

YPI GRANT CRITERIA

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A YPI GRANT, CHARITIES MUST BE:

- REGISTERED WITH THE CANADA REVENUE AGENCY
- COMMUNITY-BASED,
- PROVIDING SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTLY TO PEOPLE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNIT.

In Canada, the **Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)** is the government regulator and registrar of Canadian charities. Please ensure that the charity you choose is registered here:

English - Charities Listing: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/ebci/haip/srch/advancedsearch-eng.action>

French - Liste des organismes de bienfaisance: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/chrts-gvng/lstngs/menu-fra.html>

- Registered: Students must have verified that the organization has official charitable status with the CRA.
** A local organization may sometimes be registered under the name of a broader organization, but it can be eligible for the YPI grant if its local chapter provides social services directly to people in their community.
- Community-based: The charity is located in and provides services for people in the community.
** Students can advocate for specific social service program(s)/project(s) of a registered charity, if the program(s)/project(s) directly impact people in their community – even if the broader organization has other locations, mandates or services.
** Nation-wide or regional-wide charities may be considered *if* students visit and advocate for the services of their local chapter, and demonstrate how the \$5000 would be used to directly impact people in the local community. Grant eligibility is *not* defined by the size of a charity's budget, nor where it gets its funding from.
- Social: The charity must provide social services. This means the charity provides immediate assistance to those with basic needs and promotes the well-being of people.
** The charity and its services must assist people without discrimination (e.g. the charity can have religious affiliations so long as it provides services to people regardless of their own religious beliefs).
- Local: The charity provides support and services directly to people in the local community.
** 'Local' does not imply a set geographical boundary. YPI students are encouraged to research a charity they can visit independently and would be able to stay involved with (e.g. through volunteering), to see the impact they're able to make in their own community. Also consider that people affected by some social issues may have to travel further than others to access the services of a charity: there are far fewer services for the Deaf or hard-of-hearing community than there are for people in need of the support of a food bank, for example.
- Providing social services directly: The YPI grant is meant to help charities directly meet local peoples' needs.
** Fundraising events and advertising are *not* examples of social services being provided directly to people. Advocacy or research may relate to social issues, but are not providing service directly to people.

All charitable organizations help society as a whole. The YPI grant aims to assist local social service charities as outlined above. Some examples of charitable sectors that are *not* included in the YPI granting criteria are:

- Medical research/equipment (health-related charities that provide social services for people and families living with illnesses are eligible, such as special camps, arts therapy, counselling, etc.)
- Environmental sector
- International aid/development organizations
- Animal sector (charities that involve animals in providing social services to people are eligible)