

Emerald Youth Grant Program (EYG) Applicant Guide

This guide will help you navigate the application process and ensure your submission has all the information we need to evaluate your project.

Program Overview

The Emerald Youth Grant program empowers youth aged 5-25 across Alberta to take on environmental projects that inspire change and foster environmental stewardship. Each grant provides up to \$1,000 in funding to support meaningful initiatives.

Eligibility Criteria

Before applying, confirm that your project meets the following criteria:

1. **Group Projects:** The project must involve more than one participant
 2. **Youth-Led:** Participants must be aged 5-25, excluding group leaders or mentors
 3. **Alberta-Focused:** Projects must occur within Alberta
 4. **Timeline:** Projects must be completed by **June 1, 2025**
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Application Process

The EYG application form collects key details such as:

- **Eligibility Confirmation:** Verify your project meets the criteria.
- **Applicant Information:** Provide contact details for the group's primary contact.
- **Project Details:** Share your project's title, summary, and specific goals.

There are 7 sections to the EYG application:

- **Section 1:** Eligibility
- **Section 2:** Applicant Information
 - Contact info
- **Section 3:** Getting Inspired by Alberta's Environmental Leaders

As part of your application, all participants are encouraged to explore Alberta's environmental leaders:

- Watch an episode of the [Emerald Documentary Series](#)
- Listen to the [What On EARTH Can We Do? Podcast](#)

Share how these resources inspired your project in the application form.

- **Section 4:** Project Details
 - Project summary
 - A description of who will be participating in the project
- **Section 5:** Project Planning and Impacts
 - Describe your timelines, outcomes, and impacts
- **Section 6:** Project Budget

Download a copy of [this template](#), fill it out, and attach it to your application

- **Section 7:** Final Steps!

Review Terms & Conditions

By submitting your application, you agree to:

- Complete the project by the deadline.
- Submit a final report by **June 18, 2025**.
- Share photos/videos of your project (ensure photo release forms are signed for youth featured).

Key Dates

- **Application Deadline:** May 4, 2025
- **Project Completion Deadline:** June 1, 2025
- **Final Report Submission Deadline:** June 18, 2025

FAQs

Can I request more than \$1,000?

No. If your total project budget exceeds \$1,000 you must indicate how additional funds will be sourced.

How many grants are available?

The EYG grant pool consists of \$15,000. The total number of grants distributed will depend on the amount of funding requested from applicants. Once the total grant pool is distributed, the EYG program will stop accepting applications.

Can I apply even if I've received an EYG grant in the past?

Yes, as long as you are applying for a new project.

What happens after I submit my application?

The Alberta Emerald Foundation reviews applications and makes granting decisions on the **first Monday of each month**. Please plan your submission accordingly.

For example: If you need your project funds by **April 1, 2025**, submit your application **before March 2, 2025**, to ensure it is reviewed on **March 3, 2025**.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome by the **end of the first week of the month** in which their application is reviewed.

Need Help?

If you have questions or need assistance with your application, please contact us at:

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