

2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY YOUTH GROUP GRANTS

June 24-28 – Portland, OR

In the past few years, youth attendance at General Assembly (the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association) has surged. This is in large part due to youth groups who organized to raise funds and attend as a group, making their shared participation all the more meaningful. The Unitarian Universalist Association's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries is offering competitive grants for up to \$1,000 to encourage youth groups to organize to attend GA together. To qualify, groups must have generally five or more participants from the same congregation or a majority of their youth group participating. Applications will be judged by the group's demonstrated ability to raise the additional funds necessary to attend GA, and the ways the group will use their GA experience to enhance their congregation or community life.

Youth in groups who are applying for these grants may still apply for individual financial aid awards under the Youth and Young Adult Scholarship and General Assembly Planning Committee Matching Grants programs. We ask that groups indicate on their Youth Group Grant application which youth (or young adults) are also applying for individual awards.

Grant applications received by **March 31, 2015** will be given priority.

Please submit the following to be considered:

1. Completed attached application form
2. Short responses to the following questions:
 - a. Why did your youth group decide to go to GA?
 - b. How will you use the GA experience to enhance your congregation and community?
3. Estimated budget that includes both income and expenses.

Send completed, signed application and attachments in one of the following ways:

Email:

youth@uaa.org

Fax:

617.948.6473

Mail:

UUA
Office of Youth &
Young Adult Ministries
24 Farnsworth Street
Boston, MA 02110-1409

Questions? Don't hesitate to contact us at youth@uaa.org or 617.948.4350.



2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY YOUTH GROUP GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Congregation: _____

Congregation Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

ADULT CONTACT* <i>(Adult advisors must be age 25 or older)</i>	YOUTH PARTICIPANTS <i>(attach additional sheets if necessary)</i>
Name:	1.
Email:	2.
Phone:	3.
Date of Birth:	4.
Role with Congregation:	5.
	6.
TREASURER of Congregation	7.
Name:	8.
Phone:	9.
Email:	10.
SIGNATURES	
Adult Contact: _____	Date: _____
Treasurer: _____	Date: _____



**DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR
QUESTION RESPONSES AND TRIP BUDGET!**

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received:	APF Fair Share:	Approved /
Date Notice Sent:	Date Check Sent:	Declined

Youth Attendance at General Assembly 2015 – Expense Worksheet

This worksheet is provided to assist in your planning. It is not a guarantee of General Assembly costs. Visit www.uua.org/ga for latest information.

EXPENSE	For Individ.	For Group
<p>Youth Registration</p> <p>\$205 for those in grades 9-12 (or equiv.) for the 2013-2014 school year. (Register before May 1; after May 1, \$235)</p> <p>Daily rate of \$85/day (Weds/Thurs count as one day)</p> <p>\$0 for those under 14 / 14 year olds who have not yet entered high school (must attend with parent)</p>		
<p>Adult Registration</p> <p>\$350 for full-time registration (increases to \$405 after May 1)</p> <p>\$205 for full-time (\$235 after May 1) for those adults who are: ministerial candidates/aspirants, retired ministers, surviving spouses of ministers or spouses of retired ministers.</p> <p>Adult One-Day is \$135/day (Weds/Thurs count as one day)</p> <p>Reduced rate Adult (candidates, retired, etc) is \$85/day</p>		
<p>Housing (estimated based on 2014 costs)</p> <p>Cost will depend on the options you utilize. Some estimates of rates are below. Please note that sponsors must stay in the same lodging (ie: same hotel, same dorm building, same homestay location) unless the youth is staying with a parent/legal guardian.</p> <p>GA hotels: \$159/day before taxes</p> <p>Dorm housing: Could \$40-\$80/night per person, depending on configurations. Details still being worked out.</p> <p>Homestays: \$50/night for a single; \$80/night for a double</p>		
<p>Transportation (estimated based on 2014 costs)</p> <p>Probably the most variable expense, depending on your mode.</p> <p>If you are near-by one of the public transportation options, you may want to consider staying at home and taking the train in on the days you plan to attend.</p> <p>Car: use a mapping service (Google Maps, etc) to figure out your mileage to estimate gas costs. Also be in touch with your potential lodging about parking costs, which can hit upwards of \$30/day at some hotels. Parking near the convention center is \$18 for 10-24 hours. (Note that 15 passenger vans often do not fit in garages and may pose difficulty).</p> <p>Train: Portland's train station is located quite close to the Convention Center and is served by both Greyhound and Amtrak. Cost will vary based on point of origin.</p> <p>Plane: Portland is served by PDX Portland International Airport. Fares will vary greatly depending on departure city. Check fares now and, if possible, what they have been recently (farecast.com is a good resource for this). This should give you a good idea of what you may need to budget.</p>		
<p>Food</p> <p>Again, quite a variable expense, depending on the type of dining done. \$30/day per person is generally a safe-bet. This figure can be reduced if you communally buy breakfast foods instead of eating breakfast out everyday, for example.</p>		
<p>Other</p> <p>Will you need transportation from the airport? Cab fare? Do you want group shirts? Spending money for gifts/resources in the exhibit hall? Budget a little cushion in, just in case.</p>		
TOTALS		