



KIDS PLUS
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Northland Foundation's Youth In Philanthropy Board awards 6 grants totaling \$5,000 to support children-and-youth led projects in Northeast Minnesota

Northeast MN and five Tribal nations' shared geography – The [Northland Foundation](#) is pleased to announce that six grants were awarded in October by the 2021-22 KIDS PLUS Youth In Philanthropy Board. The Board is made up of middle school and high school students from across the area who review and make grantmaking decisions with guidance from volunteer adult mentors.

[Youth In Philanthropy](#) offers an avenue for young people to gain board and grantmaking experience while also supporting community engagement and volunteerism. The grants the students award, up to \$1,000 each, support school and community projects that are planned and developed by children and youth.

"Youth In Philanthropy has a ripple effect, starting with the student board members who strengthen their leadership abilities, rippling out to the children and youth who plan and apply for grants, and ultimately impacting scores of young people who benefit from the projects being implemented in our communities," stated Tony Sertich, President of the Northland Foundation.

The program receives funding support from the Scott and Holly Martin Family Foundation, members of the Northland Foundation's Emeritus Trustee Group, and the Northland Foundation.

The Youth In Philanthropy Board meets three times during the school year: October, January, and April. **January 1, 2022**, is the next deadline to submit a grant application. Find information about applying here: <https://northlandfdn.org/grants/apply-report.php>.

The fall 2021 grants awarded are:

Rockridge Academy - ISD #709, Duluth: \$1,000

To support the creation of a home economics classroom that teaches life skills, healthy cooking and baking, and working together.

Proctor Public Schools - ISD #704, Proctor: \$1,000

To support a self-defense course designed for high school students. Students will learn skills that will help them feel safer and more prepared if uncomfortable situations arise.

Moose Lake Schools - ISD #097, Moose Lake: \$1,000

To provide and promote local art programming through teaching, designing, and displaying work that is done by students, educators, and the greater community to show school pride.

Superior High School, Superior: \$500

To support a student-led outdoor environmental program that is offered to 5th grade classrooms and is led by high school students. Students create, plan, and implement the spy-themed activities in the school forest.

Parents and Teachers of King School, Deer River: \$500

To recognize and offer alternative means that students may need to be successful in their classrooms such as alternative seating options and hand manipulatives that boost concentration.

Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota, Saint Paul: \$1,000

To create awareness of local resources and experiences related to sexual and reproductive health and diversity through a community art event. The goal of the art event is to express, validate, normalize, and begin conversations around topics that are most pressing to youth in Northeast Minnesota.

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