



CFMC Grant Application

COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION FOR FUNDING REQUESTS FOR THE Community Foundation of Middlesex County Competitive Cycle.

Instructions: Complete the application on the website. You may "Save and Continue Later" - the site will email you a link which is active for 30 days. Review instructions document for full details before completing. Complete all questions.

Section V requires certain documents to be uploaded to the form - see the Application Instructions Document for a list of the required items. All items must be uploaded as PDF Files. The CFMC Budget Summary form is available on the website in Word. This document must be submitted as PDF file as well.

I. Application Information

Legal Name of Organization

Camp Hazen Young Men's Christian Association, Inc.

Division or Department Name (if applicable)

Other Tax Exempt Entity?

Are you a 501(c)3 Organization

Yes

EIN #

06-0860014

If your organization is not a 501(c) 3 tax exempt entity or division/department of a 170(c)1 government agency or religious organization, please contact Thayer Talbott, 860.347.0025, for further information before completing the application.

Total Cost associated with request \$

100000

Dollar Amount Requested \$

5000

Summary Statement

This grant will be used to provide financial assistance to children from Middlesex County who could not afford to attend Camp Hazen YMCA without it. Now more than ever, we recognize the urgent need to provide a safe social and tech-free setting for youth in our community and are committed to provide this service regardless of a family's ability to pay.

II. Funding Request Information

1. Proposal / Purpose

The goal of the Camp Hazen YMCA Financial Assistance Program is to accept any camper who wants to attend Hazen, regardless of a family's ability to pay. Specifically for this project, the goal is to provide financial assistance to any family in Middlesex County requiring support to send their children to our Day Camp, Overnight Camp, or Leadership Training Program.

Our total projected budget for financial assistance awarded to Middlesex County families in 2024 is \$100,000. In this case, please accept our sincere thanks for the opportunity to submit this application for grant funding in the amount of \$5,000. We are determined to provide the best care and services and will continue to seek funding to ensure the program's viability.

Every child who attends Camp Hazen YMCA, including those from Middlesex County, benefits from the experience. Camp Hazen intentionally addresses the social, cultural, and recreational needs of youth and gives them the tools and values to make positive decisions in order to become motivated to succeed in the future. We must grow and sustain summer camp experiences to eliminate widening summer learning opportunity gaps, especially for the most underserved children, teens, and young adults in our community.

In today's world, a summer camp experience is invaluable in the lives of children and teens. Camp gives youth a place to learn, grow, and thrive in a safe and supportive environment. At Camp Hazen YMCA, this experience is taken further; a child will come away with renewed confidence, resiliency, and social communication skills. The Camp Hazen culture is vibrant and unique – a mix of campers and staff with different abilities, ages, cultural backgrounds, ethnicities, faiths, gender, gender identities, ideologies, income, national origins, race, and sexual orientations. In this environment, everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential with dignity and without judgment. This culture is essential to encouraging tolerance and inclusivity in a rapidly changing world and would benefit not only those who participate, but the larger world they return to.

Through assistance provided by this grant, Middlesex County youth will be able to experience all aspects of Camp Hazen's programs and take new life skills and world perspectives home with them to share with their families, friends, and the community.

Children and families deserve a safe space they can trust, that will continue to provide for their needs no matter what. Most recently, we see the highest need for young people in our community to be opportunities for social and emotional growth that were missed during the pandemic. We will continue to do everything in our power to ensure our local community receives these benefits that camp can provide.

One current camper parent from East Hampton, CT expressed their experience in this way:

"I feel forever grateful to Camp Hazen - staff, volunteers, and donors - for making it possible for my son to attend camp. Without your help, he would not have had nearly the growth, education, sense of independence and community that he has developed through Camp Hazen experiences.

"He has so many stories of friends he made and activities he has done at camp. It is truly a rare chance for significant personal growth and experiential learning. I love the character traits that camp experiences instill. I regret that as a single underemployed mom of three kids, I don't earn enough regular income and we rely on SNAP and HUSKY assistance in order to survive. With my deepest gratitude I sincerely and humbly ask for help to send my child to Camp Hazen. He loves it there. It feels like home for him - and, in this world we hope our kids can feel a strong connection like this, which grows their self esteem and makes them want to become better people."

In short, Camp Hazen YMCA's Financial Assistance Program is a vital part of Hazen's culture. 40% of Hazen campers receive some amount of assistance to attend our programs, and 116 campers from Middlesex County have already been approved for financial assistance for the summer of 2024. Without the Financial Assistance Program, the culture, population, and values of Camp Hazen YMCA would be very different. We are continually grateful to the Community Foundation of Middlesex County for your partnership in changing lives. We look to you now for your support in continuing this mission.

2. Sustainability and Assessing Impact

Camp Hazen YMCA's financial assistance program is funded through donations to the Annual Giving Campaign, foundation grants, corporate sponsorships, and camp operating income. The financial assistance program has been funded for many years through these means.

Camp Hazen YMCA provided more than \$360,000 in financial assistance to 583 children to attend our programs in 2023. Of the 379 total children from all 15 towns within Middlesex County who attended summer camp in 2023, 165 received \$95,243 in assistance.

Without funding from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, families from the 15-town area will still receive some financial assistance to attend Camp Hazen, as our policy is to provide assistance to any family who needs it.

To evaluate measurable success rates of the financial assistance program, the overall satisfaction of the summer camp program is the best way to attain numerical data. In this case, campers and parents are both surveyed after each camp session, with an additional detailed survey sent to all parents at the end of the summer. In 2023, when asked about the overall experience their child had at Camp Hazen, 92.5% of parents said "Excellent, we love Camp Hazen," 6.5% said "Good," and less than 1% responded "You could do better." This stellar response is considered the measure of a successful experience and, in turn, the success of the program. Each year, results from the evaluations are tallied and analyzed. Any urgent changes noted on evaluations are followed up on immediately. Program staff present results to the Program Committee and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for any major program additions, deletions, or changes. Evaluation responses have resulted in long-term alterations of program focus, equipment, staff, and curriculum.

III. Grant Program / Project Information

Organization Area of Impact (choose ONE)

Recreation

Grant Type (choose ONE)

Program Development/Implementation

Target Demographics (Select all that apply):

- Youth (ages 13-17)
- Children (ages 6-12)
- Families
- Students
- Women and Girls
- At Risk Boys and Young Men
- LGBTQIA+
- BIPOC

Geographic Area(s) Served By This Application:

- Chester
- Clinton
- Cromwell
- Deep River
- Durham
- East Haddam
- East Hampton
- Essex
- Haddam

- Killingworth
- Middlefield
- Middletown
- Old Saybrook
- Portland
- Westbrook

Total Number of People in Middlesex County Personally Impacted

379

IV. Organization Information

Board of Directors / Trustees Information

Percent (%) of Directors/Trustees who contribute annually to Operations

100%

Total Number of Directors/Trustees:

10

Average number attending in person:

7

Total Number of Board meetings held last year:

5

Year of Return:

2022

Date most recent IRS Form 990 was filed:

6/15/2023

Organization's Total Operating Budget

4003468

Organization's Fiscal Year

Jan 1 - Dec 31

Division Operating Budget Information

National Organization Chapter Information

Did you RECEIVE a competitive process grant in the:

- 2020-2021 process
- 2021-2022 process

Brief Background Statement of the Organization:

Camp Hazen YMCA was established in 1920 by the State YMCA of Connecticut as a resident camp for boys. In 1971, Camp Hazen YMCA became an independent YMCA and expanded to become co-ed in 1978. Programs again expanded to include year-round outdoor education and retreats in 1990 and a summer day camp program in 1995. Camp Hazen YMCA is committed to helping youth develop valuable life skills through camping experiences that build healthy bodies, open minds, and awakened spirits. We work through our programs to fulfill our mission. We hire positive young adult role models committed to youth development through values and character education.

V. Additional Information To Be Included with the Application

Please Note: Additional information requested below MUST be uploaded in PDF files. Other document formats will not be accepted by the application form. Attempts to upload other file formats could result in a loss of all application data entered.

A. Current Organization Operations Budget (Required)

- Camp-Hazen-YMCA-2024-Operating-Budget.pdf

B. Board of Directors and Officers List (Required)

- Camp-Hazen-YMCA-2024-Board-of-Directors.pdf

C. IRS Tax Exempt Determination Letter

- IRS-Determination-Letter.pdf

D. For Program/Project Requests only - CFMC Budget Summary Form:

- CFMC-Summary-Budget-Camp-Hazen-YMCA.pdf

E. Organizations serving a region greater than Middlesex County - county-based budget summary:

F. America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Yes

ARPA Funding detail

Designate Will Apply or Have Been Approved/Received	Amount Requested / Approved
2023 CSDE Summer Enrichment - Received	\$50,000
2024 CSDE Summer Enrichment - Approved	\$50,000
FY 2024 CSDE Mental Health Grant - Approved	\$15,899.15
FY 2025 CSDE Mental Health Grant - Approved	\$15,899.15
FY 2026 CSDE Mental Health Grant - Approved	\$11,129.41

Additional financial documentation, including the organization's most recent audit, annual report, and IRS Form 990 may also be required. Only provide this information if requested.

For programs or projects which are collaborations among two or more organizations or where an organization provides in-school or after-school programming for schools, the Community Foundation requires a list of organizations or schools partnering with your organization as well as Letters of Support.

For the purposes of this application, collaborations are defined as partnerships where two or more agencies are committed through staffing, funding, and resource allocation to the goals and objectives of the program described. Because the nature of the collaboration requires two or more entities to work together, for the purposes of funding, only one organization may complete the application, and in doing so, accepts responsibility for all evaluative and fiduciary reporting.

For all collaborations, the Community Foundation requires letters of support from the non-applicant organization(s) and/or from the school(s) and school district(s) at which the applicant organization is the program.

Is this application in collaboration with a School(s) or School District(s)?

No

Is this application a collaboration of two or more nonprofit organizations (NOT schools)?

No

If this is an On-Going Collaboration, how long has the collaboration existed?

If Yes, is this a New or On-Going Collaboration?

List of Collaborators

Letters of Support (if a collaboration with schools or other nonprofits))

VI. Organization Contact Information

Are you a new nonprofit applicant to the Community Foundation?

No

Title

Executive Director/CEO

Executive Officer's Name

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Title

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Social Media Channels

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CampHazenYMCA1920/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/camphazenyumca/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/camphazenyumca/>

VII. Non-Funding Needs

By sharing Camp Hazen YMCA's content on social media channels or through newsletters, this creates a larger awareness of the programs we offer for families within the Middlesex community. We also appreciate toiletries such as bug spray, sunscreen, shampoo, and soap to benefit campers in the summer.

VIII. Marketing and Public Relations

Organizations receiving grants from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County must promote their funding awards according to the marketing and public relations guidelines established by the Community Foundation. By signing the application below, the CEO/Executive Director understands the Community Foundation's marketing and public relations requirements if awarded a grant. The Community Foundation will host a seminar on marketing guidelines and tips for grantees annually. The Community Foundation's Grantee Communications Kit may be downloaded on our website in the Nonprofit Resources section, middlesexcountycf.org/nonprofits/resources/forms-pr-guidelines/.

IX. Tax Exempt Standing and Use of Grant Funding Certification

By signing this application, the CEO/Executive Director/Board President is certifying that your organization is a qualified 501c3 organization or other charitable organization recognized and currently in good standing with the IRS, or 170(c)(1) governmental agencies. Should a grant be approved by the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, these funds may only be used for the purpose outlined in your original application; you must notify us if you are unable to do so. If grant funding is provided, you may only use these funds for charitable purpose as described in Section 170(c)2 of the IRS code, and funds may not be used for any political or lobbying activity. In addition, no tangible benefits, goods or services may be received by our donors or by staff members of the Community Foundation of Middlesex County in exchange for grant funding.

Signature Certification

I certify that my printed name as stated and assigned below constitutes my signature and may be accepted as such.

Title

Associate Development Director

Printed Name

Calley Mowring

Date

03/07/2024