



2024-2025 Sheridan County Community Foundation Youth Ambassador Program Board Member

APPLICATION

The Sheridan County Community Foundation views our area youth as the leaders of tomorrow and is dedicated to learning more about their needs, wants and desires to make well-informed decisions for the betterment of all - now and in the future. To that end, SCCF has added a special position to its board of directors exclusively for high school students to serve and provide insight and guidance from the youth perspective.

WHO ARE WE?

The Sheridan County Community Foundation (SCCF) is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) public charity that enables people to establish charitable funds to give back to their community in support of organizations and causes they care about most.

As an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation (GNWKCF), we join a collective of area community foundations aimed at increasing philanthropic giving in the NW Kansas region. Both endowed (long-term, invested funds) and non-endowed (short-term, "pass-through") funds are developed to provide financial support to 501(c)(3) and other qualifying non-profit organizations and for charitable purposes to benefit area residents.

OUR MISSION

Encourage, prudently manage and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life for Sheridan County residents, now and in the future.

WHAT DO WE DO?

- Assist individuals in the development of philanthropic opportunities
- Review and approve Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund applications
- Raise funds in support of local organizations, e.g., Give & Grow Sheridan County Match Day
- Raise funds locally in support of endowed "savings" fund as part of the Dane G. Hansen Match Month Challenge
- Bring the community together to identify opportunities and create solutions
- Work collaboratively to solve problems and improve quality of life



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- Applicant must be going into their sophomore, junior or senior year and in good academic standing attending school within Sheridan County, Kansas
- The Youth Ambassador Board Member(s) will begin serving their one-year term in June immediately following the conclusion of their freshman/sophomore/junior year, ending in May the following year.
- YAPs have the option of renewing their term(s) for additional years through their graduating year, however, all YAPs must reapply annually for consideration of their renewal(s).
- Multiple candidates may be selected to fill the board position. In such cases, those appointed will share one (1) vote on the board unless the board approves additional positions to the board of directors with full voting privileges.

SCCF-YAP REQUIREMENTS

- Attend orientation training(s) provided by SCCF staff.
- Attend and participate in monthly board meetings, grant reviews, SCCF business, etc.
- Provide input from the youth perspective
- Help steer the course of the foundation's programming
- Assist with SCCF events and activities
- Learn about philanthropy and community betterment
- Collaboratively spearhead a community project with a suggested focus to be youth-based
 - Tasks to include project management, convening youth/community members, developing/assisting a committee to work on the project, assisting with necessary fundraising, and communicating progress, needs, etc., with the full board.

YOUTH BOARD MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS

- Desire to work as a team
- Commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Leadership skills
- Fun and energetic
- Positive attitude
- Commitment to grantmaking and community betterment
- Responsible, dependable, and organized

APPLICATION & DEADLINE

Applicants must complete the application form, respond to the questions listed, obtain one letter of reference, and have all materials postmarked to Sheridan County Community Foundation, c/o Karl Pratt, Executive Director, PO Box 445, Hoxie, KS 67740 by **April 24, 2024**.

Applications will be reviewed and those selected to sit for an interview will be contacted by May 1. The finalist(s) will be announced by May 15 and begin their term June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025.



SCCF-YAP BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION FORM

Part I

Name:		Age:
Home Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
High School:		Grade:
Student Phone:		
Student Email:		
Parent/Guardian Name(s):		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Email:

Part II

In a separate document, respond to each of the following questions in no more than **250 words for each question**.

1. Describe your current involvement and impact in your school and community.
2. Why do you want to be on the SCCF Board of Directors?
3. Reflect on a challenge that you faced in your life. What did you learn? How has it impacted you?

Part III

One letter of recommendation is required (non-family member preferred).

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Part IV

If selected to be the youth board member, I understand that I will serve a one-year term from June 2024 through May 2025.

My commitment to the SCCF board of directors is that I will make a concerted effort to:

1. Communicate in an effective, respectful, and timely manner among board members, staff and donors;
2. Participate in the planning and facilitation of annual events and activities, including the Match Day and Match Month campaigns and other Planned Giving activities as scheduled;
3. Actively prepare, attend, and participate in monthly board meetings;
4. Openly and honestly provide insight into the youth perspective of Sheridan County and the area; and
5. Be a respected leader in the field of philanthropy and community betterment.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

**MAIL, DELIVER or E-MAIL APPLICATION
NO LATER THAN APRIL 24, 2024, TO:**

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