



**The Robert Bowne Foundation
2004 Research Grants**

APPLICATION

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Grant focus

The theme for the 2004 RFP will be ***Positive Youth Development in Community-based Programs***. Proposals that address this theme will be assigned extra points, although other topics will be considered. Evaluations of youth programs will not be considered.

Suggested topics aligned with the theme include:

- Positive youth development as an organizing construct for the operation and design of youth development programs and the development of youth-related policy;
- Descriptions of activities at youth programs and analyses of activities that show how they support youth development in a range of areas, including, for example, the arts, citizenship, and leadership;
- Exploration of relationships between non-academic competencies that are acquired by youth at programs and academic success.

PART A: PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW IF YOU ARE PROPOSING TO CONDUCT ORIGINAL EMPIRICAL OR SITE-SPECIFIC RESEARCH OR REQUESTING FUNDS TO SUPPORT A CONTINUING RESEARCH PROJECT. Please limit your responses to no more than 2,000 words. (If you are proposing to write a research synthesis or policy analysis, go to part B).

1. Research question and statement of its purpose and significance
 - a. What is (are) the purpose(s) of your research?
 - b. In what way(s) is the research aligned with the grant focus (see above)?
 - c. What were (are) some of your research questions?
 - d. How do you think the research will contribute significantly to the knowledge base of the youth development/afterschool education field?

2. Description of research project
 - a. Please describe the scope of your research project, including population and site studied, research methods and theoretical or philosophical framework.

3. Dissemination
 - a. How and with whom do you propose to share the results of your research?

PART B: RESEARCH SYNTHESIS OR POLICY ANALYSIS

Applicants have the option of applying for funds to write a research synthesis or policy analysis (particularly those responding to the grant focus identified above). Please note that the Robert Bowne Foundation will reserve the right to publish this document in one of The Foundation publications and/or to post it on The Foundation website. Please respond to the following questions. Please limit your responses to no more than 2,000 words.

1. What do you intend to cover in your paper (please include an outline).
2. In what way(s) is the paper aligned with the grant focus (see above)?
3. Who is the intended audience for your paper?
4. How do you think your paper will contribute either to the research community, youth development practitioners, and/or to policy makers?

Note: Non-academic styles of writing are acceptable.

PART C: ATTACHMENTS

Please attach the following to your application:

- Your organization's IRS 501(c)3 determination letter.
- A letter of support from department chair (if affiliated with a college or university), OR
- A letter of support from executive director (if affiliated with a community-based organization).
- A letter of support from key contact at research site, if applicable (all participants in research study must also sign a letter of informed consent, if participants are underage youth, parents must sign a letter of informed consent).
- A budget and narrative briefly describing how the grant will be used. (NOTE: There are no overhead limits. Funds can be used to pay for applicant's time on the project. For most universities, applications must be sent through the Office of Institutional Research [or related department] and grant payment will be sent through this office).
- Most recent audited organizational budget;
- CV, resume of lead researcher(s).

Please email, fax, or mail completed applications no later than 5:00 p.m. October 31st, 2003.

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Sara,

You should ask for the direct contact information for the dept. of funded research or whatever so that you won't have to track them down or vice versa. Also, if the IRS Determination Letter has a different organizational name than that that the check must be payable to we need a document explaining that. We should double-check this on the current grants. If the information is not identical the auditors will give us a hard time.