



NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Empower Coös Youth Grants Program

Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund
2023/2024

The Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is pleased to announce a call for committee members for the 2023/2024 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 2021, the priorities for the Empower Coös Youth Grants Program are to:

- Support environmental initiatives and programs that involve youth.
- 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 opportunities that enhance connection.
- Address gaps in basic needs

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 completed application to Jean Clarke at Jean.Clarke@nhcf.org or call/text Jean at 603.455.9702 to set-up a phone interview by **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

Click [here](#) to watch a video and learn more.



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2023 Application for Committee Membership

The application deadline is Friday, April 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. including video links (if applicable)

Name:

Address:

Your 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:

Parent/Guardian Email:

Guardian Cell Number Daytime:

Guardian Phone Number Evenings:

Relationship:

Expectations for Participation

Every member of the Empower Coos 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.

Required Meetings:

The Committee will meet **one Tuesday evening a month from 5pm-7pm between September 2023 and March 2024** in a location to be determined based on a centralized point based on committee member geography.

A \$200 stipend will be provided to help offset travel and time away from work.

☐ 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:

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 2023?

How did you hear about the Empower Coos Youth Grants Committee? Please include full name of individual(s) who referred you.

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

Narrative Application Questions or Interview

Please answer **three of the following six questions** in essay form. Attach additional pages and number the narrative questions you chose 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 ☐. If you prefer to discuss these questions on a half-hour video interview with the Empower Coos Youth program consultant and a Tillotson Fund staff member, please check this box and you will be emailed to schedule a time and date ☐.

1. Describe what you have learned from your employment experience or volunteer services about yourself and your community?
2. What will you bring to Empower Coos 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?

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:

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Applications should be emailed to Jean Clarke at 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 X238. The deadline is April 14, 2023.