

ROSE

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2025-26 Rose Youth Foundation Member Application

Application Deadline is Wednesday, April 30 at 5:00 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 2025 and ending in May 2026.

Members are required to:

1. Attend mandatory meetings on September 14, 2025; February 25, 2026; and May 3, 2026.

2. Attend all regularly scheduled meetings with one pre-approved absence. *If participants are feeling ill, they are encouraged to participate via Zoom.*
3. Participate in two site visits with potential grantee organizations. *To be schedule for March 4th and 11th between 4 - 6 pm. These meetings typically take place offsite.*
4. Complete homework and prepare for meetings with research and reading during personal time.
5. Contribute and participate meaningfully in the RYF group process.
6. Commit to working and making decisions with peers using consensus.
7. Carefully read, understand and accept Rose Community Foundation's Conflict of Interest Policy, Confidentiality Agreement, and 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 Wednesday, September 3, 2025 from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. Families are also welcome at the Year End Celebration on Sunday, May 3, 2026 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*

1. *Sunday, September 14, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Offsite)
2. Thursday, October 9, 2025 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
3. Wednesday, November 5, 2025 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
4. Wednesday, December 3, 2025 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
5. Wednesday, January 14, 2026 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. - *Teambuilding Event*
6. Wednesday, February 4, 2026 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
7. *Wednesday, February 25, 2026 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
8. Sunday, March 1, 2026 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. (Virtual)
- *Wednesday, March 4, 2026 TBD between 4-6pm (offsite) - Site Visit*
- *Wednesday, March 11, 2026 TBD between 4-6pm (offsite) - Site Visit*
9. Wednesday, April 15, 2026 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
10. *Sunday, May 3, 2026 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.

The application deadline is Wednesday, April 30 at 5:00 p.m.

All applicants will be notified of selection decisions by June 1, 2025.

First Name *

Last Name *

Street Address *

Address Line 2

City *

State *

Zip Code *

Phone Number *

Email Address *

Grade as of September 2025 *

- 10th
 11th
 12th

School as of September 2025 *

Age as of September 2025: *

Gender *

Pronouns

Race / Ethnicity

Sexual Orientation

Parent/Guardian (1) Name: *

Parent/Guardian (1) Email Address: *

Parent/Guardian (1) Cell Phone Number: *

Parent/Guardian (2) Name:

Parent/Guardian (2) Email Address:

Parent/Guardian (2) Cell Phone Number:

Do you identify as Jewish? *

Which denomination do you identify with? *

Yes

No

Other (please describe)

We believe meetings are better with a meal! Please let us know any dietary restrictions or preferences, we try to be as accommodating as possible. *

Strict Kosher: I require a certified Kosher meal

Flexible Kosher: I will eat vegetarian meals out

Vegetarian

Vegan

Gluten Free

Dairy Free

None

Other

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Application Questions

Please use details and examples in responding to the application questions below. There are no "right" answers. Diversity of experience and perspective is an important selection criterion for us, so your answers should help the selection committee hear your authentic voice. Responses to long answer questions should be one to two paragraphs in length and a maximum of 200 words. At the bottom of the screen, there is a button you can use to save your progress.

1a. We want to get to know you! Tell us about yourself in a short third person bio. Include your academic and personal journey, life achievements, extracurricular interests, surprising facts, hopes and dreams. If you are selected, these bios will be shared with your fellow members. *

0/200 words

1b. Upload a headshot to accompany your bio. Please select a high-resolution photo with only your head and shoulders in the frame, against a blank background. A passport or school photo would work nicely. This will be left off the application the selection committee sees and is used for the program if you are selected.

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

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3. Tell us about one time you have worked with a group to make a positive difference in your school, community, or neighborhood. What was meaningful to you about this experience? What did you learn from this experience? *

0/200 words

4. Do you consider yourself to be: *

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

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. *

0/200 words

6. List your current extracurricular, volunteer, and/or leadership activities within and outside the Jewish community including jobs that you are or will be involved with during the school year.

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

8. Have you applied to participate in Rose Youth Foundation before?

- Yes
- No