



Students **U**nderstanding **R**eal **F**utures

Want Money?

*We fund youth led projects
in Davie County*

Send the attached application to

**Davie Community Foundation
S.U.R.F. Board
PO Box 546
Mocksville, NC 27028**

Extended Due Date: Friday, February 24th, 2012

WHAT IS THE SURF BOARD?

SURF (Students Understanding Real Futures) is a grantmaking board made up of high school students who live in Davie County. SURF gives groups of youth **money** they need to carry out projects which benefit other youth. Examples of previous projects may be found on page 3, but please do not feel limited by these.

HOW TO APPLY

The goal of the 2011-12 SURF Board is to address general issues that impact the youth of Davie County. Bring your ideas for projects.

- Read all information and fill out the attached application.
- If you have questions, you can submit them to the S.U.R.F. Board via email (mcheek@daviefoundation.org) or call the Davie Community Foundation at 753-6903.
- You will be asked to give a 5-minute presentation about your project to the S.U.R.F. Board. We will contact you after submission of the proposal for the presentation time. **The presentation must be made by youth.**
- If you receive a grant, it's time to carry out your project! Please note that if your project is approved, your group will also be required to:
 - Make a short presentation on your project to the SURF Board at their meeting in March 2013. By this time you will have completed your project so you can present on the results, show pictures, etc.
 - Submit a written summary with your presentation to the S.U.R.F. Board.

BASIC Requirements:

- Your project should address general issues that impact the youth of Davie County.
- At least two youth must be involved in planning & carrying out your project. We define youth as 6th to 12th graders.
- Youth must have an adult ally (21 or older).
- Any unused funds must be returned to the SURF Board.
- Checks for projects will be written to a sponsoring organization, and not to an individual.

All requests do not have to involve large amounts of money. Some projects may require smaller dollars and more of a time and/or talent commitment.

What We CAN Pay For:

1. Things for an event, like equipment rental, space rental, awards, food, etc.
2. Materials or supplies like sports equipment, audio equipment, games, books or markers, etc.
3. Postage, printing, copying, or design costs
4. Transportation costs within the county (van rental, etc.)

What We **CAN'T** Pay For:

1. Trips outside Davie County
2. Projects that are planned and led totally by adults
3. Projects that are just designed to raise money for your group or another group that don't address youth needs
4. Salaries for youth, adult allies, or sponsors
5. Anything that is not going to be directly used for the project
6. Any alcohol, tobacco, or drug products, or related promotions
7. Contributions directly to an individual



Examples of Past SURF Grant Awards (2008-2011)

As you can see, the projects SURF funds are diverse!

2011

Cooleemee First Baptist Youth - \$1,000

Grant funds supported a clothing closet and soup kitchen run by the youth of Cooleemee First Baptist Church.

Davie County Young Filmmakers Club - \$650

Grant funds helped the Davie County Young Filmmakers purchase equipment which enabled them to produce higher quality videos.

Davie County Early College - \$250

Grant funds were used to purchase snacks for an after-school tutoring program.

2010

Davie County Young Filmmakers Club - \$1,600

Grant funds supported the Davie County Young Filmmakers Club. The money was used to purchase the necessary equipment to produce their first movie on anti-bullying.

Davie County Early College Spirit Week - \$250

Grant funds supported the Early College Student Council. With their grant they purchased Spirit Week supplies to increase school wide spirit and community.

2008

Hillsdale United Methodist Church Youth - \$1,500

Grant funds supported the *Manna Meals* project. Food was distributed to families in a Hispanic neighborhood in Mocksville once per week. A monthly cookout was also planned.

Davie High School Drama Club - \$900

Grant funds supported *Project Save the Stage*. The project refurbished the outdoor amphitheatre at Davie High School and landscaped the area.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS:

In two pages or less, please answer the 3 questions listed below. PLEASE TYPE YOUR RESPONSES TO THESE QUESTIONS! If you have questions or need additional assistance, please contact Meredith Cheek at 753-6903 or e-mail her at mcheek@daviefoundation.org

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. **Who are you?** We want to know more about your group. Tell us your focus, how long you have been around, and some of the experience and strengths you bring to this project.
2. **What do you want to do?**
 - a. We want to know what your project is and what you hope to accomplish by it.
 - b. Tell us the steps that will be necessary for you to take in order to carry out this project.
 - c. Tell us when and where the activities or actions will happen.
3. **How much will things cost?** Use the budget form to tell us the things you need to buy, how much they cost, what you want us to pay for, and who else is helping you pay for the project.

