The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence is celebrating 30 years of serving Arizona's youth program providers.

**YSA Afterschool Grants**

$500 Grants
for afterschool programs
to engage 50+ youth
in leading service or service-learning activities

Apply by December 4, 2020

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Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

With generous support from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, YSA will award Afterschool Grants of up to $500 each to support youth-led service or service-learning in afterschool programs.

Grants are offered on a competitive application basis and open to any afterschool program in the United States that meets the following requirements:
Engage at least 50 youth as volunteers in virtual, hybrid, and/or safe in-person service or service-learning projects between December 2020 – May 2021;
Put students' health and safety first by following COVID-related guidelines of federal, state, and local governments;
Submit an online impact report by June 30, 2021;
Engage a large percentage of youth from underserved communities; and
Focus on engaging middle and high-school aged youth.

Activities can take place any time between mid-December and the end of the 2020-
2021 school year. We will provide additional planning resources to grantees for MLK Day of Service (January 18, 2021) and/or Global Youth Service Day (April 23-25, 2021); participation in both of these days is optional.

Apply by December 4 at [http://ysa.org/grant/afterschool/](http://ysa.org/grant/afterschool/)

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NAA’s Next Generation of Afterschool Leaders is seeking young leader nominees. Do you know someone worthy of this honor who:

- Are age 30 or under as of November 13, 2020
- Are active in the broader afterschool community, including, but not limited to membership in NAA and its state affiliates
- Demonstrate contributions that have started to influence beyond an individual program to entire organizations and communities
- Are actively engaged in efforts to elevate the afterschool field
- Have a proven passion for development of themselves and others, and demonstrate persistence in their work to grow as leaders
- Demonstrate the NAA core competencies, specifically Content Area 10: Professional Development and Leadership

Click [here](http://ysa.org/grant/afterschool/) for more details or to nominate an *exceptional* youth in your community!

Nominations due by November 13.

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Introduce your afterschool learners to National Geographic Explorers! Join the National Geographic Society for special editions of *National Geographic’s Explorer Classroom* this fall designed for out-of-school time educators. These Explorer Classroom events are supported by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. The live YouTube shows connect young people with cutting-edge scientists, researchers, and powerful storytellers around the world. The events are free and include live Q&A with the Explorers as well as an event guide for your learners to get the most out of the experience. Learn more and register: [NatGeoEd.org/AfterschoolEC](http://NatGeoEd.org/AfterschoolEC)

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Out-of-school time programs have faced innumerable challenges this year, but have remained committed to delivering quality programming for your communities. We are incredibly thankful for the afterschool programs in our state. What we do would not be possible without their passion and hard work for the youth of our state. This year, we want to give back to the amazing programs that support the children and families in Arizona communities. Help us recognize these programs by showing them an abundance of gratitude for their dedication to OST. Learn more about the out-of-school time programs we support and how you can be a part of our Giving Tuesday efforts [here](#).