

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES FUND

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“Caring - Our Way of Life”

About YOF

The Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF) is an endowed fund for Key Club International held within the Kiwanis International Foundation. This fund, utilizing the interest earned, helps Key Clubs and Key Club members serve the world through grants for service opportunities. The YOF also enables members to improve themselves by providing academic scholarships for higher education. The fund is established through a portion of your Key Club International dues and through the purchase of **G. Harold Martin Fellowships**.

Examples of Projects

Cy-Fair High School Key Club

Eighteen books were selected, bought, and read onto cassette tapes for each of the 8 elementary schools. The books were then bagged into Ziploc bags and placed into plastic laundry baskets. All were labeled and delivered to the libraries of each school.

Whitney High School Key Club

This club assisted the Tijuana Project: three orphanages in Baja, Mexico. The club would take basic necessities such as shampoo, undergarments, soap, and other necessities for the orphans in three orphanages. They would also purchase toys and school supplies for the orphans and put them inside of backpacks and deliver them to the approximately 150 children in the three orphanages.

South Fork High School Key Club

“Books for Babies,” A Young Children: Priority One Literacy Project. Four trips were taken to read and mentor (providing a total of 600+ books in the four-month period). The YOF Grant funded transportation, substitute coverage and books between Warfield Elementary School Kindergarten and Perkins Early Childhood Head Start Center.

The Fine Print

YOF Fund are granted only to Key Clubs and/or club members. There is only one funding cycle for the Youth Opportunities Fund. The application must be **received by October 15** each year. Clubs may request funding assistance from \$200 to \$2,000. The committee typically funds those clubs who are asking for a portion of the total cost of the project, and clubs who are working with other organizations to fund and complete the project. Notification of the Key Club International Board's decision will be mailed no later than **January 15**.

Grants by the Key Club International Board from the YOF must conform to the Objects of Key Club International. The application is included in the Form section of the Key Club Guidebook or online at www.keyclub.org. The Guidelines for filing the YOF Grant Applications are also in the Guidebook under Board Policies. Please review them before completing the application.

Suggestions for Completing Application

- The committee judging the application does not live in your community, so the better you clarify the project, the better the committee can understand the project
- Write legibly, or enter the application on a computer utilizing the application format in the Guidebook. If you utilize a computer, the application packet may not exceed three pages.
- Follow the directions! Do not attach any additional pieces except for the budget
- Ensure that all required signatures are included
- The project should reflect appropriate planning and ideas that have been thoroughly thought-out
- Have someone else read the application to check for grammar and spelling
- The budget must cover all areas of the project and should be clear
- The timeline should be accurate and well prepared

G. Harold Martin Fellowships

The G. Harold Martin Fellowship provides an opportunity to show support of Key Club, its members, and its service projects. A percentage of the earnings are used to fund scholarships and issues grants in support of service projects in Key Club communities.

The G. Harold Martin Fellowship is a mean to recognize people who unselfishly contribute their time and resources to the Key Club program. These people may be Key Club members, Kiwanians, faculty advisors, parents, or teachers. Key Clubs, Kiwanis clubs, schools, parent groups, communities, individuals, Kiwanis-family members, or districts can all donate to the Youth Opportunities Fund via the Kiwanis International Foundation and, in turn, recognize someone as a Martin Fellow.

New G. Harold Martin Fellowship members receive a medallion hanging from a yellow and white ribbon. Recipients also receive a lapel pin and a recognition plaque.



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