

YAC Best Practices

Committee Evaluation

Every year, it is recommended that each committee evaluates how well they aligned to the best practices in their philanthropic efforts.
Use the rubric below to evaluate your YAC.

#	Best Practice	Recommended	✓	Notes
1	YAC meets officially 7 times a year	YAC holds seven official meetings or more. These do not include outside committee and board meetings		
2	YAC has at least 12 members ages 12-21	YAC is comprised of members that bring equitable representation of your community's demographics		
3	YAC has 1 advisor	YAC has 1 or more advisors based on needs and size of your YAC		
4	YAC holds an orientation for all members to develop foundational ideas of philanthropy	YAC utilizes resources available through the Council of Michigan Foundations in training and growing their skills including Learning to Give, Fall Training lesson plans and resource guides		
5	YAC assesses critical needs of youth every 2-3 years	YAC uses a needs assessment platform to assess the needs of youth in your community every 2-3 years		
6	YAC grants from the Youth Fund each year	YAC grants towards needs presented in assessment of local needs or timely needs of your community		
7	YAC evaluates the effectiveness of each grant annually	YAC participates in site visits and continued communications with nonprofit partners and determines if grants align with their needs assessment		
8	YAC holds 2 community service projects annually	YAC holds 2 or more community service projects annually targeted towards needs in your needs assessment and timely community needs		
9	YAC engages in fund development annually	YAC meets a fund development goal each year through engaging with donors and development events to keep a sustainable inflow of funds into the endowment		
10	YAC has 1 member on CF board of trustees with voting rights	YAC has 1 or more members on board of trustees and CF committees		
11	YAC interacts with CF twice a year formally and informally	YAC maintains continued and integrated connection with CF staff and trustees more than twice a year		
12	YAC has activities highlighted through reports and other communications	YAC has an officer designated to supporting YAC communications		
13	YAC conducts an annual self assessment	YAC uses this document, group reflection and other means to evaluate annual YAC efforts		
14	YAC attends conferences and trainings	YAC sends at least one member to the Youth Grantmakers Summer Leadership Conference and takes part in advisor spring training and YAC fall training		
15	YAC centers all efforts in DEI	YAC maintains a group understanding of DEI and keeps equity at the center of every conversation and meeting		