



United Way of
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Grants Available for Local Youth

San Luis Obispo, CA – The United Way of San Luis Obispo County Youth Board has three \$1,000 grants available for local youth projects and programs. Individuals and groups are encouraged to create projects that have a positive impact on youth (up to age 19), and incorporate some youth development principles, such as the 40 Developmental Assets.

Strong projects are creative and realistic, and primarily benefit youth in the community, not just the project planners. Student-submitted applications must have an adult advisor, and a sponsoring organization to act as fiscal agent.

A workbook for youth grant seekers is available with step-by-step instructions to assist youth in preparing to apply. The workbook, along with the guidelines and application, are available on the United Way website at www.unitedwayslo.org. Applications are due to the United Way office by 4:00 p.m. on January 8, 2010.

Grant applications will be peer reviewed by members of the 2009-2010 Youth Board. This group of high school students seeks to increase philanthropy and leadership in San Luis Obispo County youth, and improve programs to better serve our community.

United Way of SLO County is an independent, nonprofit organization governed by a board of volunteers. It is affiliated by membership with United Way of America and strives to build a stronger, healthier, more compassionate community by investing in programs serving education, income and health.

For more information about United Way of SLO County, the Youth Board program, or the Youth Grant program, email youthboard@unitedwayslo.org, visit www.unitedwayslo.org or call (805) 541-1234.

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