

Yellow Breeches Chapter Grants Award Process

Objectives:

- Invest some of the funds accrued through Yellow Breeches Chapter operations to enhance the ability of individuals or non-profit organizations to make our community a better place to live and to create fine craft.
- Select worthy individuals or organizations to receive grants from YBC based on a consistent set of criteria which reflect YBC's mission.
- Involve chapter members in the identification of candidates and summarizing the rationale behind the nomination.

Process / Timeline:

Action	Timeframe	Responsibility
Establish Grants budget	March	YBC Board
Identify any special areas of interest for which we wish to encourage nominations or particular criteria to consider – e.g., students, schools, etc.	March	YBC Board
Seek candidate nominations from any YBC chapter member (Board members included)	April – June	YBC President
Grants Committee review nominations and make recommendations for grant recipients and grant amounts	July – September	Grants Committee
Review Grant Committee nominations and approve grantees / grants	December	YBC Board
Inform grantees and forward / present grant payments	December	Grant Committee Chair / Treasurer

Grants Committee:

- Chair – YBC Vice President
- 2 – 3 additional YBC members

General Eligibility Criteria:

- Grants may be made to individuals or to non-profit organizations who reside in or which serve the communities from which YBC draws its members.
- Grant nominations should come from within YBC; we do not invite direct applications from organizations or individuals.
- At least 75% of the total amount of grants awarded annually should benefit individuals or organizations whose work / mission relates to or directly supports YBC's mission:
 - *To foster the appreciation and execution of handcrafts of the highest quality.*
 - *To encourage the study and practice of handcrafts in the community.*
 - *To support and expand high standards of design and craftsmanship via meetings, publications and exhibitions.*
 - *To assist our members in the marketing of their handcrafts.*
- Each year's grant award process should proceed independent of the Grant Committee's / YBC Board's discussions or conclusions of prior years. Receipt of a grant in one year neither guarantees nor precludes an additional grant in following years.
- The YBC Board may stipulate additional eligibility criteria or amend / waive those stated above when it feels such action is appropriate to achieve a fair and well-balanced result.