



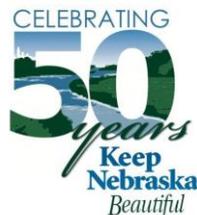
Global Youth Service Day Grant Application



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APPLICATION DEADLINE
March 9, 2015
5:00 pm CT

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A leadership collaboration of national service members in Nebraska



2015 Global Youth Service Day Grant Application Instructions

Overview

ServeNebraska, in partnership with State Farm, Youth Service America, and Keep Nebraska Beautiful is inviting schools across Nebraska to develop a project that will enhance your schools efforts in the 2015 Great American Clean up during Global Youth Service Day and ServeNebraska Week April 11-19, 2015. This funding opportunity will provide:

- **Fourteen youth led School/Community improvement projects of up to \$250 each**

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Submission Information: Electronic submission via email to cathleen.plager@nebraska.gov is strongly preferred.

If applications must be submitted in hard copy form they should be mailed to:

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Attn: Cathleen Plager
PO Box 98927
Lincoln, NE 68509-8927

or hand delivered to: ServeNebraska, 1445 K Street – 6th Floor West, Lincoln, Nebraska

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ServeNebraska

ServeNebraska, the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, coordinates and supports community involvement by Nebraskans that address the needs of our communities. We coordinate AmeriCorps programming, celebrate volunteer achievements through quarterly and annual Awards and provide training and technical assistance. Learn more at www.serve.nebraska.gov.

ServeNebraska InterCorps Council

The ServeNebraska InterCorps Council is a representative group composed of AmeriCorps members and other national service participants in service in Nebraska. InterCorps Council members provide leadership in connecting and coordinating programs; increasing the awareness of the impact of National Service; effective outreach, community-wide service projects; civic engagement; promoting leadership skills and an ethic of service. The ServeNebraska InterCorps Council provides a forum for service members to voice collective opinions and ideas and will provide leadership in coordination of this funding opportunity.

The ServeNebraska InterCorps Council will review and score the applications received through this process and will provide feedback on recommendations of funding projects. The Council will also follow up with applicants as projects progress through their process.

Global Youth Service Day - April 17-19, 2015

Sponsored by Youth Service America through support from State Farm, Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) celebrates and mobilizes millions of children and youth to improve their communities through service in more than 100 countries on six continents. To ensure Nebraska initiatives are included in this global display of youth service, all applicants are also required to register their project at www.GYSD.org. For further guidance including examples of successful projects, review the GYSD Toolkit available online at <http://gysd.org/toolkit>.

Keep Nebraska Beautiful's Great American Cleanup –March 1 through May 31, 2015

the Nation's largest community improvement program, takes place every year and involves more than 3 million volunteers and participants.

Activities include beautifying parks and recreation areas, cleaning seashores and waterways, holding recycling collections, picking up litter, planting trees and flowers, and conducting educational programs and litter-free events.

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for funding, project proposals must:

- Completely address all elements of the Application;
- Be submitted by a School or Community non-profit organization;
- Be received by ServeNebraska by **February 13, 2015 5:00 pm central time deadline**;
- Be registered on <http://gysd.org/>; and
- Be led by Nebraska youth

NOTE: Awarded funds are to be used for direct project needs. Allowable uses of funds are project materials, transportation for participants, and material rentals. Use of grant funds for food & beverages are limited to \$50. **Funds may not be used to cover personnel costs.** Projects that seek funding exclusively for food and beverages are unlikely to be funded. Evidence of community support is encouraged.

ServeNebraska reserves the right to partially fund proposals and to not fully award available funds if submitted proposals do not meet grant opportunity requirements.

Required Elements

Applications that address all of the criteria below will be considered complete and have the best chance for securing funding. Projects should:

- Have a positive impact on the community
- Involve and engage at least 20 youth is preferred
- Provide youth with opportunities to make decisions that help design & shape the project
- Foster community partnerships
- Mobilize volunteers
- Celebrate and recognize service
- Encourage & engage local State Farm representatives, preferred
- Include a budget in how you will be utilizing the funds you are requesting

Scoring Criteria

All eligibility requirements and required elements will be expected to be part of the application or the application will not be reviewed, scored, or funded.

Impact

- Attitudinal Changes - Is there an increase in youth feeling of belonging to their community because of this project?
- Impact on Youth- Is there evidence within the narrative that demonstrates the development of leadership skills of youth?
- Impact on Communities-Is there evidence that this project strengthens the communities in which the project is taking place?
- Volunteer Recruitment Strategies-Is there evidence that youth will engage other youth or adults to complete this project?

Advocacy and Promotion

- Public Official Participation-Is it clear in the narrative that youth are in active communication with public officials to advocate and raise awareness of the service that is being done in the community by this project?
- A goal of this project is to raise public awareness about the role young people play in their communities.

Volunteer Numbers

- Number of Adult Volunteers-When working with youth, adult participation is important from communication and sharing of knowledge that results from intergenerational service activities to transportation of younger youth involved. Is it evident that adults will be participating in this project?
- Youth not normally engaged-Does the plan identify how youth not normally asked to serve will be engaged?

Key Dates

November 17, 2015	GYSD application opens
March 9, 2015	Application deadline at 5:00 pm CT —last day to apply for 2015 GYSD Grant
Early March 2015	Grant recipients notified Memorandums of Understanding's and supporting documents to be completed prior to Mach 27, 2015
April 11-19, 2015	Global Youth Service Day projects
May 5, 2015	Final Report Due by an emailed Survey Monkey link

Reporting

In order to assure accountability for grant funds and meet the expectations of our partners, ServeNebraska will require all funded projects to submit two reports – an interim progress report and a final report. Progress reports will be submitted online via a link to be shared by ServeNebraska with successful applicants at the time funding is announced.

Final Report Due – May 5, 2015

- Number of Youth Volunteers
- Number of Adult Volunteers
- List of participating groups & organizations involved
- Number of volunteer hours served
- Community Impact
- Summary/Story
- Media (coverage, links)
- Elected official participation
- State Farm Employee engagement
- Photos, Videos

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An answer is required for each question. Questions left unanswered could cause the proposal to not be funded.
Application Narratives – Excluding Budget – Should Not Exceed 2 pages

- Required Answers

CONTACT/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Lead Organization:

Organization Type: (Select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> School | <input type="checkbox"/> Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-based | <input type="checkbox"/> Service Organization |

- Youth Contact Person:
Email: _____ Phone: _____ Age: _____
- Adult Contact Person:
Email: _____ Phone: _____
- Fiscal Agent (this organization will be the legal applicant name for contracting purposes):
Organization Name _____
Address: _____
Website: _____
Project Address: _____

Has your organization applied for a GYSD grant funds through ServeNebraska in the past? Yes No
If yes, in what year(s)? _____

Required areas for funding;

The project will need to be registered at <http://gysd.org/node/22> Yes No
Registration will open the first of April

The project will take place April 11-19, 2015 Yes No

The project will involve and engage at preferable number of at least 20 youth? Yes No

Youth has a voice in planning and making decisions to help shape the project Yes No

The project includes a plan to have youth share information with the Media and public officials Yes No

Total Number of Volunteers Anticipated:
Number of Youth Volunteers (age 5-25): _____
Number of Adult Volunteers (age 26-54): _____
Number of Older Adult Volunteers (age 55+): _____

PROJECT PLAN (Be as specific as possible with the following answers, please do not answer questions with a yes or no answer)

1. Please describe your Global Youth Service Day Project plan:

2. Identify the genuine needs that this project will address:

3. Describe who has or will take ownership of this project. Will students, and community partners have a sense of engagement, investment and ownership of this project:

4. Plan & Prepare. What methods and tools will be used to collect the relevant information to develop the project, engage in the necessary training, build vital partnerships, and gather the necessary resources to implement the project for improvements:

5. Evaluate the Experience; How will youth analyze their observations to identify the significance of their service experience:

6. Demonstrate new understanding. How will the youth reach out to others in their community to report on the findings of the project (example: media, elected officials etc.):

7. Go deeper. Given what the youth have learned what will they do with this knowledge?

Budget Summary (Be as detailed as possible)

1. Please present the full budget for the project, highlighting other sources of funds.

Materials/ Supplies:

ITEM	REQUEST FROM SERVENEBRASKA	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS Match	TOTAL COST
<i>Sub-Total</i>				

Participant Transportation Costs:

ITEM	REQUEST FROM SERVENEBRASKA	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS Match	TOTAL COST
<i>Sub-Total</i>				

Other:

ITEM	REQUEST FROM SERVENEBRASKA	OTHER FUNDS	SOURCE(S) OF OTHER FUNDS Match	TOTAL COST
<i>Sub-Total</i>				

Totals:

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2. Budget Narrative: Please describe why the items budgeted with the funds requested is necessary for the success of this project.