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# Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy Board **Overview**

ELPB members learn how grant dollars support nonprofit organizations. The Youth Boards support the foundation's work by facilitating a 1-year grant cycle which results in a one year non-renewable grant award recommendation for nonprofit organizations.



JGF Next Generation Programs (NGP) staff provide support and facilitate the program to ensure an effective process for both the Youth Board (YB) members and potential grantee-partners.

## What do you gain as a Youth Board member?

### Connections

Connections and relationships with other young people who are curious and passionate about their communities and giving back.

### Knowledge

Develop and apply your knowledge about philanthropy, grantmaking, and serving on a nonprofit board.

### Skills

Develop and apply skills around decision-making, collaboration, networking, leadership, and more.





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# ELPB FAQ's

## Q: What are the JGF Youth Boards?

A: The Youth Boards offer a unique hands-on experience for young people to have a real-world impact and develop personal and professional skills along the way. Board members develop knowledge and skills related to philanthropy, grantmaking, and board service. Currently there are two boards, the High School Youth Board (HSYB) and the Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy Board (ELPB).

## Q: What is grantmaking?

A: Grantmaking is when an organization like a foundation gives money to other groups, and/or organizations to help them complete a project or support a cause. The money, called a grant, does not need to be paid back but must be used to further the mission of the organization receiving the grant dollars.

## Q: Who is eligible to join the JGF Youth Boards?

A: 18-24 year olds who live in Chicago, the Chicagoland area and the suburbs for the summer. You do not need any prior experience in philanthropy, grantmaking or board service to apply.

## Q: How long is the program?

A: The program is approximately 2.5 months long. It starts in June 2026 and ends August 2026. There are weekly in person meetings and attendance is required.

## Q: How long is are the board meetings?

A: Board meetings are held on Thursdays and will run approximately from 9AM-3PM.





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**Q: Do I get paid?**

A: Yes! There is a stipend of \$3,000 that will be paid out in two lump sums.

**Q: Where will in-person meetings be held?**

A: Typically, the in-person meetings will be held at the JGF offices in Highland Park, IL, 60035, 1849 Green bay Rd., Suite 430.

**Q: What if I am not able to make a meeting?**

A: A full session commitment is required. Each board member is to miss NO MORE than 2 meetings and must let staff know ahead of time. Life happens and we ask you to communicate with us. After 2 missed meetings, the stipend will be affected, and you may not be able to continue to serve on the Youth Board.

**Q: Will I be required to complete assignments outside of the meetings?**

A: Yes! You will be expected to complete board work before and after meetings such as readings, checking and responding to email and other tasks. You are required to come to each meeting prepared with materials and tasks completed so that we can make the most of our time together.

**Q: How many times can I serve on the Youth Board?**

A: You can serve a maximum of 2 years. After serving on HSYB, you can apply for the Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy Board (for ages 18-24) for a maximum of 1 year.





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# 2026 Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy Board Meeting Schedule

\*\*Meetings will be at our Highland Park office

Meeting #1: Thursday June 4, 2026

Meeting #2: Thursday, June 11, 2026

Meeting #3: Thursday, June 18, 2026

Meeting #4: Thursday, June 25, 2026

Meeting #5: Thursday, July 16, 2026

Meeting #6: Thursday, August 6, 2026

Meeting #7: TBD Week of August 10, 2026

Please note: Dates are subject to change but ELPB members will be notified in advance.





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# How can I apply?

## Scan the QR code here!



We can't wait to hear from you!

