

# DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY? BE A PART OF THE YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL!

The **Youth Action Council (YAC)**, organized by Foundation for MetroWest, is a youth-based program, where high school students share a common goal to learn the problems of their community and how to help by volunteering, fundraising and donating to nonprofits.

As a member of YAC, you would be trusted in awarding up to **\$10,000** in grants to MetroWest nonprofit organizations serving children and youth.

- ❖ **Training:** Learn about
  - What a nonprofit organization is;
  - The needs of our community;
  - How to evaluate a nonprofit for funding;
  - Working with others to make a difference,
  - Fundraising strategies
  
- ❖ **YAC Retreat:** We will spend part of a Saturday in the fall getting the year started off with some fun and philanthropy.
  
- ❖ **Fundraising:** As a group, YAC members will collectively raise \$1,000 towards the grantmaking budget. The remaining funds are provided by donors to the Foundation for MetroWest.
  
- ❖ **Grantmaking:** After training, YAC members will evaluate requests for grants that support local programs serving children and youth. You will visit the organizations applying for funding and, as a group, decide which ones you wish to fund. Members will then present the grant recommendations to the Foundation's Distribution Committee.
  
- ❖ **Service Days:** We spend one or two Saturdays doing hands-on volunteer work with local nonprofit organizations. It's great for group bonding and important to give back by volunteering too!
  
- ❖ **Giving Ceremony:** YAC members will present 'big' grant checks to the nonprofit organizations they choose to fund at a ceremony in the community.

**This is a great  
community service  
opportunity for high  
school students!**

**For more information and to apply, go to:**  
[www.foundationformetrowest.org/about/yip/yac](http://www.foundationformetrowest.org/about/yip/yac)