

## Young people on the Northland Foundation's Youth In Philanthropy Board award 14 grants for projects planned and led by children and youth in the region

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Northeast MN - The [Northland Foundation](#) and the young people serving on its [Youth In Philanthropy Program](#) Board have awarded **14 grants totaling \$13,045** to projects within the [geographic area](#) that the foundation serves. The final Youth In Philanthropy board meeting of the school year was held in April followed by an end-of-year celebration.

Each year, middle and high school students appointed to the board make real-world grantmaking decisions with the guidance of volunteer adult mentors. This year's board

included students from Aitkin, Barnum, Cloquet, Duluth, Hermantown, Superior, and Two Harbors.

"The youth and adult representatives put in hours of effort to prepare for and participate at each board meeting," stated Jan Amys, a Senior Program Officer at the Northland Foundation, who has helped implement the program for more than 17 years.

"It's so rewarding to witness how the students grow in knowledge and confidence as they learn about philanthropy, volunteerism, and the region beyond their own communities."

To qualify for Youth In Philanthropy funding, grant applications must be written by children and youth and projects carried out by children and youth, with adult advisor support.

Grants range up to \$1000 each for school and community projects within northeast Minnesota communities as well as the border community of Superior, Wisconsin. There are three grant rounds each school year: October, January, and April. The next deadline to submit a Youth In Philanthropy grant application is **October 1, 2024**. Learn more and apply at <https://northlandfdn.org/grant-funding/youth-in-philanthropy-grants/>.

The Youth In Philanthropy 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 Spring 2024 grants are:

**Greenway Public Schools - ISD 316, Marble: \$1,000**

To support peer group mentoring and training on youth development.

**Barnum Schools - ISD 091, Barnum: \$1,000**

To support a welcoming environment to encourage healthy activities in the community.

**North St Louis County 4-H Federation, Virginia: \$1,000**

To support opportunities for students to learn about animals and showcase them at the county fair.

**South St. Louis County 4-H Federation, Duluth: \$1,000**

To support an opportunity for youth to become counselors. Youth will learn life and leadership skills and have the chance to lead younger students at camp.

**Proctor High School - ISD 704, Proctor: \$1,000**

To support a safe, relaxing environment for graduating students to make new memories and reminisce about the old ones.

**Cromwell Wright School - ISD 095, Cromwell: \$991**

To support an inclusive atmosphere for students to feel welcome and comfortable.

**Grand Rapids School District - ISD 318, Grand Rapids: \$896**

To support a safe and well-maintained environment for youth of all ages to engage in soccer.

**Hermantown Community Schools, Hermantown: \$900**

To support youth-led education of new generation topics contributing to inclusion and diversity, leadership, friendship, and self-love. Students hope to empower peers to stand up for what is right, spread kindness, and respect each other's differences.

**Devildogs, Duluth: \$1,000**

To support community outreach to young students interested in robotics and engineering opportunities.

**Denfeld High School - ISD 709, Duluth: \$500**

To support young people to gain experience in debate and hone their ability to speak out with confidence.

**Marshall School, Duluth: \$927**

To support an environmental recycling and composting food waste project that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**Camp Chicagami, Eveleth: \$995**

To support educational efforts and promote teamwork and communication in a fun environment.

**Girl Scouts of MN WI Lakes and Pines, Duluth: \$840**

To promote local art through teaching, designing, and displaying work by students, educators, and the greater community.

**Barnum Schools - ISD 091, Barnum: \$996**

To support a community service project that will make the nature trail safe and more appealing.

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