe, healthy lakes for everyone depends on teaching the next generation to be good lake stewards. The Wisconsin Association of Lakes Youth Fund Grant Program assists youth groups seeking financial aid for deserving projects or activities beneficial to both Wisconsin lakes and youth. This grant program provides financial assistance for projects or activities that teach youth about lakes and lake stewardship. Grants of up to \$500 may be awarded for project design and implementation or event attendance.

Eligible activities

- Lake education projects or activities that engage young people in:
 - learning about lake ecosystems
 - collecting and disseminating information about lake health
 - understanding the natural, social, and economic values of lakes.
- Youth attendance at lake education events to speak about or exhibit their lake-related projects.

Source of funds

Grant funds come from special contributions made to the Youth Fund by WAL's individual, organizational, and corporate members, plus proceeds from special fundraiser activities.

Grant distribution

Maximum grant award is \$500 per project per year. One half of the grant will be paid upon approval of the funding proposal. The remaining half of the grant will be awarded upon report submission. Grant awards are based upon availability of funds and project merits.

Local match required

50% of the grant amount requested must be matched by local contributions. Your local share can consist of:

- Cash from the applicant, project partners, or another party (such as another grant).
- Volunteer time. Maximum value of non-specialized volunteer labor is \$8.00\hour.
- Professional services. These are valued at current market rates (please document services with an invoice).
- Mileage associated with project tasks. Mileage is valued at current state rates.

Reporting requirements

Within 90 days of completion, a report of the funded project or activity must be filed with the WAL office. WAL will have publication rights.

WAL Youth Fund Grant Application Form

Name of Group _____

Name of Adult Advisor _____

Advisor's Permanent Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

How long has your program/organization been in existence? _____

Proposed project name _____

Age level and number of youth who will participate _____

Number of adult volunteers involved in project _____

Anticipated beginning and end dates of project _____

Estimated total project cost _____ WAL Youth Fund Grant request* _____

Amount to be raised from other sources* _____

* 50% of the grant amount requested must be matched by local contributions.

Please complete and attach the following materials:

- Project description that clearly defines your objectives and methods to conduct the project or activity.
- Detailed budget (note total project cost, matching funds or other contributions, and how WAL Youth Grant funds will be used).
- Documentation of the history of your organization.
- Letter of support from a local Wisconsin Association of Lakes member organization.

Return completed application to:

Wisconsin Association of Lakes
Attn: WAL Youth Fund
4513 Vernon Blvd., Suite 101
Madison, WI 53705

Questions?

Give us a call at the WAL office: 800-542-5253 (toll free in Wis. only) or 608-661-4313.

Please note: Submission does not guarantee acceptance. Grant awards are based upon availability of funds and project merits.