



## **YOUTH TECHNOLOGY GRANT GUIDELINES**

3 Rivers Communications was formed in 1953 as a cooperative and still strongly believes in our cooperative principles. In keeping with these ideals, the 3 Rivers Communications Board of Trustees has implemented a Youth Technology Grant program. This is a key element of the cooperative's vision to enhance access to, or increase knowledge and use of, technology among the youth of our communities.

We strive to provide support that is equitable throughout our serving area, taking into account geographic regions and communities of mutual interest.

### **PROCESS**

- The Board of Trustees will annually set a budget for Youth Technology Grants. There is \$10,000 available this year for disbursement.
- 3 Rivers staff will screen applications to determine eligibility and will request additional information and verification if needed to measure success of the grant relative to program goals. Staff will compile a report and submit it to the 3 Rivers Board for review.
- Staff will handle involvement in support activities as needed and redirect any inquiries that do not fit the grant guidelines to other applicable 3 Rivers programs, i.e. donations, sponsorships, etc.

### **CRITERIA**

1. Funds will only be awarded to qualifying nonprofit organizations who are open to all cooperative members and whose primary focus is on youth within our serving area.
2. Organizations must demonstrate through the application process how the project will benefit youth of the community served by enhancing access to, or increasing knowledge and use of, technology in specific measurable ways.
3. Funding will not be awarded for Internet service.
4. Funding will not be awarded to the same group for two consecutive years.
5. For long term projects, funding will be granted if the project consistently meets the YTG guidelines until a maximum of \$10,000 is reached.