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## Youth United 2020 Grant Funding Guidelines

### WHAT PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE?

To be considered eligible, an application for a Youth United Grant must meet the following criteria:

1. Focus on achieving one or more of the following outcomes:
  - Youth have increased or strengthened their leadership skills and/or gained new abilities
  - Youth have been encouraged and motivated to become involved in their community (Simcoe County, District of Muskoka and/or the Town of Blue Mountains)
  - Youth have formed new connections and have worked collaboratively with networks and organizations in UWSM's geographic catchment areas.
  - Youth have developed positive social skills and healthy lifestyles (including increased awareness of mental health)
2. Address United Way Simcoe Muskoka's (UWSM) focus of Reducing Poverty.
3. Reflect genuine youth volunteer ownership and leadership in the design, implementation and evaluation of the project.
4. Provide a clear and achievable action and evaluation plan, clearly defining the outcome(s) that the project is striving to achieve.
5. Build and strengthen skills and abilities of youth involved with the project
6. Clearly benefit the local community as well as support neighbourhood development
7. Be inclusive and accessible

### WHICH PROJECTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE?

An application will be deemed ineligible in the following situations:

- Projects that are for youth but not initiated or led by youth
- Projects that are not inclusive and accessible
- Overnight camps, workshops or activities
- Fundraising projects for other organizations
- Projects including alcohol or drugs
- Projects that require membership fees in clubs
- Projects that include fines and penalties
- Projects that involve fundraising or making a profit

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