



Brookline Teen Grantmakers Program

Program Description:

The [Brookline Community Foundation](#) is seeking a group of motivated high school students to participate in the Brookline Teen Grantmakers program. Participants must be Brookline residents or attending school in Brookline who can commit time and energy to a unique, enriching, and challenging program. The Brookline Teen Grantmakers program provides a hands on learning experience that teaches teens about philanthropy and the fundamentals of grantmaking. Participants will learn more about their community, explore their own values, and work together to address problems in Brookline through strategic grantmaking. Each participant will gain valuable leadership, critical thinking, and teambuilding skills and will make a positive impact in the community. Since the program's beginning in 2011, Brookline teens have given \$44,000 in grants to local non-profits doing critical work in the areas of education, arts and culture, job training, and the environment.

What's the Program Like?

"From my experience as a youth grantmaker, I learned how important it is to take a stand and become involved in our community."

- Siena Fried, 2013 BTG member from Brookline High School

"I learned about the needs in Brookline and what I can do to help. I liked the program because it was a chance to work with a diverse group of committed students."

- Benjamin Doughty, 2013 BTG member from Brookline High School

"I learned about nonprofit organizations I'd never heard about and gained further awareness of the community I live in. I also love the dinner menu!"

- Heeamin Lee, 2013 BTG member from Brookline High School

The Details:

Application Due Date: Monday, December 7 by 5pm

Who can apply? Teens in grades 9-12 who live or go to school in Brookline

Time Commitment: Tuesday evenings starting January 12 through June 3

The Cost: Free

For more information or to receive an application please contact: Jennifer Lemire, Director of Programs and Grants at jlemire@brooklinecommunity.org or 617-566-4442.



Brookline Teen Grantmakers Program Application

Applicant Name: _____
Last *First* *M.I.*

Address: _____
Street Address *Apartment #*

_____ *City* *State* *ZIP Code*

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Email Address: _____

Birth Date: _____ Grade Level: _____

Name of School: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Home Phone: () _____ Parent/Guardian Work Phone: () _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Additional Information:

Programs have generally run on Wednesday evenings. On a separate sheet of paper or in an email, please provide the following information:

For New Participants:

We will conduct a short interview with all applicants prior to selecting program participants. Please let us know what time(s) you are available for an in person interview during the week of December 7 and 14. Special scheduling arrangements can be made if necessary.

- 1) Why are you interested in participating in the Brookline Teen Grantmaker Program?
- 2) What type of community-related activities have you participated in previously?
- 3) If you could make Brookline the best possible community to live in, what would you envision, and what would you do to make it happen?
- 4) This program will run from January to beginning of June. Please let us know of your availability on weekday afternoons/evenings during this time period.

For Returning Participants:

Please note: There is a cap in the number of participants in the Brookline Teen Grantmakers Program and priority will be given to new applicants. Placement of returning teens cannot be guaranteed.

- 1) How has your participation in the Brookline Teen Grantmakers program influenced how you view Brookline and your role in the community?
- 2) As a returning participant, why do you want to do the program again?
- 3) What do you hope to gain from the program this year?
- 4) This program will run from January to beginning of June. Please let us know of your availability on weekday afternoons/evenings during this time period.

Applications can be completed and emailed or mailed to:

jlemire@brooklinecommunity.org

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