



United Way of  
San Luis Obispo County



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# NEWS RELEASE

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## United Way Youth Board Offers Grants for Youth

*San Luis Obispo, CA* – The United Way of San Luis Obispo County Youth Board is proud to be entering its fourth school year of community service with 46 members from Arroyo Grande to Paso Robles, attending seven area high schools. This group of high school students seeks to increase philanthropy and leadership in San Luis Obispo County youth, improve programs to better serve our community, and promote positive relationships between youth and adults.

As part of their philanthropic work, the UWSLOC Youth Board will award three \$1,000 grants to local youth-driven 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. Student-submitted applications must have an adult advisor, and a sponsoring organization to act as fiscal agent.

A workbook for grant seekers is available with step-by-step instructions to assist youth in preparation to apply. The workbook, along with the guidelines and application, are available on the United Way website at [www.unitedwayslo.org](http://www.unitedwayslo.org). Applications are due to the United Way office by 4:00 p.m. on December 8, 2011. Grant applications will be peer-evaluated by the UWSLOC Youth Board.

For more information about United Way of SLO County, the Youth Board program, or the Youth Board Grant program, email [youthboard@unitedwayslo.org](mailto:youthboard@unitedwayslo.org), visit [www.unitedwayslo.org](http://www.unitedwayslo.org), call (805) 541-1234, or find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/unitedwayslo](http://www.facebook.com/unitedwayslo).

This year's officers are: Ben Lowerison (President), Karaline Bridgeford (Vice President), Emma Phillips (Secretary), Joanne Crandall (Treasurer), and Brendan Byrne (Director at Large). Members of the 2011-2012 Youth Board are: Mary Andino, Chris Apple, Maya Aslam, Kyle Berlin, Brendan Bych, Savannah Camacho, Jeremy Costello, Will Coughlin, Jessa Culver, Sarah Frigon, Ryan Gelston, Sara Hall, Sherene Hall, Kelsey Harper, Taryn Hastie, Madalyn Hosick, Nicolette Jolicoeur, Anna Jussila, Seamus Land, Madeleine LaVack, Joelle Lewis, Trey Lowerison, Meghan Martin, Ben Marques, Sarah Merson, Ella Moberg, Jack Mooney, Camdon Muncy, Virginia Nicolaisen, Tamra Olin, Barry Peelen, Grace Ready, Owen Sebo, Nancy Toledo, Elizabeth Trujillo, Morgan Via, Allison Warren, Katie Weber, Connor Whiteford, Anne Wilcox, and Sam Youngdale.

Photo: Members of the United Way Youth Board at a Fall 2011 meeting.

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