



IF YOU HAD \$25,000 WHO WOULD YOU GIVE IT TO?

Apply to the **Future Philanthropists Program!** Be a part of a unique teen leadership program that provides business knowledge and real experience granting money to local nonprofits.

The Future Philanthropists Program is currently taking applications.

All high school juniors who reside in the Oak Park River Forest community are eligible – students at Fenwick, OPRFHS, and Trinity High School.

Future Philanthropists Program

Application deadline:
September 13, 2016.
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What is the Future Philanthropists Program?

The Future Philanthropists Program (FPP), which is a part of the Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation family, was created in 2010 to teach young people the business of philanthropy. This teen leadership program provides hands-on experience working with the three pillars of philanthropy: learning to give responsibly to charitable efforts, raising money for community betterment, and volunteering one's time and talents.

During junior year participants learn the ins and outs of investing for nonprofit purposes, distribute requests for proposals, review grant requests and make site visits, then grant money to qualified organizations they have selected.

Senior year is devoted to learning about and implementing fundraising and development efforts. These activities are supported by hands-on social media promotion. In addition, both the junior and senior cohorts volunteer for other nonprofit organizations in the Chicago area.

Who is eligible to participate?

All high school juniors who reside in Oak Park or River Forest, and who attend Fenwick High School, OPRFHS, or Trinity High School, are eligible to apply. Students who are accepted into the program make a **commitment** to participate for two years - both junior and senior year.

When does the program meet?

FPP meets on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning in September (seniors) or October (juniors) and ending in May. Meetings are held from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Nineteenth Century Charitable Association, 178 Forest Ave, Oak Park, IL. In addition, site visits within the OPRF community are conducted during the month of February.

How much money is given away in the first year?

Each year, \$25,000 is available from the Future Philanthropists Endowment Fund to be distributed to charitable organizations serving the Oak Park and River Forest community, based upon recommendations made by the participants of the Future Philanthropists Program. Grant awards are presented to selected nonprofit organizations at a Capstone event held each May.

How much money is raised during the second year?

Last year, the Future Philanthropists Program raised \$68,000. These funds were put back into the FPP Endowment Fund to help maintain and grow the grant-making allotment for the following year's junior cohort.

Who leads the program?

Adult mentors guide the participants of FPP. These volunteer mentors have been chosen to work with the program based on their own philanthropy, fundraising, and volunteer activities. All mentors are residents of Oak Park or River Forest and have served on either local nonprofit organization boards or advisory/fundraising groups for many years.

What will I gain by participating?

You will be making a difference in your community through this rare opportunity to impact others through local nonprofit efforts. You will also gain knowledge about the business of philanthropy with a perspective more developed than many of your peers. You will be uniquely prepared as a philanthropic leader. Additionally, college admissions officers have shown great interest in this type of community service learning project.

How do I apply?

Applications available at: <http://www.oprfcf.org/library> or speak to one of the following advisors at your school:

Fenwick – Dr. Gerald Lordan

OPRFHS – Ms. Regina Topf

Trinity – Ms. Maggie Carey

What is the application deadline?

Completed applications are due no later than Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 9:00 PM.



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