



**WE MAKE CHANGE!**  
**2018 YOUTH VOICE AWARDS**  
 A YOUTH-LED GRANTMAKING PROGRAM

**APPLY FOR A GRANT TO EMPOWER YOUR COMMUNITY!**

Brooklyn Community Foundation is committed to supporting the leadership and agency of youth in creating community change. YOUTH VOICE AWARDS is a youth-led grantmaking program that sees youth as central players in making decisions around supporting youth-centered and youth-led projects. In partnership with nonprofits and supervising adults, Brooklyn youth can apply for small grants to respond to challenges in their neighborhoods or schools.

Youth Voice Awards is about elevating the powerful voices of our youth – youth believe they have the solutions we are looking for and we want to support their work through grants!

**Do you or a young person you know have an idea on how to make Brooklyn better for youth? Keep reading to learn more!**

**OUR JUSTICE PILLARS**

YVA will support Brooklyn’s young people working in the following justice pillars. Below are examples to get your creativity going! We believe that these justice pillars intersect and connect with each other, which means your project may fit in one or more of these categories.



## GRANTS AWARDED

Youth Voice Awards recipients get financial support for projects ranging from \$500 – \$2,000.

## YOUTH APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to apply, youth applicants must:

- Be 14-25 years of age
- Have a partnership with a Brooklyn-based nonprofit organization or a school that can serve as your sponsor *\*If you do not have one, please reach out to us and we can help connect you with a Community Partner to help host your project\**

## PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Brooklyn Youth Fellows will review and evaluate projects using the following criteria. We will prioritize Brooklyn-based projects that:

- Fit into one or more of the justice pillars, outlined above
- Position youth as leaders and decision makers in their own lives
- Help young people deepen historical and cultural understanding of their experiences and community issues
- Have a neighborhood-based and community-driven approach
- Promote safe(r) spaces for young people to build, create and MAKE CHANGE!

\*Priority consideration will also be given to projects that are led by directly affected youth, youth of color, LGBTQ young people, or immigrant youth.

## PROCESS AND TIMELINE

All completed applications must be submitted by **Wednesday, April 11, 2018**.

**FEBRUARY:** APPLICATIONS RELEASED

**MARCH:** YOUTH UNITE CONFERENCE, MARCH 25TH \*ALL ARE INVITED\*

**APRIL:** APPLICATIONS DUE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018

**SUMMER 2018** - PROJECTS TAKE PLACE IN BROOKLYN

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please complete and return the application form and support materials (as PDFs) via email to [youthawards@bcfny.org](mailto:youthawards@bcfny.org).

Submission Instructions:

- Include “Youth Voice Awards\_[Applicant Name]” in the email subject and “[Applicant Name]” in the name of the PDFs.
- Use Arial Font 11 – complete application should not be more than 5 pages.
- The completed application and all the support materials should be emailed as PDFs to [youthawards@bcfny.org](mailto:youthawards@bcfny.org).



## YOUTH VOICE AWARDS 2018 APPLICATION

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

JUSTICE PILLAR(S): Which categories does your project fit into?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ Justice                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Food and Environmental Justice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic and Housing Justice           | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrant Justice              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health and Reproductive Justice | <input type="checkbox"/> Education Justice              |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Racial and Gender Justice      |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                   |

SCHOOL (\*if currently enrolled):

EMAIL:

PHONE NUMBER:

STREET ADDRESS:

ZIP CODE:

WHAT NEIGHBORHOOD(S) OR PART OF BROOKLYN DO YOU REPRESENT?

NAME OF YOUR SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:

CONTACT AT ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. ABOUT YOU!

1. Tell us about yourself! (100-200 words)
2. Why did you want to apply for the Youth Voice Awards? (100-150 words)
3. What is one dream or hope you have for young people in Brooklyn? (25-75 words)

**2. ABOUT YOUR PROJECT!**

1. What is your project about and how will your project help change your community? (200-300 words)
2. Why is this project personal for you? (100-200 words)
3. Briefly describe the programs you provide/intend to provide. Be specific to how many people will be involved/how often your program will meet. (200-300 words)
4. What makes your project unique? (50-150 words)

**3. PROJECT OUTLINE**

1. Give a brief timeline of your project. What will you do first, second, third?
2. What are some of the challenges you think you will face in making your project happen? Are there specific areas of support/guidance you are looking for?
3. Fill in the blank: My project is \_\_\_\_\_. My project sparks change in Brooklyn by \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. PARTNER/ SPONSOR ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Please share the mission of the organization you plan to partner with. What history of working with youth have they demonstrated and what support will you need from them in order to make your project a success? (150-200 words)

**5. BUDGET INFORMATION**

Below is a sample budget that you can adjust for your project. Make sure to include a breakdown of all materials and expenses you think you will need, any payments/stipends for youth and metrocards, if needed. Remember, Youth Voice Awards can only accommodate grants ranging from \$500-\$2,000.

NAME OF EXPENSE	AMOUNT PROJECTED	REASON FOR EXPENSE
Outreach materials (100 copies x .50 cents)	\$50	Flyering in community
Large poster paper for signs (20 sheets x \$1)	\$20	Materials for workshops
Snacks for participants (\$25/session x 5 sessions)	\$125	Snacks for workshops
Photobook printing (60 copies x \$12 each)	\$720	Final gallery showing
Refreshments for gallery opening (50 people)	\$100	Final gallery showing
Space rental	\$200	Final gallery showing
<b>FINAL PROJECTED COSTS</b>	<b>\$1,215</b>	

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We are excited to read about your idea to SPARK CHANGE in Brooklyn!