The United Methodist Youth Service Fund, commonly known as YSF, is a way UM Youth can connect to benefit other youth in need around the world.

Here’s a quick guide to changing lives around the world.

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**The Youth Service Fund**

The United Methodist Youth Service Fund (YSF) provides funding for youth ministry locally, nationally, and globally.

Money Raised by Youth Administered by Youth To Benefit Youth

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**2020 Grant Recipients**

**The Cove Community Theater**
The Cove Community Theater actively supports young people’s leadership through artistic expression.

**The Well at Dorranceton**
Growing youth leaders through community outreach.

**York City Day Camp**
Supporting youth leaders as counselors to younger children.

**State Line UMC**
Youth are providing a monthly free spaghetti dinner to their community.

**Orbisonia UMC Youth Mission Trip**
Supporting young people to attend a Red Bird Mission trip.
Fund Raising

Funds are raised in two different ways:

1) Local Congregation Donations:
   - Hold YSF Fundraisers
   - Donate 10% of fundraisers
   - Special Offering on Youth Sunday

2) Annual Conference

Each year at Annual Conference the youth members offer a variety of fundraisers to support YSF. Since 2012, the Young People’s Ministry has raised over $41,000.00.

Each year new and exciting options are added! Visit the YSF booth at Annual Conference to see what we have in store!

Distribution

All of the funds raised for YSF and distributed by the Young People’s Ministry go to build ministry with and for young people.

30% of all funds collected by the Conference are sent to the General Church Youth Service Fund. These donations are combined with others received from across the denomination to fund national and international missions and discipleship opportunities.

The remaining funds are distributed following the review of grant applications by the YPMC.

Grant money is distributed at the beginning of the grant calendar year.

Apply

Applications for 2021 grants accepted April 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020

Qualifications

All applications receive prayerful consideration. Priority is given to applicants that are:

1) Youth-led
2) Creating or Expanding New or Existing Ministries
3) Racially and Ethnically inclusive
4) Produce documentation of other funding
5) UM ministries receive first consideration, followed by ecumenical and cooperative ministries, secular programs are also considered.

Applications

Applications can be completed online on the Young People’s Ministry website igniteyoungpeople.org

Downloadable copies are also available on the website.