

Enriching Students in Need... One Mile at a Time

The SYTA Youth Foundation provides funding for children who have the opportunity to travel with their school or youth group, but lack the necessary financial resources.

Since its inception in 2000, the SYTA Youth Foundation has...

Awarded more than \$250,000 in travel scholarship grants to deserving students in the U.S. and Canada

Given the otherwise unattainable gift of travel to hundreds of individual students – and in some cases, entire classes

Donated tens of thousands of dollars to support other worthwhile youth programs

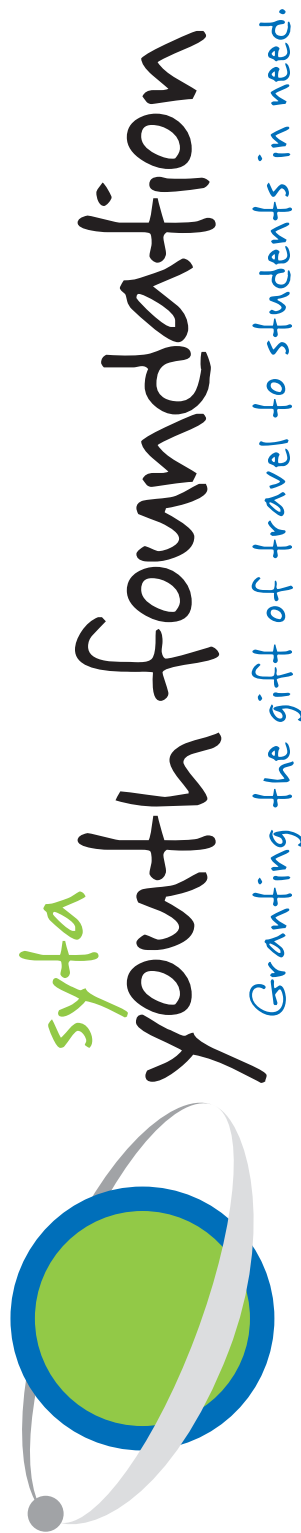
Collaborated with leading educational associations in the U.S. and Canada to uncover and satisfy potential travel scholarship needs

And yet, every year, deserving scholarship grant requests go unmet.

We strive to ensure our funding keeps pace with the demand, but the exponential growth of the student travel industry forces the need to make tough choices.

Who gets the scholarship: the child whose mom is terminally ill, or the child whose family is living in a shelter after losing their house in a fire with no insurance?

Help us not have to choose...



Travel enriches a child's education in ways that no classroom lesson can deliver.

But not every child can afford to travel...even when their school or youth group gives them the chance.



Twelve-year-old Julie of Michigan will have to stay behind when her history class – and all her friends – travel to Washington DC this year to learn about American government. Her mom lost her job and they just can't afford the trip.

When his high school marching band gets the honor of performing at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade this year in NYC, 15-year-old Kevin (and his trumpet) from Texas will have to watch it on TV from his living room. His little sister's medical bills are overwhelming his family and they just can't afford the trip.

All across North America, there are entire schools in depressed economic areas whose students can only dream about the excitement of taking a class trip. Fundraising options are limited and collectively, they just can't afford the trip.

Lack of personal funding is denying these and other children the complete education they need and deserve.

But with your help, the SYTA Youth Foundation can come to their rescue...

About the SYTA Youth Foundation (SYF)

SYF was formed in 2000 as the 501(c)(3) philanthropic arm of the Student and Youth Travel Association (SYTA). Concerned SYTA members saw the need for a charitable organization dedicated to providing youth throughout North America with the financial resources needed for travel experiences. Understanding all too well that travel is essential to a complete education, SYTA leadership inspired support for this mission throughout its membership. And



from awareness...came action.

Over the years, SYF has evolved a variety of successful programs that award grants and scholarships to children who cannot otherwise afford to travel with their class or youth group.

CORE PROGRAMS

SYF Road Scholarships: When a class trip is planned – whether performance-based, educational tour, or other – teachers can apply to SYF for a “Road Scholarship” of up to \$1,000 per child for those kids who can’t afford to join their class for this experience. *SYF receives more than 500 requests for Road Scholarships every year and our funding enables us to grant only a small percentage of these.*

SYF Silver Lining Program: When a group of children is affected by a common hardship – hurricanes, earthquakes, socioeconomic factors and more – costly experiences like travel become an unattainable luxury. For these kids, SYF provides the *Silver Lining* they need. Each year, an all-expenses paid trip is granted to a group of up to 50 students. Past awards have helped kids affected by Hurricane Katrina, children with parents serving overseas in the military, and kids in small towns devastated by economic misfortune. *Silver Linings are needed in many places...and yet we can only award one each year due to budget constraints.*

The Ripley Hunter “World is a Classroom” Travel Scholarship: Celebrating the fact that travel enriches a student’s education, this scholarship is open each year to secondary school students who write an essay sharing their learnings from a recent student travel experience. The winner receives a \$750 scholarship and a commemorative plaque honoring their achievement. *So many inspired students go unrewarded because we can only grant one of these scholarships each year.*

HOW YOU CAN HELP

SYF must grow its resources in order to serve more children in need. Whether you wish to donate your time, expertise, or funding...these children could use your support. You can...

Make a donation today

Become an annual SYF supporter and receive sponsor recognition among your peers and clients

Provide complimentary or reduced-rate services to host Silver Lining trips

Become a “Wingman” by donating \$500 to cover the airfare for one Silver Lining child

Become an SYF Trustee and serve on its Board of Directors

Attend SYF fundraising events at SYTA’s Summit and Conference

Volunteer your time at fundraising events or SYF sponsored student trips

Have other ideas or questions?

Visit www.sytayouthfoundation.org to learn more.

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YES! I will help the SYTA Youth Foundation continue their efforts to ensure students-in-need have the opportunity to enrich their lives through travel.
I pledge my tax deductible gift of:

Chairman's Circle	\$25,000*	Amount \$ _____
Platinum Circle	\$10,000.00 - \$24,999.00*	Amount \$ _____
Gold Circle	\$5001.00 - \$9999.00*	Amount \$ _____
Benefactors	\$5000.00*	Amount \$ _____
Silver Circle	\$1000.00 - \$4999.00	Amount \$ _____
Patron	\$501.00 - \$999.00	Amount \$ _____
Wingman	\$500.00	Amount \$ _____
Donor	\$100.00 - \$499.00	Amount \$ _____
Friend	\$26.00 - \$99.00	Amount \$ _____
Other		Amount \$ _____

* Please bill me in five annual installments

My gift is enclosed.

Please bill/invoice me.

My credit card information is provided below.

Please send me information about naming SYF in my will.

I wish to volunteer for the Foundation.

Other _____

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