

Yearbook
Committee

**AITKIN COMMUNITY EDUCATION
YOUTH SERVICE GRANTS
2025-2026**

Deadline to use grant funds is June 15, 2026 or they will be forfeited.

Grant Schedule:

<u>Application Deadline</u>	<u>Application Reviewed by YIP Board</u>	<u>School Board Approval</u>
November 21, 2025	December 2, 2025	December 15, 2025
February 1, 2026	February 3, 2026	February 9, 2026
April 1, 2026	April 7, 2026	April 20, 2026

WHO IS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY?

All applications must be written by students (with the exception of the younger learners who will need an adult to fill the grant out for them). All applications must be for youth-centered programs.

WHAT PROJECTS WILL BE CONSIDERED?

Projects that address one or more of the following youth focus issues will be considered for funding:

1. Youth At Risk
2. Building Self-Reliance and Self-Sufficiency
3. Positive Youth Empowerment/Advocacy and Public Awareness
4. Interpersonal and Multi-Cultural Relationships
5. Family Issues and Relationships
6. Youth Service

HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT APPLYING FOR A GRANT?

Complete an application using the attached form. Submit to Nedra Henline before the application deadline. The Youth In Philanthropy Board will meet and decide if the grant gets submitted to the school board for approval. There will be a cap of \$500.00 per grant, unless it is a field trip and bussing is needed, then it is a \$1,000 cap. Please use denominations of \$100 up to \$500 when applying for funds. Special consideration is given to proposals that are cost effective and impact youth at relatively low cost.

EXPENSES THAT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE

- Personal items such as clothing, gifts, etc.
- Capital expenditures such as equipment items (supplies that are necessary to carry out a project are not usually regarded as capital expenditures)

-All funds expended must be according to regulations that govern the expenditure of Community Education monies.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM CONDITIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY

1. Grant applications must be written by youth for youth-based programs. (exceptions made for youngest youth- then adult can fill out application)
2. The proposal must provide service opportunities for persons between birth and age 21.
3. The proposal must provide opportunities for children and youth who live within the boundaries of District 0001.
4. The applicant must consult Community Education staff in its planning, implementation and evaluation.
5. All expenses must be paid by Community Education from funds granted to the project.
6. The proposal must address at least one of the focus issues.
7. The proposal must have a program evaluation plan that includes identifiable outcomes.

EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR GRANT APPROVAL

1. Special priority will be given to proposals that help youth address problems that place them at risk.
2. Special priority will be given to proposals that are directed toward the prevention of problems.
3. Special priority will be given to proposals that are developed and evaluated with significant youth involvement.
4. Priority will be given to applicants that demonstrate the ability to carry out the project.
5. Special consideration will be given to proposals that include matching other funding or volunteer sources with Youth Service grant funds.
6. Special consideration will be given to proposals which are cost effective and impact youth at relatively low cost.

YOUTH GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Date: _____ 3/30/26 _____

Project Name: _____ Senior Yearbooks _____

Name of Organization/Group: _____ A-Book _____

Name of youth applying for grant: _____ Gavin Fanjoy _____ Age/Grade: 17/Junior

Adult overseeing project: _____ Briana Tetrick, Adviser _____

Email of adult: ___btetrick@isd1.org___ Adult phone number: 218-927-2115 ext 3308

DESCRIBE YOUR PROJECT: This project is one for seniors who cannot afford to buy yearbooks themselves. We would like to supply yearbooks for those who may be less fortunate so that they can hold on to the same memories as those who are more fortunate and able to afford them on their own. (project name and date). The main focus of this project is to include those who cannot afford it and ensure that they get the fullest high school experience possible. The goal is to make sure that all students, including those of less fortunate backgrounds, can have yearbooks to hold onto their high school memories and experiences.

PROJECT FOCUS ISSUES, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

PROJECT NAME: Senior Yearbooks

Focus issue(s) addressed by project: Our focus issue is to provide the senior students of AHS with a yearbook if they wish to have one and can't afford it.

Goal(s) of project: Our goal is to provide seniors with a yearbook who may not be able to buy one themselves.

Activities to fulfill the goals: (be specific, you should include the number of youth to be served and the number of hours of contact time.) To fulfill this goal, we will go through a process that identifies those who haven't already purchased a yearbook, are looking to get one, and are unable to afford one. We will look through the seniors and pick up to 8 (at most) who meet the criteria. The hours of contact time are unknown and do not pertain to providing the books. The timeline is that, in May, the books would be handed out to the seniors. We will predetermine who is eligible for a free book; that way, everything is organized and ready for handout. We will determine if this is successful by properly identifying those who are unable to afford to buy but would still like to purchase one. I have been a member of the yearbook committee for three years and will work together with my advisor to ensure that all the information gathered and used is kept discrete and confidential. We are requesting approximately \$600, depending on the number of books we decide we would like to give.

What is the timeline for this project? (Be sure to include beginning and ending dates) Describe how this project will be evaluated. How will you determine if this project is successful?

- We will begin identifying students as soon as possible with help from the administration. We will provide them with books in May when we hand them out.

