



The Ferguson Youth Initiative (FYI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving youth (13-19 years old) in the Ferguson community. We believe that it is important to engage youth as active members of the community and our goal is to foster a sustained network of opportunities for Ferguson youth to have their voices and opinions heard. FYI emphasizes youth participation in civic engagement and we empower youth in decision-making roles to influence and shape community-based programming. We also collaborate with existing community youth programs and a strong network of volunteers, business leaders and the local government. Our programs are managed by committed volunteers and sponsored by grants, private donations and fundraising campaigns. Our 2015 budget is \$113,800 which includes more than 70% allocated for programming. Will you show your support?

**SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE – DONATION OPTIONS**

	\$500	\$250	\$100	\$50/month	\$15/month	\$5/month
Recognition on <a href="http://www.fyiferyouth.org">www.fyiferyouth.org</a> and in Annual Report	■	■		■		
Provides funding for Drop In	■			■		
Provides funding for Spot 394 or Next Steps		■				
Provides funding for one youth to attend an Earn-A-Bike or Earn-A-Computer class each session	■			■		
Provides funding for communication of FYI events/activities to youth and the community		■	■		■	
Provides for operating necessities at the FYI Backbay and FYAB Lounge including snacks.	■	■	■	■	■	■

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS (including Volunteer Options)**

- **Earn-A-Bike** program gives youth the opportunity to earn a free bike while they learn about bicycle safety and maintenance. Volunteers assist the St. Louis Bicycle Works facilitator. *(Six consecutive Mondays from 5 – 7 pm)*
- **Earn-A-Computer** teaches youth programming and internet safety to earn a free computer. Volunteers assist the St. Louis Byte Works facilitator. *(Six consecutive Wednesdays from 5:30 – 7 pm)*
- **Ferguson Community Service Program (FCSP)** provides youth an opportunity to perform mentor guided service work in place of incarceration or fines for misdemeanors or as a condition of probation. Youth also receive counseling, support and inclusion in positive youth-directed activities. Adult volunteers work as Site Monitors and Mentors for the teens and young adults. *(Days & times vary. Contact [fcsp@fyiferyouth.org](mailto:fcsp@fyiferyouth.org) for details.)*
- **FYI Backbay Drop-In** provides an open house after school at the FYI Backbay for free standing and structured activities. Youth have access to computer s, tutors, and art materials along with a space to work and play games. Snacks also provided. Volunteers work as Site Monitors and tutor. *(Weekly, Wednesday & Thursdays from 3:30 – 7 pm)*
- **Open Arts** offer s teens opportunities on a monthly basis to perform "on-stage" in a comfortable, non-competitive space. In addition, youth are able to interact with professional artists and learn hands-on techniques. Snacks also provided. Volunteers showcase their artistic talents or help with the event planning. *(1st Friday of the Month from 6 – 9 pm)*
- **Next Steps** instructs teens (ages 15 to 19) in the necessary steps to gain and sustain employment in addition to equipping them with college planning strategies. Teen are provided mentors and lessons in financial literacy. Volunteers help as workshop facilitators or mentors. *(Days & times vary. Contact [info@fyiferyouth.org](mailto:info@fyiferyouth.org) for details.)*
- **Spot 394** transforms facilities into a pop-up youth center where young people can play games, listen to music, and engage in other youth-centric activities. Snacks also provided. Volunteers serve as activity monitors or help with the planning of this monthly event. *(3rd Friday of the Month from 7 – 10 pm)*

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