

Rose Youth Foundation 2024 - 2025

Application Deadline: Monday, April 1 2024 at 5 p.m.

*How would you use **\$50,000** and your **Jewish values** to make our community better?*

Rose Community Foundation (RCF) seeks a diverse group of Jewish and interfaith-Jewish high school students in 10th through 12th grades who want to make a difference in our community 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 (RYF) is a youth-led program. Each year, members decide how they want to use their Jewish values and the tools of strategic philanthropy to make a difference in our community. Members identify community issues, determine funding priorities, and meet with leaders from nonprofit organizations in order to decide how to grant a total of \$50,000. Since its inception in 2001, Rose Youth Foundation has granted more than \$1,000,000 to the Greater Denver Community.

The Commitment

The members of Rose Youth Foundation will meet for twelve meetings over nine months, beginning in September 2024 and ending in May 2025.

Members are required to:

- Attend mandatory meetings on September 15, 2024; February 26, 2025; and May 4, 2025
- Attend all regularly scheduled meetings with one pre-approved absence. If participants are feeling ill, they are encouraged to participate via zoom
- Participate in two Listening and Learning conversations with potential grantee organizations. *To be scheduled for March 5th and 12th between 4 - 6 p.m. These meetings typically take place offsite*
- Complete homework and prepare for meetings with research and reading during personal time
- Contribute and participate meaningfully in the RYF group process
- Commit to working and making decisions with peers using consensus
- Carefully read, understand and accept Rose Community Foundation's Conflict of Interest Policy, Confidentiality Agreement and Media Authorization and Release prior to participation in the program

Parent / Guardian Involvement

At least one parent or guardian for each accepted RYF member is asked to attend the Parents-only Orientation and Information Session on Thursday, September 5, 2024 from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.

Families are also welcome at the Year End Celebration on Sunday, May 5, 2025 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. More information will be provided to accepted members and their parents or guardians.

Meeting Dates and Times

Meetings will be held at Rose Community Foundation (4500 Cherry Creek Drive S, Suite 900, Denver, CO, 80246), unless otherwise noted. Meeting schedule is subject to change.

**Denotes Required Meeting*

- *Sunday, September 15, 2024 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. (Offsite)
- Wednesday, October 9, 2024 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 6, 2024 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 4, 2024 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- *Wednesday, January 15, 2025 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 5, 2025 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- *Wednesday, February 26, 2025 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 2, 2025 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. (Virtual)
- *Wednesday, March 5, 2025 TBS between 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (Offsite)
- *Wednesday, March 12, 2025 TBS between 4:00 -6:00 p.m. (Offsite)
- Wednesday, April 2, 2025 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- *Sunday, May 4, 2025 from 1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Application and Selection

Each year, more teens apply to participate in Rose Youth Foundation than we are able to accept. As a result, the Foundation is not able to accept all of the qualified and interested students who apply. The selection committee, comprised of Rose Community Foundation staff, community members, and RYF alumni, strive to create a balanced group with representation from different schools and grades. Members are selected primarily for their demographic, personal, and Jewish diversity. An applicant's ability to demonstrate and articulate their character and perspective, as well as their ability to significantly benefit from and contribute to the group process is also taken into strong consideration when making selection decisions. Siblings will not be accepted to serve as members of Rose Youth Foundation concurrently.

If you have questions about the program or applying, please contact [Gillian Nyland](mailto:gnyland@rcfdenver.org), Philanthropic Initiatives Coordinator at gnyland@rcfdenver.org or 303-398-7441.

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All applicants will be notified of selection decisions by June 1, 2024.