

2024 CALL FOR KINDNESS APPLICATION

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Thank you for your interest in Riley's Way Call For Kindness (C4K)! We can't wait to learn more about your project.

Riley's Way will award up to 40 youth-led projects in 2024. Twenty-five start-up grants of up to \$5,000 and 15 grants of up to \$3,000 will be awarded. The grant will be disbursed in two portions: half at the beginning of the Fellowship in May 2024 and the second half in November 2024, which is contingent upon the expectations outlined in the application.

In addition to the funding, C4K Fellows will also participate in a dynamic Leadership Development Fellowship that will help you grow your project, network, leadership skills, and peer-community. Each C4K Fellowship is designed around the needs of the group of Fellows, with some of the workshops taught by peers and others by experts in the field. Fellows come together in monthly virtual networking and skill-building sessions and one in-person Leadership Retreat.

Please visit www.callforkindness.org for detailed information about the Call For Kindness, including details about the Leadership Development program, 2024 special topic, and judging rubric.

We are accepting applications from US citizens and DACA recipients between the ages of 13-23.

If you are applying as a group, you only need to submit one entry form. All active group members are welcome to attend the Leadership Development virtual sessions.

The deadline to submit an application is MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024 at 11:59pm EST.

If you have any questions, please email callforkindness@rileysandler.org

On this page, please select if you are applying as a general project, part of the 2024 special topic: Educational Equity, or for the Yuriko Kikuchi Arigato Award. Each of the categories have the same questions and judging process.

- General Application: This category is for projects focused on any topic besides the special topic. Up to 29 projects will be selected in this category.
- Special Topic: This category is for projects focused on the 2024 special topic: Educational Equity. Applicants can define this how they wish. Up to 10 projects will be selected in this category.
- Yuriko Kikuchi Arigato Award: This category is for projects that have a focus in the dance/performing arts field. One project will receive this award.



Category (<i>select one</i>)	General Application
	Special Topic: Environmental Justice
	Yuriko Kikuchi Arigato Awaro

Application Name

Name <i>If working in a group, list the name of the group leader/primary applicant</i>

Email address <i>If working in a group, list the email address of the group leader/primary applicant</i>

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

We're excited to meet you and learn a little bit about you!

If you are applying as a group, please select a group leader and add their information here (the rest of your group members' and/or co-leader's information will be shared in the next section).

Phonetic pronunciation of group leader's name

Ex: "David Baronofski: Day-vid Ba-ra-nof-ski" "Anika Liley (Ah-knee-kah Ligh-lee - rhymes with highly)"

Age

Birthday

Street Address

Please include your apartment number if applicable

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

This can be your phone number or your parent/guardian's

Gender Identity

Pronouns

Ex: he, she, they, name, other, etc.

School (*optional*)

Ethnicity

Is the group leader under 18 years old or 18 years old/older? (<i>select one</i>)	Group leader is under 18	Parent/legal guardian name
	Group leader is 18+	Parent/legal guardian email address

PROJECT INFORMATION

Give us a brief summary of your project here.

Project title

<p>List 3-5 key words that quickly describe your project. <i>What 3-5 key words would you use to quickly describe your project? Ex: "food insecurity, farming" "STEM, afterschool, robotics, mentoring"</i></p>
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<p>Project summary (100 word max) <i>Briefly describe your project in up to 100 words.</i></p>

<p>Please select the range of the grant you are selecting. <i>(select one)</i></p>	\$1 - \$1,000
	\$1,001 - \$3,000
	\$3,001 - \$5,000

<p>Does your project take place in one location (i.e. your school, your city, etc.) or in multiple locations (i.e. multiple cities, multiple states, virtually, etc.) <i>(select one)</i></p>	One location	
	Multiple Locations	<p>Please list all locations your project takes place in. <i>Ex: "The project takes place in 12 states in the US" "My project takes place is both NYC and LA" "We work in the US and internationally (in Belgium, Kenya, and Korea), holding meetings virtually"</i></p>

<p>Are you working with a group <i>If you are a team of two or more, please select yes.</i> <i>(select one)</i></p>	No
	<p>Yes</p> <p>We'd like to learn more! Share the number of active group members you have, their age range, and how they participate in the project. If you are working with a co-leader, specifically share their name and age.</p> <p><i>Ex: "We have 15 volunteers between the ages of 10-18 who help with packing the food drive bags."</i></p> <p><i>"My co-founder is Shawn Hendricks and he is 20." "I work with Joyce Cummings (15), Jade Foster (16), and Ian James (16) to lead the project. Our club has 20 members who participate actively."</i></p>

Please share a photo! This can be a headshot, group photo, a picture of your project in action, or a logo of your project.

APPLICATION

This is where you will share details about your project through the questions below.

You can choose to submit a written application or video application. This is a personal/group decision and will not affect the judging process.

- Written applications: answer the questions directly on this page
- Video applications: upload a video answering the questions provided. *There will be some written components included.*

We also want to know if this is a new project or an existing project so we can better understand the scope of your project and the support you might need. This criteria will not affect the judging process.

- New projects: If you have an idea for a project and want support getting it off the ground, select New.
- Existing projects: If you have already started working on your project, select Existing.

Will you be submitting a written or video application? <i>Please select if you are submitting a video or written application. Both are judged the same, this is a personal preference. (select one)</i>	Written
	Video

Is your project a new idea or existing project? <i>(select one)</i>	New
	Existing

Describe your project and how it will have an impact in your community <i>Written: 1000 word max / Video: 3 minutes or less</i>
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How does your project exemplify each of Riley's Way's values (empathy, kindness, leadership, and inclusive community)? <i>Written: 800 word max / Video: 2 minutes or less</i> Visit www.rileysway.org/rileys-way-foundation to read our value definitions

What is your project timeline, with specific goals, between May 6, 2024 - May 6, 2025?

Written: 400 word max, Bulleted list is fine / Video: 1 minute or less

Is there anything else you'd like us to know? (*optional*)

Written: 400 word max / Video: 1 minute or less

Share the exact amount of funding you are requesting.

Please attach a detailed budget for the amount you requested.

Keep in mind that your grant will be split into two checks - one sent in May 2024 and the second sent in November 2024.

Visit our website FAQs at rileysway.org/faq for a sample budget.

For Existing Projects Only	How long have you been working on your project?
	What have you learned while working on your project? <i>Written: 200 word max / Video: 1 minute or less</i>
	Do you have other sources of funding? How would these funds expand or improve the impact of your project? <i>Written: 200 word max / Video 1 minute or less</i>

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Is there anything else you'd like us to know? Feel free to upload photos, videos, news articles, impact reports, website links, presentations, etc. here.

This section is optional.

Share additional links here (*optional*)

Share your project's social media handles here (*optional*)

Share a letter of recommendation from a mentor/teacher/coach, a peer, someone you have impacted by your project, a partner organization, etc. (*optional*)

Share any additional files or photos here (*optional*)

PROJECT PARTNER

For legal and tax purposes, we cannot provide the grant money directly to individuals. We hope that you are able to partner with a registered 501(c)(3) organization, which could be your school or a nonprofit organization, which will be your fiscal sponsor. The grant money will be awarded directly to your partner organization who will administer the funds to you. Please include a PDF letter or email of support from your partner organization confirming that they will support your project (including fund distribution). This letter should provide a contact person and their contact information.

If you do not currently have a partner organization, this **will not** exclude you from eligibility. Riley's Way will work with you to secure a partner through the Fellowship process.

If your project is already a registered 501(c)(3), you are exempt from requiring a project partner. We will ask for verification on this page.

Do you have a project/fiscal partner? (<i>select one</i>)	Yes, I have a project/fiscal partner	Partner organization/school name		
		Partner organization/school website (<i>optional</i>)		
		Contact person's name <i>Who will you work with/who can Riley's Way be in touch with?</i>		
		Contact person's work email address		
	Letter of support			
	The project is a 501(c)(3)	Please upload your 501(c)(3) certification letter or other form of verification.		
	No, I do not have a project/fiscal partner	Do you have a potential partner in mind?	Yes	Please share the name of your potential partner. Tell us more! Do you have a connection to your potential partner? Have you already reached out to them? How

				can Riley's Way help support your request?
			No	Is there anything else you'd like to share? This could be what support you need from Riley's Way, what you're looking for in a potential partner, etc. (optional)

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CALL FOR KINDNESS FELLOWSHIP

The Call For Kindness program is more than the grant. By becoming a Call For Kindness Fellow, you will be a part of a year-long Leadership Development community! During the year, you will learn from experts, peers, and mentors about a variety of topics, as well as become a part of a cohort of other Call For Kindness Fellows. You will also have access to other opportunities, including interviews, press, networking events, etc.

The components of the Leadership Development Fellowship include:

- Monthly 60-minute virtual meetings, scheduled to occur on the second Thursday of each month, starting on May 9, 2024 (*subject to change*)
- An in-person Retreat over a weekend in February, transportation and lodging provided by Riley's Way (*date & location TBD*)
- Quarterly meetings with Riley's Way staff and/or your assigned mentor.
- Two grant reports (brief updates) submitted to Riley's Way throughout the Fellowship.

How will the Call For Kindness Fellowship program help your project grow and your own growth as a kind leader? (400 word max)

If accepted into the Call For Kindness 2024, what are some skills you would like to strengthen or trainings you would like to attend?

Ex: how to budget; how to get press; how to manage volunteers

If accepted into the Call For Kindness 2024, are there any skills or trainings you would like to lead for the group? (*optional*)

Ex: social media; fundraising; virtual meetings

Click here to confirm that you, or a member of your group, is able to commit to attending 80% of the Leadership Development offerings (listed above).

Click here to confirm that you will submit two grant reports (brief updates on your project) throughout the course of the Fellowship.

Click here to confirm that you understand that your grant will be split into two checks - one sent in May 2024 and one sent in November 2024.

We will be conducting brief interviews with finalists during the week of April 16-25, 2024. Please share the days and times that you/your team will be available during that week. **Please include time zones.**

Ex: 4/24 between 3-6pm EST; Wed, Thurs, Fri after 5pm PST, etc.

How did you hear about the Call For Kindness? Please be specific, we love details!

Ex: "Facebook ad", "someone I follow on Instagram @RileysWayFoundation", "My school newsletter (North High School)", "from my older sister", etc.