

Application Deadline: **Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 5:00 pm**

Name: **Student Cell:**
Address: **Home Phone:**
City/State/Zip: **Student email:**

High School you attend:

Please TYPE your responses to the following questions, and complete the signatures page:

- 1) How long have you lived in Oak Park or River Forest?
- 2) If you have previously volunteered in your community or elsewhere please give examples, including school-sponsored activities, work camps, fundraisers, etc.
- 3) Please describe any experience you have had with public speaking.
- 4) Please list the sports and extracurricular activities you will sign up for this year.
- 5) Please list the sports and extracurricular activities you were involved in last year.
- 6) Did/do you serve as the captain or co-captain of a team, leader of a club, or hold a title with any volunteer organization? If so, please describe.
- 7) If you have a part-time job after school, please indicate your work schedule.
- 8) FPP Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month from October thru May, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM in Oak Park. Would this present any conflict for you? If so, please describe.
- 9) Please answer the following question in 200 words or less:

What is it about the Oak Park-River Forest community that makes it important to you?

Acknowledgment: I understand the Future Philanthropists Program is a two-year commitment and if selected, I will make every effort to participate in each monthly session and in all related activities of the program in both my Junior and Senior years. **I have read the FPP Program Description and FPP Covid-19 Q&A included with this application, and verify that I have received a Covid-19 vaccination.**

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parent Acknowledgment: I hereby grant permission for my child to participate in the Future Philanthropists Program if selected and will support his/her attendance at each monthly session and at all related activities in both Junior and Senior years. **I have read the FPP Program Description and FPP COVID-19 Q&A included with this application, and verify that my child has received a Covid-19 vaccination.** I understand that if my child is selected for admission to the program I will be asked to sign a waiver from the OPRF Community Foundation and the Nineteenth Century Charitable Association in order for my child to participate.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Email: _____

Cell phone: _____

Submission Rules:

**Please download this application form and complete it by typing directly into the document.
Please do not return a hand-written application.**

**Once complete, please email the application
by
Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 5:00 pm to:**

Karen Tardy, Program Coordinator at fpp@oprfcf.org

[IMPORTANT: Please include a copy of your school ID with your application.](#)

(Paper copies of these items may be submitted in person if necessary by

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 5:00 pm to:

FPP Program Coordinator, 922 Belleforte Avenue, Oak Park)

**To be eligible to participate in the Future Philanthropist Program,
student applicants must:**

- 1. Be a high-school junior**
- 2. Reside in Oak Park or River Forest**
- 3. Have received a Covid-19 vaccination.**

Overview

The mission of the Future Philanthropists Program (FPP) is to teach the art, science, and business of philanthropy to the next generation. Established and sponsored by the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation in 2010, the 2-year program provides curriculum-based, hands-on experiences in fund raising, grant making and volunteer service, the *Three Pillars of Philanthropy*. Adult community volunteers serve as program mentors who teach the curriculum and facilitate an intergenerational learning experience.

Eligibility

Rising juniors who reside in Oak Park or River Forest are eligible to apply. Through an application and interview process, 25 students are accepted into the program each year in September. Students must be willing to fully participate in the program in both their junior and senior years. This is an important decision, a commitment that should not be taken lightly. A student who drops out of the program eliminates a chance for another student to have had the opportunity to participate.

Time Commitment – Junior Year

Regular learning sessions are held the third Wednesday of each month, October through May, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the Nineteenth Century Charitable Association (NCCA) in Oak Park. There are also extracurricular activities scheduled between sessions. These activities include making 3-4 site visits to various nonprofit organizations in the area in January and February, as well as participating in 2-3 volunteer events in the Spring. Students who do not fully participate in these activities, without a valid excuse and prior notification, may be subject to dismissal from the program. Additionally, a capstone ceremony is held in late May for both juniors and seniors which provides the students an opportunity to share the results of their community philanthropy.

Time Commitment – Senior Year

The time commitment in the senior year is similar to the junior year, although the regular monthly learning sessions begin in September and run through May on the first Wednesday from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. In addition to 2-3 site visits to various nonprofits in December and January and the volunteer events, seniors also work outside the regular meetings on various fundraising strategies and activities from January through May.

Dominican Course Credit Track

Juniors and seniors have the option of taking advanced courses of study that run the entirety of their junior or senior year in the program. These courses consist of attending monthly, one-hour classes at the NCCA, starting at 5:30 PM (prior to the start of each regular FPP monthly session), and writing two short term papers. Dominican University has approved these courses for 3 hours of college credit, transferable to the vast majority of colleges or universities as elective hours toward graduation requirements. The tuition cost of these courses is \$300 each, payable to Dominican University. Junior year registration is open until October 15th, and senior year registration is open until September 6th.

Questions?

Please contact Karen Tardy, Program Coordinator with any questions at fpp@oprfcf.org or 708.347.1302.

Future Philanthropists Program 2021-2022 COVID-19 Guidelines Q & A

1 – Will the Future Philanthropists Program continue this school year?

Yes. It will be our 12th consecutive year of teaching the next generation the art, science, and business of philanthropy under the leadership of experienced community adult leaders who mentor teens in fundraising, charitable giving, and volunteer service.

2 – Where will the program sessions take place?

At the 19th Century Charitable Association, formerly known as the 19th Century Women's Club, in Oak Park.

3 – How many students will be in the program?

Twenty-five (25) juniors from Oak Park and River Forest will be admitted into the Class of 2023 cohort. Given the nature of the curriculum, much of the teaching is done in smaller groups of five (5) students and their mentor.

4 – What precautions and safeguards will be taken to protect the health and safety of students?

The program will follow existing state and local guidelines and regulations. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 may not participate in any FPP activities until they have been cleared by local authorities. Each student must arrive to a session with a completed and signed Health Questionnaire or complete it before entering the session and will be asked to login at the meeting. Additionally, students as well as mentors attending each monthly session will be required to adhere to the following protocols. Students and mentors will:

- a. Verify that they have received a Covid-19 vaccination. In accordance with the Future Philanthropists Program's duty to provide and maintain an environment that is free of known hazards, we are adopting this policy to safeguard the health of our students and mentors from infectious diseases that may be reduced by vaccinations.
- b. Refrain from participating in any program activities if feeling sick or have a reason to believe contact has been made with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- c. Upon entering the NCCA building, receive a temperature check via a temporal artery (forehead) digital thermometer. If the reading indicates a fever above 100 degrees, the individual (student or mentor) will be denied entry asked to return home. If a student, the parent will be notified that their teen is being asked to return home.
- d. Liberally use hand sanitizing wipes, gels, and sprays, which will be available at the NCCA, when handling program materials, returning from the bathroom and upon entering the building. Only one person will be allowed in the bathroom at a time.
- e. The use of masks and social distancing will be determined as the program year commences and may change at any time during the year.
- f. Because potential changes in health policies set at the local or state level may impact the above precautions, we will err on the side of following the most restrictive guidelines consistent with safeguarding everyone's health.

5 – How are food and drinks to be handled?

Food and drink availability will be determined before the beginning of the program year and may change at any time during the year. Students and parents will be kept up to date regarding these decisions. Students may bring their own water bottles but may not bring in outside food. Students may not share food or drink with others.

6 – How are the student site visits to local nonprofits to be accomplished?

Each team, consisting of five students and their mentor, will visit a few (typically three or four) nonprofits during the months of January and February as part of their grant making experience. Students will be responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from the site. Once at the site, the students and nonprofit staff will follow the same guidelines as stated above, along with any additional guidelines mandated by the nonprofit. Arrangements will be made should a nonprofit prefer a virtual site visit.

7 – What about doing volunteer work?

Student participation in community volunteer activities is an important part of the program. At all volunteer activities, particularly those held indoors, the guidelines above will be followed.

8 – Who do I communicate with if I have additional questions or concerns?

Karen Tardy, Program Coordinator at fpp@oprfcf.org or via phone at 708.347.1302