



youth freedom fund

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Request for Proposals (RFP)

At GSA Network, we believe that trans and queer youth of color have the power to devise their own freedom. To support this belief, the Youth Freedom Fund is dedicated to resourcing youth-led projects and campaigns that organize and advocate for safe and healthy school environments by providing awards of \$500 to approximately 40 GSA clubs registered with our network.

We invite students who are part of GSA clubs across the country to submit innovative projects and campaigns that contribute to the movement for social change. We emphasize the importance of a GSA Club focusing on three key areas: **Gather, Support & Act**. Projects and campaigns that align with one or more of these focus areas will receive additional consideration.

GATHER



This area is all about bringing trans and queer students together. Projects or campaigns should demonstrate how your club is building community on your campus and beyond. This could include creative membership recruitment campaigns, field trips to learn more about LGBTQ+ history, or organizing events such as tabling or movie screenings.



SUPPORT

Focused on raising awareness and promoting healing and community-care, projects or campaigns in this area should show how your club provides community support or promotes an inclusive campus environment. Ideas might include developing educational resources, forming a free closet or inviting guest speakers to your campus or club.



This area is dedicated to activism, advocacy, and your club's vision for the future. Projects or campaigns should illustrate how your club is working to build leadership and create change on your campus. Examples might include organizing a campaign to challenge binary dress codes or book bans, creating workshops to train students and staff on racial & gender justice, or advocating for a more inclusive curriculum at your school.

Requirements

- The applying GSA club must be based in a high school or local community organization within the United States.
- The application form should be completed by the GSA club President, Vice President, or Adult Advisor of an active GSA club registered with GSA Network for the current academic school year (2024-2025).
- Projects should be youth-led, but a school representative must review and approve the application.

Eligibility Checklist

- Part of a GSA club based in a high school or local community organization in the United States.
- Registered with GSA Network for the current school year (2024-2025).
- Discussed the project with club members and received support for submission.
- Support from a GSA Advisor or school administrator.
- Willingness to participate in a Zoom interview along with **at least two student representatives** if your application advances.

How to Apply

Step 1: Ensure your GSA club is registered with GSA Network for school year 2024-2025.

Step 2: Submit an application via our [online form](#). The applicant must be listed as a contact for the registered GSA club. Only one project or campaign per GSA club may be submitted. Early submissions are encouraged.

Step 3: Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Within two weeks of submission, applicants will be notified whether they have advanced to the next stage for consideration or have been declined.

Step 4: If your application advances, you will be asked to join a 15-minute Zoom interview with GSA Network staff. At least one student and one adult advisor or school administrator must be present.

Step 5: Award recipients will be notified within two weeks of their interview. Our finance team will provide payment instructions, including a request for a completed W-9, mailing address, and/or banking information.

We look forward to receiving your inspired and community-driven proposals. Together, let's devise a world where TQ2S+ young people thrive with dignity, self-determination, and delight.

