***Hampshire Youth Connect Mission:*** *To increase exposure and access to higher education and build sustainable and equitable partnerships across communities by linking Hampshire College’s innovative pedagogy with community engagement efforts to provide creative, experiential learning opportunities for underserved youth.*

*Hampshire Youth Connect has four guiding goals that were set forth by the funder:*

* *To provide on-campus programming for underserved youth*
* *To excite young people about learning in college*
* *To familiarize young people with the college admissions process*
* *To offer paid Hampshire College student internships with community based organizations*

**Hampshire Youth Connect Funding is available for Division II and III students who demonstrate a clear commitment to collaborating with community partners and connecting with underserved youth in the area. The funding is up to $500 allotments based on the scope of the project. As follow-up to all funded projects a narrative review and evaluation of the project are required. Examples of funding for projects include: performances, events, courses and afterschool events that engage the 4 goals of HYC.**

Please submit this application by February 6th, 2015 at 5:00PM.

1 hard copy of the proposal form should be mailed to Matthew Haley (mail code HA, Emily Dickinson Hall 30, e-mail mhaley@hampshire.edu) with 1 set of the requested supporting materials. Questions about the process can be directed to the e-mail address listed.

There will be follow-up interviews for select proposals. Those who are chosen as funding recipients will be expected to submit follow-up reports and evaluations upon completion of their projects.

**Student Name**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Box Number**: \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cellphone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Project Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Division II/III Committee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Project Budget $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Budget Request from HYC $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Does your project require transportation? ☐ Yes ☐ No**

**Are you registered as a Defensive Driver with the College? ☐ Yes ☐ No**

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| **Application Check-List****☐ Project Proposal** **☐ Division 2/3 Contract****☐ Completed Recommendation form** **☐ Complete Project Budget****☐ Site Authorization Letter****☐ Additional Materials list*****The entire application must be signed and dated by your committee chair.*** |

**1.) Project Proposal**

Outline the particular project that you are applying for Hampshire Youth Connect to support. This could be the entirety or just a portion of your Division 2 or 3. Please address the following points in your proposal:

* How does your project connect with the goals and mission of Hampshire Youth Connect (see above)?
* What is the projected timeline for your project?
* What existing relationships do you have with this community partner? Where are you in your negotiations with the community partner for this project? Where do you see this project going in the year to come (how will it be sustained)?
* How does this project meet a direct need of the partner program?
* What challenges do you foresee for this project?
* Where are you applying for additional funding?
* How many youth will be served by your project?

*Examples for funding categories are transportation, food for events, supplies for workshops, costumes for performance etc…*

**2.) Division 2 or 3 Contract**

Please submit your most current Division 2 or 3 contract, as approved by your committee.

**3.) Recommendation form**

Please submit a letter of recommendation written on your behalf. This letter should be written by someone in a capacity to comment on your performance: current or former supervisor, current or former advisor, etc.

**4.) Complete Budget**

Please create a budget that reflects the overall cost of your project. Be sure to specify which component is what you are requesting Hampshire Youth Connect Funds for.

**5.) Site Authorization Letter**

Please turn in a letter of support for your project from the community agency/partner(s) you are working with. This should be on letterhead and illustrate a clear understanding on their part of your project as a whole.

**6.) Please list additional materials that can be made available upon request**

These include things such as sample lesson plans, visual art examples, musical/theatrical recordings, poetry, past academic work – anything that you think might support your application.

***As a way of ensuring that your committee is in full support of this project and is aware of the way in which it ties into your divisional work please have your committee sign and date your entire proposal.***

***Proposals will be reviewed by the CYL Steering Committee and the Hampshire Youth Connect Youth Advisory Board.***