



FRIENDS OF SOUTHGATE COMMUNITY CENTER

Supporting our Community

FRIENDS OF SOUTHGATE COMMUNITY CENTER ENRICHMENT AWARD 2026


We are excited to announce our fourth year of offering financial support to our active youth members (13 – 18 years old) who are seeking enrichment opportunities to contribute to their overall development and well-being.

The Enrichment Award empowers young minds to unleash their full potential by providing financial support for a diverse range of educational and life-enriching activities. From university studies to specialized trade schools and summer camp opportunities, this award is designed to help youth explore and achieve their unique ambitions and goals. Whether they aspire to become scientists, artists, engineers, entrepreneurs, or pursue any other passion, the Enrichment Award is a steppingstone to success. Here are examples of the types of opportunities the award can help support:

- attending university or trade school
- participating in internships or apprenticeships
- taking specialized courses or certifications
- joining study abroad programs
- enrolling in language classes
- attending workshops and conferences
- exploring entrepreneurship or business programs
- engaging in research projects
- pursuing artistic or creative endeavors
- developing leadership skills through training programs
- volunteering or engaging in community service projects

In addition to traditional academic paths, the Enrichment Award can also be used for transformative experiences like specialized camps for younger teens, such as:

- STEM camps: Explore the fascinating world of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through hands-on learning experiences.

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- Arts and creative camps: Nurture your inner artist with exposure to various artistic mediums like painting, music, theater, and creative writing.
 - Leadership and personal development camps: Develop essential life skills, self-confidence, and teamwork abilities through fun and interactive programs.
 - Adventure and outdoor camps: Connect with nature, learn survival skills, and challenge yourself through exciting activities like rock climbing, hiking, or kayaking.

These opportunities can enhance knowledge, skills, and personal growth while fostering self-confidence and forging future connections.

Students connected to the Cathy Hudgins Community Center are invited to apply. Please visit our website <https://www.southgatecommunitycenter.org/> and submit answers to the questionnaire to be considered for an award.

Awards will be granted in two age groups: 13 – 15 years old, and 16 – 18 years old. Each award will be disbursed in an amount of up to \$1,000, as determined by vote and based on the number of awards approved within each age group. All award finalists will be interviewed by members of Friends of Southgate Community Center.

The awards will be presented at the Cathy Hudgins Community Center at Southgate during our reception on **May 16, 2026**. Note that award winners will be required to report back (within a year) on how they utilized the funds and how the award benefitted their stated aspirations.

Friends of Southgate Community Center, Inc. is a fully accredited 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to serving the users and supporting the staff of the Cathy Hudgins Community Center at Southgate Community Center (CHCCSG) by financially assisting the Cathy Hudgins Community Center at Southgate Community Center Advisory Council's mission to support programming at the Center and increase the community's awareness of and engagement with CHCCSG. If you have questions, please reach out to Judy Singer at info@friendsofsouthgate.org.

Questionnaire responses due April 17, 2026



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Enrichment Award Questionnaire Due April 17, 2026

This award questionnaire is available online as well at:

<https://www.southgatecommunitycenter.org/>

APPLICANT'S NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

HOME ADDRESS:

CELL PHONE NUMBER:

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER:

Please attach answers to the following questions on a separate document:

- 1. Personal Statement:** Please share a personal story that has shaped your goals and aspirations. What makes you unique, and what challenges have you overcome?
- 2. Impact:** How would receiving an Enrichment Award impact your life and help you achieve your educational and life-enhancing goals? What specific opportunities would you pursue with this financial support?
- 3. Future Impact:** How do you plan to use the skills, knowledge, and experiences gained from the award-supported opportunities to contribute positively to your community or the world? What long-term impact do you envision?

Submit your application to: info@friendsofsouthgate.org