The Erie Community Foundation is excited to bring the perspective and leadership of young people to the table through the newly established Youth Philanthropy Program. This initiative is governed by local Erie County students interested in better understanding the issues affecting young people in the community and investing real dollars in organizations looking to address youth-related concerns.

The program provides a hands-on, educational experience that builds an understanding of philanthropy through service learning and making grants to organizations addressing priority issues for youth in our community. Most importantly, we want to offer a platform to elevate youth voices, encourage civic engagement and empower young leaders to take their seat at the table.

The Youth Philanthropy program of The Erie Community Foundation invites any nonprofit serving youth to apply for a grant up to $10,000. We are seeking proposals for projects that address the youth of the Erie community in any of the following areas:

- Peer-to-peer support
- Substance abuse (i.e. vaping)
- Racism in schools
- School security
- Improved teacher and student relationships
- Basic needs

*The grant will be as much as $10,000 in 2020 and should be able to be completed within a 12-month time frame.*

**Eligible Organizations:** Applications may be submitted by any Erie County 501(c)3 organization. Collaborative efforts are encouraged, but not required.

**Ineligible Organizations:** Applications submitted by for-profit businesses, sectarian religious activities or fund-raising only purposes will not be considered.


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