



# NEX-GENERATION

## Round Up for Youth, Inc.

### Nex-Generation Grant Program Guidelines

#### **Eligibility:**

Applicants must be from the following 28 Kansas counties: Barton, Cheyenne, Cloud, Decatur, Ellis, Ellsworth, Gove, Graham, Jewell, Lincoln, Logan, Mitchell, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Rawlins, Republic, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Trego, and Wallace.

Preference will be given to projects in the following categories:

**Community:** Non-profit business or organization seeking funding for projects that improve the quality of life for youth and families in the community or region.

**Student Organizations:** Student representatives or school staff members seeking funding for completion of school or community youth-related projects, such as FFA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Parent-Teacher Organization, etc.

**Youth Entrepreneurship:** Individuals age 13 to 40 seeking funding towards business start-up costs for a new business to be located in the individual's community or region, as identified in a qualified business plan. To be qualified, a business plan must include each of the following: cover letter; executive summary; detailed description of business; marketing plan; description of operations/suppliers/materials; description of management; and a financial plan and two-year budget. (Nex-Generation offers a free, "Nex-Great Idea" Business Plan Workshop to schools/organizations, which teaches each element of the business plan in a hands-on format.)

Immediate family members of Nex-Generation employees and Board members are *ineligible*.

#### **Criteria:**

Applications must include:

- Cover Letter
- Grant Application Form, plus up to four typed pages including the following:
  - Project Summary (describe the project)
  - Problem Statement (why are you doing this project, what are the needs)
  - Goals and Objectives
    - What you wish to accomplish
    - How it will benefit the community, school, organization, area
    - List of steps (including a timeline) toward accomplishing your goals
  - Project Activities
- Business Plan (if submitting a Youth Entrepreneurship application)
- Itemized Project Budget
  - Include quoted/researched costs
  - Indicate toward which portion of overall budget the grant would apply
- Two Letters of Support (business professionals, administrators, community leaders, etc.)

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**Grant Awards:**

Nex-Generation will award grants of up to \$2,500 each, twice per year. Awards may be allocated at a lesser amount, depending upon applications and availability of funds.

**2016:**

Application Deadline: November 30, 2016..... Two Grants of up to \$2,500  
will be Awarded December 31

**2017:**

Application Deadline: April 1, 2017..... \$2,500 Awarded June 30

Application Deadline: October 1, 2017..... \$2,500 Awarded December 31

**Grant Review Committee:**

A grant committee comprised of two business professionals and the Nex-Generation executive director will review all applications. In some instances, the committee may forward the application to the Nex-Generation Board of Directors for additional review.

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