



**ROSE YOUTH
FOUNDATION**

JEWISH YOUTH MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Deadline to apply is Friday, June 30.

How would you use **\$60,000** and **your Jewish values** to make our community better?

Rose Community Foundation seeks a diverse group of Jewish and interfaith-Jewish high school students in 10th through 12th grades who want to make a difference by learning about philanthropy and becoming teen grantmakers.

We are looking for teens who are not involved Jewishly, and those who are; those who are involved in community service, and those who are not; those who are athletes, and those who are mathletes.

Rose Youth Foundation is a youth-led program. Each year, members decide how they want to use their Jewish values and the tools of strategic philanthropy to improve their community. Members identify community issues, determine funding priorities and meet with leaders from nonprofit organizations in order to decide how to grant \$60,000 to make a difference. Since its inception in 2001, Rose Youth Foundation has granted more than \$762,000.

Each year, more students apply to participate in Rose Youth Foundation than we are able to accept. This year we anticipate space for 10 new members. All accepted 10th and 11th grade members will have the opportunity to participate in Rose Youth Foundation for two years, provided they meet the participation requirements outlined below. We also welcome applications from 12th grade students; these students will participate for one year.

2017-2018 Meeting Dates and Times

Most meetings will be held at Rose Community Foundation, 600 South Cherry Street, Suite 1200, Denver, CO 80246. With the exception of the Orientation meeting, Rose Youth Foundation meets on Sundays. All of the retreats are mandatory.

**Denotes a mandatory retreat*

Tuesday, September 19 from 6:15-7:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 24 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*
Sunday, October 15 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 12 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 17 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 14 time and location TBD
Sunday, February 18 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 11 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*
Sunday, April 22 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*
Sunday, May 6 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

The Commitment

Rose Youth Foundation is an eight-month program, beginning in September 2017. All members who are not graduating from high school in 2018 and who meet the participation requirements outlined below will be invited to participate for a second year.

Participation Requirements:

1. Attend all three mandatory Retreats (**no** absences permitted): September 24, March 11, April 22
2. Attend Orientation and all regular Sunday meetings (two pre-excused absences permitted).
3. Participate in at least two site visit meetings with potential grantee organizations (scheduled between March 19 and April 18, after school and during spring break).
4. Participate fully in grant proposal review and prepare for meetings with research and reading.
5. Contribute meaningfully to the RYF group process.

How Do I Apply?

Complete the Application Form that follows. Please use details and examples in responding to the application questions. The selection committee wants to hear your voice and to get to know the "real you" to the greatest extent possible in a written application. The deadline to apply is **Friday, June 30**.

Applicant Selection

Each year, approximately three times as many teens apply to participate in Rose Youth Foundation as there are spaces available in the program. As a result, the Foundation is not able to accept all of the qualified and interested students who apply.

The selection committee strives to create a balanced group each year with representation from many different schools, a relatively equal number of male and female students and balance among students from different grades. Members are selected primarily for their demographic, personal and Jewish diversity. An applicant's character and perspective and their ability to significantly benefit from and/or contribute to the group process, as reflected in their application, is also a significant factor in selection decisions.

Siblings will not be accepted to serve as members of Rose Youth Foundation concurrently.

All applications are reviewed in a "blind" format, meaning any identifying information will be eliminated for the review process.

For More Information

Contact Emily Kornhauser, Initiatives Assistant, at ekornhauser@rcfdenver.org or 303.398.7417.

2017-2018 Application

We recommend that you periodically save your progress on this application, available at the bottom of this page.

First Name: *

Last Name: *

Age as of September 2017: *

Gender: *

Grade as of September 2017: *

10th

11th

12th

School as of September 2017: *

Street Address *

Address Line 2

City *

State *

Zip Code *

Cell Phone Number *

Email Address *

Parent/Guardian (1) Name: *

Parents/Guardian (1) Email Address: *

Parent/Guardian (1) Cell Phone Number: *

Parent/Guardian (2) Name:

Parents/Guardian (2) Email Address:

Parent/Guardian (2) Cell Phone Number:

Do you consider yourself Jewish? *

Yes

No

Other (please describe)

Which best describes your Jewish identity? *

Conservative

Modern Orthodox

No Denomination

- Orthodox
- Reconstructionist
- Reform
- Renewal
- Secular - just Jewish, not religious
- Traditional
- Other (please describe)

We believe meetings are better with a meal! Please let us know of any dietary restrictions or preferences, we will do our best to accommodate: *

- Strict Kosher: I require a certified Kosher meal
- Flexible Kosher: I will eat vegetarian meals out
- Vegetarian
- Vegan
- Gluten Free
- Dairy Free
- None
- Other

There are a number of new leadership opportunities for Jewish teens in Greater Denver. Are you interested in being connected to these programs in addition to RYF? (Note: This will not affect the outcome of your RYF application in any way)

- Yes
- No

Application Questions

Please answer the following questions in the boxes provided. Please use details and examples in responding to the application questions. There are no "right" answers; the selection committee wants to "hear" your voice and to get to know the real you to the greatest extent possible in a written application. Responses to long answer questions should be one to two paragraphs in length and a maximum of 200 words. We recommend that you periodically save your progress on this application, available at the bottom of this page.

1a. We want to get to know you! Tell us about yourself in a short third person bio. Include academic and extracurricular interests, surprising facts, hopes and dreams. This is your chance to convey your personality. If you are selected, these bios will be shared with your follow members. *

1b. Please upload a headshot to accompany your bio. This will be left off the application the selection committee sees and is used for the program if you are selected. *

2. Why are you interested in participating in RYF? What do you hope to gain or learn from this experience? In what ways will the group benefit from your participation? *

3. Tell us about one thing you have done to give back or make a positive difference in your family, school or community. What was meaningful to you about this experience? *

4a. Upload a photo of something that is meaningful to you. Please note: our selection process is blind so please do not use a photo in which you or your immediate family members can be easily identified. *

4b. Tell us about the photo you shared. *

5. What does being Jewish mean to you? Please include a bit about your upbringing, background and current involvement in Jewish life. If you have not had many Jewish experiences so far, please tell us about that. *

6a. Do you consider yourself to be: *

- Not currently involved in the Jewish community
- Involved in the Jewish community

6b. Please list all activities or educational experiences you do now that you consider to be Jewish, including any leadership roles you may have. *

7. Please list all extracurricular and volunteer activities, leadership roles or jobs you are or will be involved in this school year. *

8. How did you hear about Rose Youth Foundation? *

9a. Have you applied to participate in Rose Youth Foundation before? *

- No
- Yes

9b. What year(s)? *