



2024-2025 Graham County Community Foundation Youth Ambassador Program

APPLICATION

The Graham County Community Foundation views our area youth as the leaders of tomorrow. We are committed to learning more about the desires, needs and wants of the youth to make informed decisions for the betterment now and in the future. The GCCF has a special position on the board of directors exclusively for high school students to serve and provide a youth perspective.

WHO ARE WE?

The Graham County Community Foundation (GCCF) is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) public charity that enables people to establish charitable funds to give back to their community in support of organizations and causes they care about most.

As an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation (GNWKCF), we join a collective of area community foundations aimed at increasing philanthropic giving in the NW Kansas region. With both endowed (long-term, invested funds) and non-endowed (short-term, “pass-through”) funds are developed to provide financial support to 501(c)(3) and other qualifying non-profit organizations and for charitable purposes to benefit area residents.

OUR MISSION

Committed to the development and improvement within Graham County, Kansas for the long-term growth and security of individuals and organizations.

WHAT DO WE DO?

- Review and approve Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund applications
- Raise funds in support of local organizations
- Raise funds locally to support of endowed “savings” fund as part of the Dane G. Hansen Match Month Challenge
- Bring the community together to identify opportunities and create solutions
- Work collaboratively to solve problems and improve quality of life



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- Applicant must be going into their sophomore, junior or senior year attending school in Graham County, Kansas. In good academic standing.
- The Youth Ambassador Board Member(s) will begin serving their one-year term in June immediately following the conclusion of their freshman/sophomore/junior year, ending in May the following year.
- YA have the opportunity to renew their term(s) for additional years through their graduating year, but must reapply annually for consideration of their renewal(s).
- Multiple candidates may be selected to fill the position. In such cases, those appointed will share one (1) vote on the board unless the board approves additional positions to the board of directors with full voting privileges.

GCCF – YOUTH AMBASSADOR REQUIREMENTS

- Attend orientation and trainings provided by GCCF staff and/or board chair.
- Attend and participate in board meetings, grant reviews, GCCF Business, etc.
- Provide input from the youth perspective
- Help provide guidance in shaping the foundation's programming
- Assist GCCF with events and activities
- Learn about philanthropy and community betterment

YOUTH BOARD MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS

- Leadership skills
- Fun and energetic
- Positive attitude
- Commitment to grantmaking and community betterment
- Responsible, dependable, and organized
- Desire to work as a team
- Commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applicants must complete the application form, respond to the questions listed, obtain one letter of recommendation, and have all materials postmarked to Graham County Community Foundation, PO Box 51, Hill City, KS 67650 by **September 25, 2024**. Or can be returned to Melissa Lindenman, Board Chairman at the Nex-Tech office or by e-mail to mlindenman@nex-tech.com.

Applications will be reviewed and those selected to sit for an interview will be contacted by October 1. The finalist(s) will be announced by October 30 and begin their term immediately, through May 31, 2025.



GCCF – YOUTH AMBASSADOR APPLICATION FORM

Part I

Name: _____ Age: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

High School: _____ Grade: _____

Student Phone: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____ Email: _____

Part II

In a separate document, respond to each of the following questions in no more than **250 words for each question**.

1. Describe your current involvement and impact in your school and community.
2. Why do you want to be a Youth Ambassador for the GCCF?
3. What is a challenge you faced in your life. What did you learn? How has it impacted you?

Part III

One letter of recommendation required from non-family members.



Part IV

If selected to be the youth ambassador, I understand that I will serve a one-year term from November 2024 through May 2025.

My commitment to the GCCF board of directors is that I will make a committed effort to:

1. Communicate in an effective, timely, and respectful manner among staff, donors, and board members.
2. Participate in the planning and facilitation of annual events and activities; including the Match Month campaigns, and other events as scheduled.
3. Actively prepare for, attend, and participate in monthly board meetings.
4. Provide open and honest insight into the youth perspective of Graham County and the area.
5. Be a respectful leader in the field of philanthropy and community betterment.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

**MAIL, DELIVER or E-MAIL APPLICATION
NO LATER THAN September 25, 2024, TO:**

**Graham County Community Foundation
PO Box 51, Hill City, KS 67642
E-mail: mlindenman@nex-tech.com
Website: www.grahamccf.org
Or drop of at Nex-Tech**