

CESAR E. CHAVEZ

Youth Initiated Service-Learning Mini-Grants



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Youth Service California and the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism is excited to announce that funds are now available for Cesar E. Chavez Youth Initiated Service-Learning Mini-Grants. This pilot program is a civic engagement and youth leadership program that will empower young people to honor the life and work of Cesar E. Chavez, and create positive change in their communities through service-learning. These mini-grants, which are offered in 4 regions of the state: Eureka, Oakland, Fresno, and Los Angeles are available to help young people address real community needs through a youth initiated service-learning project. Each mini-grant must be able to link their project to one of the 10 core values of Cesar E. Chavez.

About Cesar E. Chavez

Cesar E. Chavez is an honored leader who stood for equality, justice, and dignity for all Americans. He was a Latino farm worker who fought for civil rights and became a dedicated labor leader. Cesar E. Chavez influenced and inspired millions of Americans to work nonviolently to seek social justice and civil rights for the poor and disenfranchised in our society.

APPLY NOW!

GRANT AMOUNTS: \$250-\$500

WHO CAN APPLY: Middle school and/or high school students must write and submit the grant proposals. Individual students, classes, and community groups are welcome to apply. A signature of an adult sponsor is required for each grant application.

DEADLINE: Completed applications must be received January 26, 2004.

TIMEFRAME: All service activities must be completed by March 31, 2004. Evaluation reports must be completed by April 11, 2004.

HOW TO APPLY: Please mail, fax, or e-mail completed applications to:

Youth Service California
Attn: Cesar E. Chavez Youth Initiated
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663 13th Street, Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 302-0551 fax | jonna@yscal.org

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS: If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jonna Justiniano at (510) 302-0550 or jonna@yscal.org





CORE VALUES OF CESAR E. CHAVEZ

1. **SERVICE TO OTHERS** - Service that is predicated on empowering others; engendering self-help, self-determination, and self-sufficiency versus charity.
2. **SACRIFICE** - Sacrifice that is spiritual; that is courageous and steadfast in its willingness to endure great hardship for others.
3. **A PREFERENCE TO HELP THE MOST NEEDY** - A concerted effort to support programs that reach the most needy, the most dispossessed, the most forgotten people in society no matter how difficult the challenge that choice may bring.
4. **DETERMINATION** - Determination that is characterized by an attitude that with faith, steadfast commitment, patience, and optimism, human beings can prevail against all odds.
5. **NON-VIOLENCE** - Invoking non-violence as the most powerful tool for achieving social/economic justice and equality; action that requires boldness and courage versus meekness and passivity.
6. **ACCEPTANCE** - An essential ingredient for success in organizing diverse forces to achieve social change, create community, and actualize democracy is the acceptance of all people; an absolutely indispensable necessity to the well-being of this country.
7. **RESPECT FOR LIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT** - Respect that holds as sacred the land, the people, and all other forms of life.
8. **COMMUNITY** - Sharing the joyous and respectful expression of cultural diversity through the reinforcement of the values of equity and responsibility to and for one another.
9. **KNOWLEDGE** - The pursuit of self-directed learning and the development of critical thinking and constructive problem solving skills; overcoming ignorance through education.
10. **INNOVATION** - A creative capacity to find pragmatic strategies and tactics to resolve problems and situations that often seen insurmountable to others.

These core values are provided by the Cesar E. Chavez Foundation.
For more information on the core values or on the Foundation please contact:

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A P P L I C A T I O N

Name of Project: _____

Name of Youth Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____

Name of Adult Sponsor: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____

Name of School Sponsor or Nonprofit Organization Sponsor: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____

Please answer the following questions on an additional page.

1. Please list the names, ages, addresses, zip codes, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of all other youth involved in the planning of this project.
2. Please write a brief description of your project, including but not limited to:
 - Describe the need you will meet in your community.
 - How does this project fit with what you are/will be studying in class?
 - Who will benefit from this project?
 - How many participants will be included?
 - What will participants learn and do?
3. How does this project link to one or more of the 10 core values of Cesar E. Chavez?
4. How will you know if your project is successful?
5. Please provide a timeline with the key dates and activities for this project.
6. Total amount requested?
7. Please provide your total itemized budget for your project.

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