

Global Youth Service Day Lead Agency Grants

Each year, YSA provides planning grants to citywide or statewide organizations to coordinate Global Youth Service Day in their city or state. This year, we will increase the number of grants from 75 to 100, thanks to the continued generous support of State Farm. If you're interested, we'd love to have you apply to serve as a Lead Agency for Los Angeles. (Last year Little Rock and New York City's Cities of Service initiatives served as GYSD Lead Agencies.) You may also know of organizations who you're working with that would be strong applicants; please share this information with organizations in your city that might be interested.

Lead Agencies are local, regional, or statewide organizations across the United States that increase the scale, visibility, and impact of Global Youth Service Day by leading GYSD in their city, region, or state. Lead Agencies convene a planning coalition of at least 10 partner organizations that collectively engage at least 600 youth volunteers in service on GYSD, engage local media and elected officials, and plan a high profile signature project or celebration of service. Lead Agencies receive a \$2,000 GYSD planning grant sponsored by State Farm, travel support to attend the Youth Service Institute, and ongoing training and technical assistance from Youth Service America to ensure a successful Global Youth Service Day or Semester of Service.

Other YSA Grants

We're currently accepting applications for four other YSA Grant programs, including:

- Grants for Youth - the Sodexo Youth Grants
- Grants for Schools - the Sodexo School Engagement Grants, and the STEMester of Service Grants.
- Grants for Organizations - the Sodexo Lead Organizer Grants (and the Global Youth Service Day Lead Agency grants previously described)

Information about all four of these programs is below.

As YSA partners, anyone in the Mayor's "We Serve LA" volunteer/service network will receive preference during the grant review process. Please enter "Los Angeles" or "Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa" for the question that asks for a partner code.

Sodexo Lead Organizer Grants

Deadline: July 15

Sodexo Lead Organizers will work with partner organizations to engage at least 600 youth volunteers in learning about and addressing the issue of childhood hunger in their communities, beginning during Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week (November 14-20) and continuing through Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) (April 20-22, 2012). Sodexo Lead Organizers receive a \$2,000 planning grant, travel and lodging for YSA's Youth Service Institute, and ongoing training and technical assistance. www.YSA.org/grants/sodexoleadorganizer

STEMester of Service Grants

Deadline: July 15

YSA is seeking middle schools with large populations of disadvantaged youth in the 19 states with highest dropout rates (AK, AZ, CA, CO, DE, DC, GA, HI, IL, LA, MI, MT, NV, NM, NY, NC, RI, WA, WY). Grantees will engage students in a STEMester of Service addressing critical environmental and disaster preparedness needs and connecting them to STEM curricula. The \$5,000 grant supports sustainable service projects that launch on MLK Day of Service (January 16, 2012) and culminate on GYSD (April 20-22, 2012). www.YSA.org/grants/stemester

Sodexo School Engagement Grants**Deadline: August 15**

The Sodexo School Engagement grant program will support teachers and students, grades K-12, in learning about the incidence of childhood hunger in their community, and in leading meaningful activities that facilitate access to nutritious food for all children, especially those most at risk. The program will be implemented through a service-learning "Semester of Service" focused on childhood hunger that launches on MLK Day of Service (January 16, 2012) and culminates on GYSD (April 20-22, 2012).. 11 grantees will receive a \$5,000 planning grant. www.YSA.org/grants/sodexoschool

Sodexo Youth Grants**Deadline: September 16**

YSA will award 25 Sodexo Youth Grants of \$500 each to support youth-led service projects in the United States that address the issue of childhood hunger during National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week (November 13-20, 2011). We're looking for projects that engage your peers, friends, families, neighbors, Sodexo employees, and other community members in creative, youth-inspired solutions to ending childhood hunger in your community.

Learn more at www.YSA.org/grants/sodexoyouth