



Background:

The survey conducted by the Archdiocese Youth Task Force in 2021 revealed a deep desire from our young people to be entrusted with more - more responsibility, more ownership, more meaningful participation. It is our prayer that this small effort will give our young people a chance to realize their potential as full, trusted members of the Church while utilizing their time and talents to serve others in need.

The Goal:

Provide an opportunity for teens to work as a team to organize a philanthropic effort from start to finish using four \$1,000 and two \$500 grants provided by the Church through NAC SOYO.

While adult oversight should be provided, the teens will have full reign of the project, its details, and its momentum. As implied in the name of this effort, this is an opportunity for young people to be enTRUSTed with real responsibility and real assets. Whether taken on at the parish, deanery, or Diocese level, this is intended to be an effort fully driven by teens with the support of their clergy, youth directors, and mentors.



Guiding Questions and Worksheets

The attached questionnaires and grant application will help work out the details and assist your group to ensure expectations are made clear from the beginning.

Instructions

Discover, develop, or decide upon a philanthropic effort to support using \$1,000 or \$500 in grant money (you can apply for either sum). This can be within or outside of the Archdiocese. There are only two stipulations:

1. You cannot simply donate the sum. You must utilize it to cultivate a more meaningful or larger gift.
2. Whatever the decided project, it must help fulfill or meet the needs of a group or person.

Expectations

- The project completion deadline is Pascha 2024 (May 5), but you can set an earlier deadline for your group if you see fit.
- Detailed records of the finances and action items must be kept.
- Your team must decide how often and how to meet and submit meeting notes with your final summary.
- It is your responsibility to recognize the areas where you will need assistance or participation from your advisors or others outside of your group. Every effort should be made to ensure they know the timeline of what is needed from them, and a reasonable amount of notice should be given whenever possible.
- Your team will be asked to submit a final report to the NAC SOYO Board on your process and the execution of the project. This will be due and presented at the summer Board of Trustees meeting (usually in May).

Planning Worksheet

Here are a few things to think about and consider as you fill out your TRUST grant application. You do not have to turn these in with your application. These questions are intended to help you organize and refine your plan.

Getting Started

Who or what would we like to serve/support?

Is there an existing effort we can support, or will we create something new?

Once we've chosen whom we'd like to serve, what will our goal be? (fundraising, material creation, to serve in person, other?)

How can we utilize or multiply our seed money to make sure we reach our goal?

Can we achieve our goal in the given timeframe?

Are there any challenges we anticipate? What can we do to prepare for and face them?

Is there anything stopping us from acting now?

What are small steps that we can take to begin the process?

Getting Organized

How will we divide responsibilities? What Chairperson or Committee heads will we need to create?

Who will keep everyone accountable and ensure we are on schedule?

What timeline/goals can we set to stay on track?

How often should we meet to check our progress?

Where will we need help from our advisors or other people outside of our team?

What documents will we need to create to record our actions?

- Financial records?
- Logistical records?
- Project outline?



Application for TRUST Grant

We would like to serve/support:

The need we hope to help meet is:

We chose this cause because

If you can research them, please share any relevant statistics regarding your community and the need you are addressing. This is not required but can help the TRUST committee understand your project choice.

Give a three-sentence summary of your action plan. We would like to serve this cause by ...

Our official project goal is:

Check one:

To achieve this goal, we are applying for \$500/ \$1,000 in funding from NAC SOYO.

Our project advisor is:

Advisor email:

Our teen contact person is:

Teen email:

Our project completion deadline will be:

To be signed by the priest of the parish/organization:

I have reviewed the service plan my teens have drafted, and they have my blessing to apply for TRUST funding for their efforts.

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_____ (signature)

_____ (printed name)

TRUST is still in its infancy, and our funds are limited. If you are not selected as a grant recipient this year, we encourage you to apply next year! If we are unable to fund your project this round, we also encourage you to show your action plan and application to your parish council and see if they can help support your service efforts.

Please email your completed, approved, and signed application to
The NAC SOYO Board at youth@antiochian.org