

# GRANT PROPOSAL



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**Subject:** Transformative Opportunities for Youth Empowerment – A Compelling Proposal from Youth Global Perspectives

# COMPANY OVERVIEW

Dear Sam and Victoria Reed Family Foundation,

I hope this letter finds you well. I represent Youth Global Perspectives (YGP), an organization dedicated to empowering youth through transformative travel experiences. Since our establishment in March 2016, we've impacted over 100 young individuals in Marion County, Fort Wayne, and South Bend.

Our founder, Claudia White, a South Bend native and former inner-city high school social studies teacher, ignited YGP's mission. Inspired by her study abroad experience in Spain, Claudia recognized the power of travel to reshape perspectives. Witnessing the limited opportunities for her low-income students, she founded YGP to bridge the gap and has since facilitated 15 impactful trips nationally and internationally.

Enclosed is a concise proposal outlining our vision, goals, and project details. We believe in the transformative potential of our programs, fostering personal growth and cultural understanding.

We are eager to explore a partnership with [Recipient's Organization]. Your support will not only enhance our programs but also contribute to nurturing future leaders who appreciate diversity.

Thank you for considering our proposal. We look forward to discussing how our shared goals can be realized through a partnership that leaves a lasting impact on young lives.

Sincerely,

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## ABOUT US

Youth Global Perspectives (YGP) extends its transformative services to the vibrant youth of Indiana, aged 14-19. Primarily catering to students facing financial constraints, our programs predominantly engage African-American participants. We actively recruit from various educational institutions and community organizations, including the Boys and Girls Club, Howe High School, Tindley High School, Ben Davis High School, The Center for Leadership Development, local churches, community centers, and diverse social networks. Beyond traditional avenues, our outreach extends to social media platforms and public radio interviews to disseminate information about upcoming trips and application processes.

YGP, committed to providing multifaceted programming, offers an educational experience that transcends conventional boundaries. Our initiatives empower Marion County, Fort Wayne, and South Bend youth by combining travel opportunities with real-world, applicable education. Through carefully designed courses encompassing geography, history, art, language, etiquette, and safety, participants are afforded a holistic educational journey.

Recognizing the substantial gaps within the current American education system, particularly affecting specific student demographics, YGP addresses these disparities head-on. Founder Claudia White observed these discrepancies firsthand in the social studies curriculum at her turnaround school. Despite meeting state standards for comprehensiveness and inclusivity, Claudia identified a marked underrepresentation of students of color and a significant omission of their histories. Consequently, maintaining the engagement of her students in social studies, and fostering a meaningful learning experience, proved to be a formidable challenge.

In light of these observations, YGP strives to rectify this educational imbalance by providing enriching experiences that not only broaden horizons but also acknowledge and celebrate the diverse histories and cultures of our students. Through our unwavering commitment to education and cultural understanding, YGP aims to inspire a new generation of informed, engaged, and empowered individuals.

## MISSION

At Youth Global Perspectives (YGP), our comprehensive programming serves as a dynamic platform, empowering students to not only enhance their academic knowledge but also to apply their education meaningfully in the real world. Rooted in Marion County, Fort Wayne, and South Bend, our programs offer a unique blend of transformative travel experiences and educational courses. Delving into subjects such as geography, history, art, language, etiquette, and safety, we strive to cultivate well-rounded individuals equipped for success in today's interconnected global landscape.

To continually enhance and refine our offerings, YGP employs a robust feedback system. Post-trip and curriculum assessments are systematically conducted, soliciting insights from our

students to shape future trips and curriculum development. These evaluations serve as valuable tools, ensuring the retention of lesson plans and the effectiveness of the YGP curriculum. Our dedicated staff and volunteers utilize these assessments to gauge the student's comprehension and identify areas that may require additional focus.

Beyond the immediate impact, we meticulously track each student's academic journey by collecting transcripts at the onset and conclusion of their YGP engagement. This holistic approach allows us to analyze, compare, and contrast individual progress, measuring the nuanced shifts in grades and overall grade point averages. By doing so, we gain a comprehensive understanding of each student's growth, reflecting our commitment to fostering tangible and lasting positive change in their educational trajectories.

At YGP, our mission transcends traditional education, guiding students toward a transformative educational experience that extends far beyond the classroom, enriching their lives and shaping future leaders.

## VISION

The wealth of data we gather is not merely a collection of statistics but a crucial compass guiding us toward the fulfillment of our mission at Youth Global Perspectives. Internally, this data serves as a robust foundation, empowering us to bolster our existing mission and craft innovative programming tailored to enhance student success in high school while elevating their prospects post-graduation. The impact of our programming, curriculum, and international/national trips is not just anecdotal; it's quantifiable in the remarkable transformations witnessed in our students.

Participation in Youth Global Perspectives has yielded tangible outcomes, with students displaying heightened engagement within their schools, a notable surge in interest in social studies and related humanities, and a sustainable improvement in academic grades. These achievements become even more pronounced when juxtaposed with broader educational statistics. While the graduation rate for Indianapolis Public School Corporation in Marion County stands at 75 percent over four years, our YGP students have achieved an unparalleled 100 percent graduation rate. Moreover, every participant has demonstrated a remarkable 100 percent academic growth rate, steadily advancing their grade point average from program commencement to high school graduation. This data not only underscores the effectiveness of our initiatives but also reaffirms our commitment to nurturing resilient, successful, and academically flourishing individuals.

## THE TEAM

Youth Global Perspectives currently has one staff member, Executive Director and Founder Claudia White, who essentially runs the organization on her own. Claudia White has the assistance of periodic contracted, part-time consultants, Board members, and volunteers.

# PROJECT DETAILS

## BUDGET ALLOCATION

The chart below provides a clear breakdown of costs for Youth Global Perspectives' (YGP) enriching programming activities, including team-building sessions like Bowling and Bradford Woods. The total cost per student/chaperone for a transformative year with YGP is \$4,554, ensuring a comprehensive experience. We rely on the generosity of our community, fueled by donations from individuals, support from our Board members, grants from foundations, and strategic sponsorships from corporations. Your investment in YGP goes beyond financial support; it's an investment in the transformative potential of young minds, fostering a better, more interconnected future. Your support empowers us to continue shaping tomorrow's leaders through impactful initiatives.

Expenses		
Experiences	Price	Per Person
TB (Bowling)	\$216.00	\$15.00
TB (Bradford Woods)	\$1,926.00	\$130.00
Perfect North	\$3,216.00	\$215.00
Spain	\$58,410.00	\$3,894.00
Monthly dues		\$300.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$63,768.00</b>	<b>\$4,554.00</b>

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read this proposal and fully approve it.

Signature

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Date Signed 11/13/2021

Signature

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