



Youth in Action Grants

2025–2026 Cycle

Have an idea to make life better for youth in your community? Need \$1,200 to bring it to life?

Apply for a Youth in Action Grant!

United Way Perth-Huron supports youth (ages 14–24) with big ideas and a passion for positive change in Perth and Huron Counties.

What Kind of Projects Are We Looking For?

We fund youth-led projects that:

- ✓ Are created and led by youth from Perth or Huron Counties
- ✓ Involve youth in shaping solutions
- ✓ Address important youth or community issues
- ✓ Share youth perspectives on local challenges
- ✓ Are creative and goal-driven
- ✓ Aim to make an impact
- ✓ Are legal, safe, inclusive, and accessible

Examples of Past Projects

- ✓ Wellness Wednesdays: Weekly workshops on wellness topics
- ✓ The Art Cart: Free art supplies for all students
- ✓ Career Workshop: Helping students explore post-grad options
- ✓ Create an outdoor learning space
- ✓ Youth Mentoring: Pairing younger and older students
- ✓ Student-led meal and cooking program

Project Ideas

- ✓ Conflict resolution teams
- ✓ Mental health or mindfulness workshops
- ✓ Financial literacy sessions
- ✓ Mental health lending libraries
- ✓ Student magazine on youth issues
- ✓ Mural projects or art exhibits
- ✓ Non-competitive sports for fun and inclusion
- ✓ Environmental sustainability initiatives

Who Can Apply?

- ✓ Youth Lead Applicant: Age 14–24
- ✓ Adult Trustee: Age 25+ to help with budgeting and reporting (Funds are paid to the Adult Trustee or their organization)

What Can the Grant Be Used For?

- ✓ Guest speakers, materials, promotional costs
- ✓ Workshop supplies, food, printing
- ✓ Short-term equipment or facility rentals


✗ Not eligible for:

- Adult-led or recreational-only projects
- Fundraising, cash prizes, or gift cards
- Staff salaries, web dev, or marketing
- Projects benefiting only a few people
- Travel or saving money for later


Applications must include a clear budget and project plan.

How & When to Apply

 **Apply between: September 19 – October 20, 2025**

 Form available at: perthhuron.unitedway.ca

 Email applications to: bpitkin@perthhuron.unitedway.ca

 Apply early! Early applications may receive helpful feedback and a chance to revise.

What Happens After You Apply?

- November – Our staff may contact you with questions. You'll receive a decision by the end of the month.
- December to May – Run your project! Keep us in the loop and take photos if you can.
- June 2026 – Submit your final report and return any unused funds.

If Your Project is Funded

1. Sign the contract (you and your Adult Trustee).
2. Receive 100% of the grant upfront.
3. Complete the project by May 31, 2026.
4. Submit your final report and return unused funds by June 14, 2026.
5. After reviewing, receive the remaining 10% of your grant.

Information for Teachers

Want to involve your class? Great!



How it works:

- Divide the class into teams of 3–5. Each team applies.
- Even if only some teams are funded, you can merge efforts.
- Work toward a semester timeline — projects should be ready to launch by early November and wrap by May.



Key Dates:

- Applications Open: September 19, 2025
- Applications Due: October 20, 2025
- Decisions Announced: Late November
- Projects Completed By: June 1, 2026
- Final Reports Due: June 30, 2026



Extras for Classrooms:

- We can visit your classroom in-person or virtually
- We'll coordinate with you to deliver grant decisions directly to students
- Contact: Bruce Pitkin at bpitkin@perthhuron.unitedway.ca or 519-271-7730 x225



Note: Funding is not guaranteed. Some or none of your class projects may be approved.