

# Community Youth Fellowships 2017



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# About Open Society Foundations

- Open Society Foundations works with people as they create communities where everyone is included and governments listen to their people. We work all over the world.



**OPEN SOCIETY**  
FOUNDATIONS

# About the Community Youth Fellowships



The Community Youth Fellowships help young people do exciting projects that make the world a better place.



A project is an idea you have about how to make your community better.



If you have a project you want to do you can apply to us. This means you can ask us for money for your project.

# Who can apply for project money?



Young people aged 18 to 25 can apply.

You must have a project you want to do.

It does not matter if you have not done a project before.

But you must want to:

- learn new skills
- do important work to change things in your community and make it better



# What projects do we give money for?



This is for young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities anywhere in the U.S.

You may have an exciting project you want to do to make your community better.



Your project can be about anything to do with human rights.

You do not have to do your project alone. You will get all the support you need to plan and do your project.

# What should your project do?

Your project should try to solve a problem that makes life hard for people in the community. For example:

health



crime and keeping safe



education



jobs and the rights of people who work



housing



# How long can projects last for?

The projects can last for 1 year or a year and a half.



Projects can start between June and November 2017.



You can work on your project **full time**. For 35 hours a week or more.

Or you can work on your project **part time**. For 20 hours a week or more.



# How much money do we give?



**Up to \$60,000** for projects that are full time and last for 1 year and a half.

**Up to \$40,000** if your project is for 1 year full time.

If your project is part time we will look at how many hours you will spend on it and work out the right amount of money.



We can also give you money for other things to help with your project like:

- travel
- support with your project
- health insurance
- meetings

# Help with your project

You can have an organization to help you with the project. This is called a **host organization**. It is a good idea to find a host organization to work with but you do not have to. We can try to help you find one if you want.



# Help with your project



There are lots of organizations you could work with, like:

groups in your local area that support people's rights, Universities, or places where people study and find out things.



The organization should help you with things like:

- a space for you to work in
- computers to work with
- meeting people who can give you ideas and advice about your project

# Help with your project

## A person to help

It is a good idea to find someone to help you for the whole project. This could be a person from the host organization you work with on the project or someone else. It is good if this person knows a lot about your project.

This person can:

- give you advice
- support you with the project and the things you want to learn



# Ineligibility Criteria

We cannot give money for the following:



- Helping you go to college to study. However, if you want to do a project part-time, you can continue academic studies while doing the work.



- Lobbying. We cannot help you with a project that tries to get the government to change a law or rule.

# How to apply

## 1

Fill in a form on a computer.

You can find the form on this website:

<https://opensocietyyouthfellowshipprogram.su.bmittable.com/submit/80481/2017-community-youth-fellows-human-rights-initiative>



## 2

Add these documents with your form:

Your **resume** or **bio**.

These are documents that say a bit about you and your work.

The document you choose should be 2 pages or less.



## 3

Complete your **letter of intent**.

This is a letter that tells us more about your project.

It must be 2 pages or less.

You can make a video or sound recording instead of writing a letter if that is easier.



# Selection and Notification Cycle

**1**

Letters of intent  
due: April 21, 2017  
(11:59 p.m. EDT)

**2**

If your project is  
selected, we will  
invite you to submit  
a full proposal.

**3**

Full proposals due:  
late- May or  
June 2017

Full proposals  
invited: late-April  
2017

**4**

Finalists selected:  
June 2017

**5**

Finalist interviews:  
late-June or July  
2017

**6**

Selected fellows  
notified: late-June or  
July 2017

Orientation of all  
fellows in late-July,  
2017.

## Questions

**We will now answer a few questions.**

**If you have a question, please type it in the chat box.**

**If we do not answer your question, we will answer it following this call and make it available on our website.**

**If you have any specific question, email us at [youth.exchange@opensocietyfoundations.org](mailto:youth.exchange@opensocietyfoundations.org)**