



NEW HAMPSHIRE  
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## Empower Coös Youth Grants Program

Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund  
2019/2020

The Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is pleased to announce a call for committee members for the 2021 Empower Coös Youth Grants Program.

The Tillotson Fund's Empower Coös Youth Grants Program gives high school students the opportunity to help strengthen their communities, support local nonprofit organizations, deepen their connection to place and develop leadership skills.

At the core of the program is a grantmaking committee comprised of area high school students. Committee members serve for up to two years and are responsible for making grant recommendations on applications submitted to the Empower Coös Youth Grants Program.

Established by committee members in 2018, the priorities for the Empower Coös Youth Grants Program are to:

- Support environmental initiatives and programs that focus on reducing carbon emissions through education and awareness-building or through direct carbon-reduction practices.
- Increase extracurricular activities for youth (ages 12 to 22) such as: programs and activities that build community, enhance environmental education awareness, or increase access to science, music, arts, and athletics.
- Strengthen community engagement through events and public gatherings that enhance connection and togetherness.

**Your voice is important. Use it to help strengthen your community.**

Apply to be a member of the Empower Coos Youth Grants Program Committee. Submit your complete application to Jean Clarke at [Jean.Clarke@nhcf.org](mailto:Jean.Clarke@nhcf.org) or to New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, 37 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301, c/o Jean Clarke by **Wednesday, April 15, 2020**.

Visit [www.nhcf.org/empowercoosyouth](http://www.nhcf.org/empowercoosyouth) for more information.



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EMPOWER COÖS YOUTH GRANTS PROGRAM  
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2019 Application for Committee Membership

Name:

Address:

Cell phone:

Can you receive and send text messages?    Yes            No

Landline phone (if applicable):

Email:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Current School (if applicable):

Grade Level (if applicable):

Parent/Guardian Name:

Cell Number Daytime:

Phone Number Evenings:

Relationship:

**Academic, Community and/or Employment Activities**

Please list all academic activities (e.g. Student Government, Clubs, Performing Arts, Sports, etc.) and community service activities (e.g. Scouts, volunteer work, etc.) from the last two years.

Activity/Club Name	Years of Participation	Leadership Position (if any)

Do you currently have a job, paid or unpaid internship? If so, please describe.

What are the typical days/hours that you work? Do you anticipate this will be your schedule in fall 2019?

How did you hear about the Empower Coös Youth Grants Committee?

Why are you interested in serving on the Empower Coös Youth Grants Committee?

### **Narrative Application Questions**

Please answer **three of the following six questions** in essay form. Attach additional pages and number the narrative questions you choose to answer. One full paragraph per question. If you prefer and have the technology, we will accept video essays (up to 5 minutes in length total) as well. Should you choose a video essay, you are responsible for uploading to a shareable web based channel and providing a link for viewing.

Please check this box if you are going to submit a video essay

1. Describe what you have learned from your employment experience or volunteer services about yourself and your community?
2. What will you bring to the Empower Coös Youth Grants Committee? What do you hope to learn?
3. Describe a time when you worked with a group to make a decision or solve a problem. What did you learn about yourself and the larger group or others involved?
4. How do you think a community benefits from having young people involved in decision making processes?
5. Describe something that is really special to you about the North Country. Why is it meaningful?
6. How has the community where you live influenced you?

### **Expectations for Participation**

Every member of the Empower Coös Youth Grants Committee is expected to attend all training sessions. One absence, with prior notice, will be excused. Please review the following meeting dates, times, and locations and confirm you are able to attend.

Schedule of Events: Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Date	Time	Topics	Location
Tuesday, Sept. 10	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Introductions, Team Building	TBD
Tuesday, Sept. 24	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Program Overview, Committee Members Role, Schedule	TBD
Tuesday, Oct. 8	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Refining Empower Coös Youth Grants Program priorities	TBD
Tuesday, Oct. 22	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Communities of the North Country, Tillotson Fund	Virtual Go-To-Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 12	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Grantmaking Practices 101: Reviewing and Understanding Grant Applications	TBD
Tuesday, Jan. 21	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Decision Making, Communication & Leadership	TBD
Tuesday Feb. 4	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Snow Date	TBD
Tuesday, Feb. 11	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Grant Review Process Review: Evaluating Grant Applications, Conflicts of Interest, Financial Review	TBD
Tuesday, Mar. 10	5:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Grantmaking Meeting	TBD
Tuesday, Mar. 24	5:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Celebration, Reflections, Planning	TBD

At this time, I am able to attend all meetings

I am not able to attend all meetings.

Please explain if you are not able to attend all meetings:

## References

Please provide the following information for two references who are not related to you, such as a coach, mentor, teacher, or employer. Be sure to choose someone who can speak about your communication skills, leadership abilities, and work habits. Ideally, a reference will have known you for at least six months. Please notify your references before submitting this application that they will be contacted by the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund.

1. Name of Reference:

Daytime Phone Number:

Evening Phone Number:

Email:

How do you know this individual?

2. Name of Reference:

Daytime Phone Number:

Evening Phone Number:

Email:

How do you know this individual?

Applications should be emailed to Jean Clarke at [jc@nhcf.org](mailto:jc@nhcf.org) or mailed to: Jean Clarke, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, 37 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301.

If you are sending a video essay please email Jean directly with the link and timeline. If you have any questions regarding the application process, you can contact Jean Clarke by email or by phone at 603-225-6641 X 20238.

The application deadline is Monday, May 6, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. including video links (if applicable).