



**LEARNING** Future Philanthropists Program  
OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Applications are currently being accepted.

All high school juniors who reside in the Oak Park-River Forest community are eligible to apply.

# IF YOU HAD \$50,000, WHO WOULD YOU DONATE IT TO?

**Application deadline:  
September 7, 2021**

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

*Future Philanthropists Program is an educational program supported by the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation*

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## What is the Future Philanthropists Program?

The Future Philanthropists Program (FPP), sponsored by the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation, was created in 2010 to teach young people the art, science, and business of philanthropy. This teen leadership program provides hands-on experience within the Three Pillars of Philanthropy: learning to give responsibly to charitable organizations, raising money for worthy causes, and volunteering one's time and talents. Simply put, the program offers you a way to GIVE, GET, and VOLUNTEER to impact the community.

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

Senior year is devoted to learning about and implementing fundraising and donor engagement efforts. These activities are supported by hands-on social media promotion and other marketing efforts. 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 are fully vaccinated 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?

The junior FPP cohort meets on the third Wednesday of each month, from October until May. The senior FPP cohort meets on the first Wednesday of each month, from September until May. Meetings are held from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Charitable Association in Oak Park.

## How much money is given away in the first year?

Each year, a pool of money is available from the Future Philanthropists Endowment Fund to be distributed to charitable organizations serving Oak Park, River Forest, and border communities, based upon recommendations made by the junior participants of the Future Philanthropists Program. Grant awards are presented to student-selected nonprofit organizations at a Capstone Ceremony held each May.

## How much money is raised during the second year?

Last year, the Future Philanthropists Program raised over \$109,000. 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 current or former residents of Oak Park or River Forest and have served on either local non-profit organization boards or advisory/fundraising/volunteer groups for many years.

## What will I gain by participating?

You will be making a difference in your community through this rare opportunity to carry out meaningful philanthropic decisions and activities. You will also gain knowledge about the business of philanthropy and gain a perspective that is 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: [www.oprfcf.org/future-philanthropists](http://www.oprfcf.org/future-philanthropists) or speak to one of the following advisors at your school:

**Fenwick – James Segredo**

**OPRFHS – Ms. Susan Johnson**

**Trinity – Ms. Maggie McGarry**

## WHAT IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE?

**Completed applications are due no later than Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 5:00 PM.**



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