

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation Alice and Richard Henriquez Memorial Fund & The Youth World Awareness Program Grant Guidelines

GROUP APPLICATION

Eligibility

- Groups of students (ages 14-22) residing in Berkshire, Columbia, northeast Dutchess or northwest Litchfield counties.
- Participants may not receive academic credit for programs funded by the Henriquez/Youth World Awareness Program.
- Funded groups will be expected to speak of their experiences to their school, community or other interested parties, e.g., Berkshire Taconic, the press.
- Preference is given to groups whose participants have not been previously funded by the program.
- Programs consisting of international travel with homestays (e.g. People to People or Students/Sports Ambassadors) are not eligible for consideration unless they involve community service performed while abroad.

Awards

Grants awarded usually range from \$100 to \$1,500 for individuals (see Individual Application Form). Larger amounts are considered for groups.

Deadline

Applications must be received at Berkshire Taconic by 5:00 p.m. on March 1.

Notification

All applicants will be notified of the Foundation's decision within two months of the deadline date.

Review Process

The Henriquez Fund/Youth World Awareness Program Committee, which consists of a group of area residents who are active in community affairs, reviews all applications. Their recommendations are presented to the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation Board of Directors for review and approval.

All applications will be reviewed using the following criteria:

- Project will engage the group participants with a broad cross section of young people of other cultures and provide the opportunity to learn new customs and lifestyles.
- Project shows good planning.
- Project contains an element of community service.

Questions

Please contact Maeve O'Dea, program director, at 413.528.8039 or by email at maeve@berkshiretaconic.org

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Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation builds stronger, more vibrant communities and improves the quality of life for all residents of Berkshire County, MA; Columbia County and northeast Dutchess County, NY; and northwest Litchfield County, CT. Since 1987, we have been an agent for positive change in the region we serve. In education, health care, basic human services, transportation, the arts, youth and senior programs—our grants touch all aspects of life and every person in the Berkshire Taconic region. Each year, we help thousands of donors achieve their philanthropic goals and hundreds of nonprofits carry on their good work. Berkshire Taconic is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization and is proud to serve as steward for this fund.

Mission Statement

The Henriquez Fund has been so successful that the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation has established the Youth World Awareness Program to operate in conjunction with the Henriquez Fund. The Youth World Awareness Program is actively seeking donations to allow more young people from the Berkshire Taconic region to travel and do humanitarian work in foreign countries. Together, these funds will support young people from the Berkshire Taconic region to travel, study, or work in foreign countries.

About Alice and Richard Henriquez

The Alice and Richard Henriquez Memorial Fund was formed in 1995 to “encourage the development of peace among nations and justice for all people by funding international experiences for young men and women in their intellectually formative years.” Mr. Henriquez believed that “an understanding of other people and their cultures, as well as a sensitivity to the destabilizing effect of social and economic injustice is what young men and women will need if they are to effectively contribute to a peaceful and just world in their adult lives.”

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Please complete this form and return it to Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation by the deadline indicated in the accompanying brochure.

Group Name/Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Website: _____

Brief Description of Organization _____

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Contact Telephone _____ Contact Email _____

Age Range of Participants: _____ Number of Participants: _____

(Not including leaders or chaperones)

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Program Name, if applicable: _____

(Please submit a brochure or up to two pages of information describing the program.)

Description of project for which this grant is requested (location, date, destination, etc.). Continue on separate page, if needed:

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On a separate page, indicate how your proposal meets the vision of the Henriquez/Youth World Awareness Program and how you think this experience will affect the participants. Please include paragraph statements from some or all of the youth participants.

Please give us a profile of the student participants including age range, grade level, towns of residence and any prior activities the group has participated in. As the main focus of the fund is to support individual students, the committee may choose to earmark funding for a particular participant, if they feel that person would particularly benefit from the experience.

How will the experience be shared with the wider community upon the group's return?

Please add any further information:

Please note: the Foundation does not support organizations which in their constitution, by-laws or practice, discriminate against a person or group on the basis of age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, political affiliation or religious belief.

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Detail budget and total cost. Please specify amount requested, how it will be spent, what other funding sources are available to you and why you need financial assistance from the Henriquez Fund/Youth World Awareness Program.

Expense	Estimated Cost	Amount Requested from Fund	Source of Funds to pay balance of cost
Total Requested			