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# YAGA'S CHILDREN'S FUND

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Application and Guidelines for Grant Funding

[Please fully review the Guidelines and Rules below. When ready, click this link to access the application.](#)

**1. OVERVIEW OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

**1.1. SYNOPSIS OF PROGRAM**

**The mission of YCF is to support the moral, psychological, intellectual, vocational, and physical development of children in Galveston County through yearly grants.**

The origins of Yaga’s Childrens Fund began with a cook-off in 1997 with the intention of creating a family oriented two-day event in the downtown district called the Wild Game and BBQ-Cook. Yaga’s Children’s Fund grew the event each year, and in 2002 twenty-three teams participated with an attendance of over 3,000 people across three city blocks and were able to raise \$20,000 towards that year’s charities. That year Yaga’s Children’s Fund (YCF) 501-(c)(3) non-profit was formed. In 2023 the cook-off expanded further to its current location at Moody Gardens.

Throughout the 28 years of the event, and now entering its 29th year, the Yaga’s Children’s Fund has allocated an excess of \$2,400,000 for Galveston County children’s charities. The current volunteer board works hard year-round to fund numerous charities with the assistance of generous sponsors and cook teams. The Wild Game BBQ Cook-off is now the premiere spring event in downtown Galveston! Throughout its history, for every dollar in sponsorships the fund receives, it has paid to charity \$1.72.

**1.2. POINT OF CONTACT**

All inquiries and communications concerning this application can be directed in writing via email or mail to:

Yaga’s Children’s Fund

Email: [contact@ycfgalveston.org](mailto:contact@ycfgalveston.org)

Mail: P. O. Box 805, Galveston, TX 77553

**2. AWARD SUMMARY**

**2.1. AWARD AMOUNT SCHEDULE**

YCF expects to award grants as follows:

Award Ranges
\$500-\$10,000

Award sizes will be based on submitted applications and funds raised in the funding year. Awards will be made based on the rank order of reviewed applications until funding runs out.

### 3. APPLICATION TIMELINE

The application process is anticipated to proceed according to the published application timeline.

Dates	Events
September 19, 2024	Application Released
November 30, 2024	Application Deadline
January 2025	Announcement of Approved Charities
February 2025	Charity Meeting
May 9-10, 2025	Wild Game Cook-off
August 2025	Award Ceremony

### 4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

#### 4.1. ELIGIBLE APPLICANT

Eligible applicants are

- Not-for-profit qualified charitable organizations 501 (c) (3)
- YCF does not make grants to individuals
- Preference is given to organizations in Galveston County

#### 4.2. ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Projects must clearly support the moral, psychological, intellectual, vocational, and physical development of children. The award cannot pay for salaries or administration. The awards must fund programs that directly benefit children.

### 5. APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS

The following attachments are required to be submitted by the deadline. Applications will be considered incomplete and not reviewed if items are incomplete.

- Application for Grant Funding
- IRS Determination Letter to document tax-exempt status.
- Financial Statements (audited preferred)
- Form 990 for the most recent fiscal tax year
- YCF Grant Budget Request form

### 6. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

#### 6.1. APPLICATION DEADLINE

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m. CST, November 30, 2024**

**ONLINE APPLICATION HERE**

Applications must be:

- completed in full with all required documents attached
- submitted no later than the deadline

Submission of an Application confers no rights of Applicant to an award. An individual Application may be rejected if it fails to meet any requirement of the guidelines. YCF may seek clarification and additional documentation from Applicant at any time, and failure to respond within a reasonable timeframe is cause for rejection of an Application.

## **7. APPLICATION SCREENING**

YCF members shall conduct an initial screening of Applications to determine if they adhere to the eligibility requirements contained in the guidelines. An Application must meet all requirements. All incomplete, ineligible, or otherwise non-compliant applications will not be considered for funding. It is anticipated that YCF members will notify Applicants eliminated through the screening process within 30 days of the submission deadline. Each Application that passes the initial screening for completeness and eligibility will be considered for award selection according to the selection criteria described.

## **8. GENERAL CRITERIA FOR AWARD SELECTION**

At a minimum, three reviewers will independently review each application on the components listed below. Allocations will be determined on the components listed below, ticket sales (Friday Night Fundraiser, Raffle Tickets, Saturday Lunch Tickets, silent auction funds raised and volunteer hours provided.

## **9. APPLICATION SECTIONS**

### **Mission and History of the Organization**

Provide the core mission and history of the organization.

### **Description of the Proposed Project**

Describe the proposed project. Describe the need for the program along with the specific population that the program will benefit.

### **Description of Activities and Outcomes**

Describe the proposed project activities and desired outcomes, including the geographic area that will be served and the communities that will benefit from the project.

### **Project Timeline**

Please provide the dates and estimated duration of the project.

### **Sources and Amounts being Solicited, Received or Pledged**

Describe how much funding is needed in total to begin, complete, and/or sustain the project. Describe in detail the sources and amounts you are soliciting, that have been received or pledged for this project.

### **Volunteer(s) Provided at the Wild Game Cook-off and the total number of Volunteer Hours**

Allocations are to be determined by the total number of volunteers and hours provided

**Silent Auction Item(s) Donated and Funds Raised by Item**

Allocations are to be determined by the total number of items donated and the funds raised by each item donated