

Orbit: Many Planets, One Solar System
2024 Youth Grantmakers Summer Leadership Conference

June 21-23 | Central Michigan University

The Youth Grantmakers Summer Leadership Conference is an annual event for youth engaged in Youth Advisory Committees (YACs). The 32nd annual conference will be held at Central Michigan University from June 21-23. The conference will emphasize the shared values of YACs in Michigan and aims to broaden participants' perspectives of their work.

What to Expect:

- The weekend is packed with programming designed to help attendees explore their shared mission, build community, and gain skills in philanthropy and leadership.
- Participants will leave feeling inspired, empowered, and motivated to apply what they've learned when they return home.
- YAC advisors will also have opportunities to grow their knowledge through training sessions and workshops, allowing them to connect with each other and develop their skills.

The conference is led by the Michigan Community Foundations Youth Project (MCFYP) Committee, which is comprised of 13 youth and three adult advisors. This committee is responsible for planning and facilitating all aspects of the conference, from identifying the theme and keynote speakers to developing and facilitating team-building activities and breakout sessions around topics such as Community Engagement, Leadership and Social Justice.

The MCFYP Committee aims to create a conference that is inclusive, fun and engaging while providing high-quality learning opportunities. Advisors play a vital role in relaying and setting expectations for attendees. While the conference will offer ample time for recreational activities and free time to connect with other YACers, attendees should also be prepared to participate in group discussions and programming in a classroom environment. All participants will be asked to agree to the [Code of Conduct](#) during the waiver process. We encourage advisors to review the document with their youth participants prior to arrival at the conference.

We look forward to seeing you in June *Orbit: Many Planets, One Solar System* as we celebrate the work of YACs and support the development of future generations of leaders and philanthropists in Michigan. Questions? Please contact Finn Hopkins fhopkins@michiganfoundations.org