



2019-2020 YAC Needs Assessment Survey

The Fremont Area Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is made up of 24 local high school students. Each year, they review and award grants that help fund programs for youth in Newaygo County. To help us make grants that best meet the needs and interests of local youth, please share your input by filling out this survey.

It should take about 5 minutes to complete the survey. Thank you for your help!

1. What high school do you attend?

- Fremont
- Grant
- Hesperia
- Homeschool
- Newaygo
- White Cloud

2. What grade are you in?

- 9th
- 10th
- 11th
- 12th

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3. From this list, please pick the FIVE issues you think are of greatest concern to the well-being of youth in Newaygo County. You can also add another answer at the bottom.

- Abusive or unsafe relationships
- Academic pressure
- Bullying or cyberbullying
- Choosing a college or career
- Discrimination or prejudice
- Distracted driving/texting and driving
- Drug use/abuse
- Family issues like divorce, neglect, or finances
- Family violence or neglect
- Finding a job
- Healthcare (cost or access to)
- Meeting basic needs like housing, food, heat, and utilities
- Mental health awareness and education
- Mental health issues like depression, anxiety, or suicide
- Not enough positive, fun things to do after school or on weekends
- Paying for higher education
- Peer pressure
- School environment (condition of buildings, availability of resources for classrooms, etc.)
- School safety
- Self-esteem or body image
- Sexual harassment or assault
- Teen pregnancy
- Transportation (not having access to a car or ride when you need it)
- Underage drinking
- Vaping/e-cigarettes
- Other (please specify): _____

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4. Are you too busy or not busy enough?

- Too busy
- Not busy enough
- Content/usually just the right amount

5. What do you do with your free time? Choose any that apply.

- Art
- Church or religious activities
- Club or service group
- Concerts or plays
- Family activities
- Hang out with friends
- Hunting or fishing
- Internet/social media
- Movies
- Music
- Read
- Robotics or programming
- School clubs
- Sports
- Study/homework
- Take classes or lessons
- Theater or drama
- Video games or online gaming
- Volunteer/community service
- Work
- Other: _____

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6. What limits you from participating in after school and/or weekend activities? Choose any that apply.

- Don't know what's available
- Family
- Homework or studying
- Money
- No transportation
- Not enough time
- Work
- I don't have this problem
- Other: _____

7. How do you usually find out about what's happening? Choose any that apply.

- Community organizations (nonprofit organization, chamber of commerce, church, library, etc.)
- Family or parents
- Friends
- Newspaper/news
- School announcements
- Social media
- Other: _____

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8. What do you wish was available or more available for youth in your school or community?
Choose any that apply.

- Academic/homework help
- Art, writing, or music-focused activities
- Basic needs assistance (food, shelter, clothing, etc.)
- Career exploration or job shadowing opportunities
- College visits
- Community service/volunteer opportunities
- Concerts or plays to attend
- Counseling or crisis intervention
- Family activities or programs
- Financial/money management education
- Mentoring programs
- Motivational speakers/presenters at school
- Outdoor recreation areas (skate or bike parks, trails, etc.)
- Peer mediation programs or peer-led support groups
- Skill-building or personal development workshops (like fitness, self-defense, leadership, time management, etc.)
- Substance abuse treatment or counseling
- Stress management programs
- Technical/vocational training
- Youth center or drop-in center
- Other: _____

9. Do you have plans yet for after high school?

- Yes, I have a pretty good idea what I want to do.
- Not yet, but I'm thinking about it.
- No, I don't have any idea yet.

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10. If you do have plans for after high school or are thinking about options, which options are you considering?

- Use a Promise Zone scholarship at MCC
- Community college (not with the Promise Zone)
- Four-year college or university
- Military
- Trade school or job training program
- Work
- Other: _____

11. On average, how many hours do you spend doing community service in a month?

- 0 hours
- 1-5 hours
- 6-10 hours
- 11+ hours

12. On average, how many hours do you work a week?

- 0 hours/I don't work
- 1-5 hours
- 6-10 hours
- 11-15 hours
- 16-20 hours
- 20+ hours

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13. In general, what causes you the most stress?

- Being too busy or juggling too much
- Clubs or organizations you're involved with
- Family
- Friends
- Future plans
- Grades/academics
- Medical issues
- Relationships
- School
- Sports
- Work
- Other: _____

Thank you for completing our survey!