

YES Fund Grant Application – SPEC& IYF

Please complete with information as it appears on your Government issued Photo ID.

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Age: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Address: _____
Number and Street

_____ City State Zip Code

Congregation: _____ Pastor: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____
Last First Middle Initial

I agree to:

- Return to my home congregation and share my experience.
- Share my experience in writing (reflection form provided at SPEC/IYF)
- Participate in a 10-hour Service Project
- Participate in a 20-hour Mission Project depending on the level of funds requested.

I am requesting YES Funds for the following:

____ Airfare

____ Registration

For Registration Requests only:

Item	Amount
Registration Costs	\$ _____
Amount Provided by Applicant	\$ _____
Amount Provided by Congregation	\$ _____
Other source of Funds	\$ _____
Amount of Grant Requested	\$ _____

Signatures:

 Applicant Date

 Parent/Guardian Date

 Pastor Date

Mail by **June 1st**
 Inland West Mission Center
 11515 E. Broadway Ave.
 Spokane Valley, WA 99206
 Or e-mail sdecker@cofchrist-iwest.org

YES Fund Policy – SPEC & IYF

Who is the YES Fund for?

The YES Fund is intended to assist youth who are active in the life of the church attend youth camps including the International Youth Forum and Spectacular.

Can I apply for the YES Fund if I am not a member of the Community of Christ?

Yes.

Am I eligible for the YES Fund if my grandparents attend church or I have a friend that attends, but I have never been active in the Community of Christ (congregation, camps, etc.)?

We believe in the power of SPEC to change lives. We believe that change is a process that happens in a community over a long period of time, even though it may start with an event like SPEC. If you are not active in a congregation, we'd sure like to get to know you and take this journey together. We have both a desire and a responsibility to give priority funding to those who have already joined us in mission.

If you want to participate in SPEC, simply to have a good time – good times can be had anywhere, but this experience has the power to impact your life. If you aren't ready to join in group events (sports, Christian and elective classes,) spiritual worships, dorm style living, and adhere to a demanding time schedule, this national youth camp may not meet your expectations. If you are willing to participate in the fullness of what SPEC has to offer, the life memories you make will last forever.

What level of funding can I apply for?

	Active Participant	New Friend
Expectations for Airfare Funding:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Share your story in writing – 250-500 words.2. Share your story with your home	YES Fund will cover ½ Airfare cost for people not connected to the life of the church if they are willing to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Share your story in

	<p>congregation.</p> <p>3. Participate in a service or ministry project approved by your pastor (approx. 10 hours)</p> <p>Other arrangements can be made for those who do not live near a congregation.</p>	<p>writing – 250-500 words.</p> <p>2. Share your story with your home congregation.</p> <p>3. Participate in a service or ministry project approved by your pastor (approx. 10 hours)</p> <p>YES Fund will cover the remaining half of the airfare if the individual does the following:</p> <p>Develop a mission project in conjunction with your pastor or mission center staff member based on one of the five mission initiatives. Approx 20 hours</p>
<p>Expectations for Registration Funding.*</p>	<p>Develop a mission project in conjunction with your pastor or mission center staff member based on one of the five mission initiatives. Approx 20 hours YES Fund will cover up to ½ of registration costs.</p>	<p>Not available for those not previously connected to the life of the church.</p>

*Registration Funding is typically secondary to congregational scholarship/campership funds.

10 Hour Service/ Ministry Project

This project needs to be developed in conjunction with your pastor. If you live a long distance from a congregation other arrangements can be made with a Campground Board President or Mission Center Staff. Below are some examples of the 10 Hour Service/Ministry Project:

- Cleaning the Church
- Mowing the Church Yard
- Snow Removal at Church
- Participating in a Campground work day
- Organizing a food drive
- Producing a congregational newsletter
- Staffing a congregational information booth at local civic event

20 Hour Mission Project

This project is different from the 10 hour service project in that the hour requirement is longer and it needs to be focused on one of the five Mission Initiatives. The five mission initiatives are:

- Invite People to Christ
- Abolish Poverty, End Suffering
- Pursue Peace
- Develop Disciples to Serve
- Experience Congregations in Mission

The idea is for you to engage in mission with a congregation. Here are some examples of what this looks like:

- Participate in a weekly or monthly feeding program.
- Plan and tend a community garden
- Teach a Sunday school class for a semester
- Participate in an after school program for underserved youth.
- Help organize a congregation litter pick up day.

When does this need to be done by?

December 31st of the year you attend SPEC. Extensions can be granted on a case by case basis.

What if I forget to do the Mission Project or participate in any of the sharing experiences?

We'll forget to purchase your airfare the next year.

Graduating Seniors

If you are a graduating senior you may be thinking "I don't really have to do this, do I?" You are old enough to know we can't force you to do anything, but you are also old enough to be responsible and fulfill your commitments to the YES Fund. If you move away from your home congregation we can help connect you to a new congregation or work with you to accomplish the requirements outside of traditional congregational life.

Why do I have to do "stuff" for YES Funds?

Few things in life are free and we've found it is important for participants to have a connection to the funds they are receiving. Many folks in our mission center give sacrificially to the YES Fund so that youth can participate in SPEC and IYF. With the basic requirements we've set to cover the cost of airfare you will be receiving the equivalent of \$40-\$50 per hour. If you have a summer job that pays that much, you shouldn't be asking for YES Funds.

How does this process work:

- You and your pastor should discuss and plan a Ministry/Service Project prior to attending SPEC. You will both need to commit to this project prior to SPEC and you will need to have the project completed by December 31st of the year to you go to SPEC. You will need to submit a Project form with your YES Fund Application.
- For the 10-Hour Service Project you will not need to fill out a proposal. For all projects you will need to fill out a "report." Don't worry it won't be painful, but we do want to follow up and make sure you have completed your project.
- For the 20-Hour Service Project you will need to fill out a proposal that outlines your project and send it to the YES Fund Committee.
- We understand life happens and needs change. We expect your project report(s) to be submitted by December 31st of the year you attend SPEC. Extensions can be granted by the YES Fund Committee.