



Youth Engagement Grant Guidelines

The West Marin Fund (WMF) is pleased to announce our second round of grants. A generous donor has provided us with a pool of money to provide small grants for involving local youth in the work of nonprofits serving the WMF's service area: Muir Beach, Stinson Beach, Bolinas, Olema, Nicasio, Point Reyes Station, Inverness, Marshall, Tomales and Dillon Beach.

Youth Engagement Grants are intended to support projects and programs that encourage youth to become involved with the work of our local nonprofits. Examples include:

- Internships in existing programs
- Creation of new projects that involve youth
- Youth volunteers for service provision and other nonprofit activities
- Projects that encourage youth philanthropy

Priority will be given to proposals that address one or more of the program's goals:

- To teach young people about non-profits and service organizations
- To develop in our young people a sense of ownership of, and engagement in, their communities
- To create in young people a sense of delight in discovering who or what needs help in their community and in responding to that need
- To create young leaders and future nonprofit board members

Grants will generally be in the \$500 to \$5000 range. You will be expected to use the funds within nine (9) months, with a brief report due at the end of the project period.

Timeline:

April 19, 2013 – applications due

May 15, 2013 – notification of award with check

February 15, 2014 – funds expended; brief report to WMF due

Application Process: We know how time-consuming grant writing can be. Our goal is to keep this process as simple and easy as possible. We also want to be as “green” as possible by minimizing the amount of paper used in this process. So we're asking you to fill out our short application form, include the requested attachments and do two things:

1. Mail a hard copy (for archival purposes) to:

The West Marin Fund ATTN: Grants
P.O. Box 1496
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

2. Email an electronic copy (for committee distribution purposes) to:

Westmarinfund@gmail.com

Mailed applications must be postmarked by April 19, 2013.