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## Summer 2019

Dear YAC Member,

Our YAC season is just around the corner. We are looking forward to beginning the 2019-2020 year! Whether you are new to YAC or you've been a member for several years, I hope that you will join this amazing group working to improve the quality of life for the youth of Barry County. See the calendar at the end of this packet for dates and locations!

This summer your YAC interns have been working together on the YAC annual report, planning this fall's Roof Sit event and retreat. If you have any questions or things you would like to see changed about YAC, feel free to contact one of the interns, Aiden Hannapel, Abby Larabee, or Bennett Halle. They are always open to improving our YAC and making changes for the greater good!

Our first event will be our Annual YAC Retreat from August 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm at the CERC 520 W South St. Hastings, MI 49058

**Prior to the retreat** the forms included with this letter must be **completed & returned** to YAC Advisor Jillian Foster at the Barry Community foundation via email or regular mail. They are: *Member Contract* and *YAC Waiver and Release of Liability*. The forms are also on our website at <http://www.barrycountyyac.org>.

Return completed forms to: BCF Youth Advisory Council  
Attn: Jillian Foster  
231 S. Broadway  
Hastings, MI 49058

Or return them via: email- [jillian@barrycf.org](mailto:jillian@barrycf.org)

I hope to see you at the YAC retreat! For updates on events and other things involving YAC, like our Facebook page (search for "Youth Advisory Council of Barry County") or call the Barry Community Foundation at (269) 945-0526.

Sincerely,

Jillian Foster, Advisor



# Barry Community Youth Advisory Council Member Contract

1. I understand that my appointment to the Barry Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is not only an honor but also a responsibility. As a member, I will work toward achieving these goals:
  - Identify problems teenagers are facing.
  - Suggest solutions to these problems.
  - Work toward solving these problems.
  - Provide information about the Youth Advisory Council in my school, church, and other organizations in which I am involved.
  - Represent a cross-section of diverse interests and activities.
  - Impact the adult community by showing that teens can be the source of solutions.
  - Increase awareness of youth issues in the adult community.
  - Gain leadership experience.
  - Gain friendships and contacts from other area schools.
2. I will be respectful, inclusive, and kind.
3. I will attend and participate in meetings, give my best effort in working on YAC projects, serve on selected committees, and be a spokesperson for the YAC and its efforts to get young people involved in meaningful community service projects. I understand that I must be an active YAC member in order to participate in Circle of Giving.
4. I will treat grant discussions as **confidential**, and agree that it is the responsibility of the Barry Community Foundation staff to notify grant applicants of our decisions.
5. I realize that it is my responsibility to represent youth of Barry County in a positive manner. Should I fail to do this, by incurring disciplinary action in some form (e.g., by law enforcement or school officials), my commitment to YAC may be reevaluated.
6. I understand and agree that if I have two (2) absences from YAC meetings I may temporarily lose my voting privileges. If my absences are **unexcused** (if I do not promptly call or email to excuse myself), my commitment to YAC may be questioned.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (2019-20): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

YAC Member Signature:

# Barry Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council **2019-2020 Waiver & Release of Liability**

**PRINT STUDENT'S NAME HERE:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **RELEASE OF LIABILITY & MEDICAL RELEASE**

I understand that the Barry Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council program activities may include physical activities and travel (referred to collectively herein as the "Activities"). I affirm that my/my child's health is good and that I/he/she is not/am not under a physician's care for any undisclosed condition which might endanger my/his/her health or that of other participants during the Activities. I recognize the inherent risk of injury or disability in the Activities. I agree to assume and accept the risk of physical injury that may result from any of these Activities. I hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Barry Community Foundation, their respective boards of directors and members thereof, affiliates, staff, agents, officers, representatives, volunteers, heirs, successors and assigns ("Releasees") from any and all claims, liability, or damages for any injury to me resulting directly or indirectly from participation in, and travel to or from, the Activities.

If Participant is under age 18, I as the undersigned parent or legal guardian, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all claims, liability, or damages for any injury to Participant resulting directly or indirectly from participation in, or travel to or from, the Activities, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I further hereby give permission to the Barry Community Foundation to secure emergency medical and surgical care and treatment for the above-named Participant while in attendance at any Activities. I transfer and assign to any hospital or clinic in which the Participant is confined or treated, all hospitalization and insurance proceeds that may be paid by me. I further agree and promise to pay any amount not covered by insurance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature (if under age 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **PHOTO USE/RELEASE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (**print Participant's name or parent/guardian's name if Participant is under age 18**), hereby grant and authorize the Barry Community Foundation and Youth Advisory Council, and persons acting for or through them, the right to take, edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, distribute and make use of any and all pictures or video taken of the above-named Participant in connection with the Youth Advisory Council, and authorize the Barry Community Foundation, their assigns, and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically. I agree that the Barry Community Foundation may use such photographs of Participant with or without Participant's name and for any lawful purpose, including, for example, publicity, advertising, annual reports, and web content.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature (if under age 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# 2019-2020



## AUGUST

Saturday 8/17 6pm to  
Sunday 8/18 3:30pm -  
Retreat CERC Hastings  
High School  
520 W South St Hastings

## OCTOBER

Saturday 10/12 9am-12pm  
Roofsit Team 1: Downtown  
Hastings Team 2: Downtown  
Middleville 12pm-2pm-YAC  
Meeting BCEC  
231 S Broadway Hastings

## DECEMBER

Sunday 12/8 12-4pm-United Way  
Service Project and YAC Holiday  
Party  
BCEC 231 S Broadway Hastings

## FEBRUARY

Sunday 2/16-YAC Meeting BCEC  
231 S Broadway Hastings

## APRIL

Sunday 4/19-1-3pm-  
YAC Meeting, Elections  
& Service Project  
Location TBD

## SEPTEMBER

Sunday 9/15 1-3pm-YAC Meeting  
BCEC 231 S Broadway St Hastings

## NOVEMBER

Sunday 11/17 1-3pm-YAC Meeting & Grant Application Review  
BCEC 231 S Broadway Hastings

## JANUARY

Sunday 1/12 1-3pm-YAC Meeting  
BCEC 231 S Broadway Hastings

## MARCH

Sunday 3/15-YAC Meeting &  
Grant Application Review  
BCEC 231 S Broadway Hastings

## MAY

Sunday 5/3-End of year  
party  
Time & location TBD

## What is YAC?

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a youth focused and administered grant committee within the Barry Community Foundation. In addition to grant making, YAC meets monthly for team building, service projects & a whole lot of fun!

YAC was established in 1998 with an Initial \$1 million challenge grant from The W.K. Kellogg Foundation through the Michigan Community Foundations Youth Project. YAC has grown and thrived over the years thanks to the **generosity** of those in Barry County who understand the importance of youth grantmaking, youth leadership opportunities, and **creating a better community for generations to come.**

Barry Community Foundation (BCF) YAC grants are available for projects that benefit youth in Barry County. YAC reviews *all grant applications* and makes recommendations to the BCF Board of Directors on ones to award.

## How do I join?

Joining YAC is easy! Membership is open to young people ages 13 to 21 living in the Barry County area. Contact YAC Advisor Jillian Foster: (269) 945-0526 or [jillian@barrvcf.org](mailto:jillian@barrvcf.org)

