



**The Madison Civics Club** was formed in 1912 to encourage civic engagement and thoughtful discussion of the social issues of the day. We offer a lecture-brunch series highlighting inspiring national and local speakers. We invite and honor outstanding citizens and youth groups, and we welcome everyone to join us.

The Madison Civics Club Youth Grant program celebrates its twelfth year of community outreach to student and other youth groups throughout Dane County. School- or community-based organizations involved in worthy service activities are invited to apply for financial grants to support their work. Youth Grant recipients are invited to the Saturday brunch meetings with their advisors to hear renowned speakers in areas of their interest. Both the students and Civics Club members have benefited from inter-generational discussions around the brunch tables. Youth groups are also included in a reception prior to the luncheon, giving them an opportunity to interact with the guest speaker and MCC board members. The Youth Grant program is primarily supported by our MCC membership and anonymous donors, with the additional support of financial grants, most recently from Culver's VIP Foundation.

**The application for Youth Grants is available on the Madison Civics Club website.**

Awards of up to \$1000 will be given. If your application is chosen for an award, the club requires that a group of your students and an adult chaperone will attend the club meeting. Meetings are held on Saturdays, and the group will be at the meeting from the 9:00 a.m. reception through the speaker's question and answer period ending at about noon. Names of the students and chaperones attending and any dietary restrictions with the luncheon must be provided to Trish Iaccarino ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

1. At the Madison Civics Club meeting when your group is honored, a student will give a one-minute acknowledgment of the grant and briefly state how the funds will be used. This statement will be submitted to the Youth Grants co-chairs one week prior to the meeting in which the group will be honored.
2. By June 1, 2018, your group will be required to submit a final written report to Madison Civics Club on how the funds received were used. In accordance with IRS rules, this report must include:
  - Original proposal
  - Summary of exactly how the award was used.
3. An old-fashioned hand-written thank you is not required, but is appreciated. Also, your grant may be chosen as a sample on the Madison Civics Club website, which is further recognition for your group.



**Application Cover Page**

**Applications may be submitted at any time for the 2017-18 Youth Grants Awards but no later than three weeks prior to an event.**

**2017-18 speakers are:**

- Sep. 23 Elizabeth Cline**, investigative journalist and author  
**FOCUS:** downside of the fashion industry
- Nov. 4 Patricia McConnell**, animal behaviorist and dog trainer  
**FOCUS:** animals' effect on stress and trauma
- Mar. 3 Kathy Cramer**, Political Science professor at UW-Madison  
**FOCUS:** how people make sense of politics and why they vote the way they do
- Apr. 7 John Nichols**, author and journalist  
**FOCUS:** the current political crisis (i.e. extreme partisanship)

**I. Contact Information:**

Organization/School/Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address/E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Project Budget \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount requested (\$1000 max.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Assurance Statement for 2017-2018 Youth Grants**

To be considered for funding by the Madison Civics Club, an organization must complete our application form and return it along with this signed assurance statement and a copy of the organization's 501(c)(3) or *equivalent* determination letter from the IRS. Organizations affiliated with public schools meet this criteria.

On behalf of the requesting organization, I hereby certify that the requested grants will be used for the purpose stated on the application form and will not be used in any program that otherwise discriminates on the basis of race, sex, religion, color creed, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry or age, or any other basis prohibited by applicable law.

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Signature of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

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Name of Requesting Organization

Funds must be used for the purpose proposed in the grant application or be returned to Madison Civics Club.

### **III. Proposal description**

1. Briefly outline your project and explain specifically how the requested funding will be used and what community needs will be addressed. You may attach additional information about the project to the application, if desired.
2. Who and approximately how many people will benefit from this funding? How will they benefit?
3. Please describe your program, including how your students are involved in civic and/or volunteer projects.
4. Please indicate the Madison Civics Club program that you are interested in having students attend. Describe how your group has been involved in this interest area as well as how students would benefit from hearing this speaker.
5. How will the project acknowledge the support of Madison Civics Club?

#### **IV. Brunch Reservations**

Madison Civics Club will pay for the brunches of the students and chaperones. Additional adult guests may purchase a ticket at the reduced price of \$20. The club will also pay for parking for students and chaperones.

Please estimate how many students/chaperones/guests will attend:

Students \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperones \_\_\_\_\_

Additional adult guests @\$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this form to**

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