

Education & Youth Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

General questions

1. What types of organizations are eligible?

Any organization, if it is a 501(c)(3), is eligible for funding from this process, including religious organizations and educational organizations. Organizations who are incorporated in the State of North Carolina as a nonprofit organization can apply with a fiscal agent. Previous funding through the Foundation does not impact your eligibility.

2. I couldn't make the information session, can I still speak with a staff member about this grant program?

3. Yes! Our program staff wants to be as transparent and accessible as possible to nonprofits interested in applying for funding. Feel free to reach out to Sarah Battersby (sarah@trianglecf.org) with any questions you may have. We also encourage you to register for our informational webinar and/or watch the recording. The webinar link can be found on the grant webpage.

4. Can we apply for an Education & Youth grant if our organization is also actively applying for another Triangle Community Foundation grant, too?

Yes! You can apply for any other TCF grant for which your organization is eligible for.

5. Can an organization submit more than one proposal?

No. Organizations can only submit one proposal for this grant program.

6. Help! I missed the deadline, can I still apply?

We move applications very quickly to our advisory committee so that each application can receive a thorough evaluation. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any late applications.

Questions about grantmaking strategy and decision-making process

7. What does the Foundation mean by "youth of color" ?

We're using "youth of color" as a broad description for anyone that identifies as being part of a group "that hold a primary racial identity that describes shared racial characteristics among community members... that supports self-definition by community members, and that typically

denotes a shared history and current/historic experiences of racism.”¹ Because race is a social construct and racial identities evolve, we are not providing boxes for applicants to check; however, we imagine this including (but not limited to) people who identify as Black, African American, Latinx, Native American, Asian and Pacific Islander, and / or Middle Eastern.

8. What if our organization works with a population of youth not included in your priority youth populations?

Please reach out to us! We know that we don’t know every aspect of the community, and recognize we may have missed key population(s) of students.

9. Are you really funding General Operating support?

Yes! We are funding general operating support. The Foundation believes in the importance of general operating support for nonprofit organization and understands that many funders do not provide this type of support. We are looking for organizations that have and continue to offer programming that is responsive to our impact goals (read more [here](#)).

10. Can collaborating organizations apply together?

11. Yes. However, an organization applying under a collaborative application, will not be eligible for funding for a separate proposal to the program outside of the collaborative. If you plan to submit a collaborative proposal, please reach out to Sarah Battersby (sarah@trianglecf.org) before you start your application.

12. Can a collaborative apply for more than the \$25,000 grant amount (ie, \$25,000 per organization?)

No, each proposal is only eligible for \$25,000 (including collaboratives)

13. What is the anticipated reporting requirement?

We are asking that organizations submit a mid-term grant report in January 2024, and an end-of-grant report in January 2025 reporting on their self-chosen metrics. There will be an opportunity to change or update the metrics in the mid-term grant report.

14. Why is there such a long time in between the grant deadline and when grantees will be announced?

We utilize a participatory grantmaking strategy; this means that our advisory committee is made up of those closest to the issues being addressed. For Education & Youth, this means that at least half of our committee will be made up of high school and college-aged youth. We want to give them plenty of time to read and evaluate applications—the majority of the time between the deadline and the announcement is space allowing them to read applications.

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