

Youth Board

The United Way of San Luis Obispo County Youth Board is a unique volunteer experience that gives youth the control and responsibility of their projects. Students serve as a United Way Board of Directors and are given the opportunity to make a direct impact on their peers by addressing the needs of their community and awarding grants to local organizations.

Each month, students from across the county meet to learn about SLO County, and discuss community issues. At the end of the year, the board awards three \$1,000 grants to local organizations that are making a difference.

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Members of the Youth Board represent the youth of the community, connect with community leaders and provide feedback about youth issues. They also participate in United Way projects and events, run fundraising campaigns, and learn about the community and other local non profit organizations.

Participating students are required to commit to at least one full term (September through June).

Contact Rachel at 541-1234 or youthboard@unitedwayslo.org for more information.

We are deeply appreciative of the contribution from [Sempra Energy](#) which allowed the establishment of the first Youth Board in 2008!

How to Apply

Representatives must be residents of San Luis Obispo County in grades 9-12 (ages of 13-19), who are responsible, caring, and motivated. Students should be able to commit adequate time to attendance and participation at board meetings.

To apply for the United Way Youth Board, [download an application](#) and send it in to United Way. Email youthboard@unitedwayslo.org with questions.

Youth Board Grants

If you had \$1,000, how would you use it to make SLO County a better place for youth?

Three \$1,000 grants are available for projects organized by local youth, for local youth. All or part of the application must be completed by youth (ages 18 and under). This may include current volunteers or participants in your program. Individuals or groups should identify an adult mentor and sponsoring organization to help, or organizations already working with youth can encourage their members or volunteers to apply.

Please download a copy of the guidelines below for additional requirements.

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on January 8, 2010. Youth Board members will review the grants and submit their funding recommendations to the United Way Board of Directors for approval in April.

To apply, download the [workbook](#) (link), [guidelines](#) (link), and [application](#) (link). For more information, please contact us at (805) 541-1234.

2009 Grant Recipients

Atascadero Octagon Club
Charles Paddock Zoo Project

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