

YAB ALLOCATION

Top 10 Frequently Asked Questions

1.) Where is the Youth Advisory Board allocation found in rule?

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 5101:9-6-39.

2.) How is the funding accessed?

For county and regional YABs, the funding is channeled through the local public children services agencies, using the normal county administrative claiming process. When the county submits for reimbursement, they should code all expenses on the JFS 02820, Monthly Financial Statement Children's Services Fund, to Project Code 200 and Account Code 518001.

2.) What is the purpose of this funding?

To encourage youth voice and to support youth empowerment opportunities. Funds can be used to help youth develop leadership skills and to pay stipends to youth who provide insight into the foster care experience (*i.e. panels, workshops, conferences*).

These dollars are to support the cost of maintaining the state and county Youth Advisory Boards (YAB) and the cost of board members in carrying out their roles, such as:

- Leadership development
- Support and development of a new Youth Advisory Board
- Peer exchange; and
- Opportunities to educate about the issues that are important to youth

3.) How much funding does each Youth Advisory Board receive?

Each county that has an active YAB receives \$5,000. If two counties partner to create a regional YAB, they receive \$10,000.

4.) During what time period can the money be spent?

Ohio fiscal years run from July 1 – June 30 of the following year. Funding should be spent down prior to June 30th. Unspent funds do not carry over from one fiscal year to another.

5.) How can the funds NOT be used?

These funds can NOT be spent on the purchase of:

- Food for meetings
- Food when hosting a conference
- Lobbying activities
- YAB apparel, "give-aways" or trinkets
- Emergency funds for youth

6.) How can the funds be used?

Examples of expenses that are considered to support YAB include, but are not limited to:

- Leadership training and development
- Training materials and costs
- Cost of supplies and training
- Transportation to/from YAB meetings and conferences
- Costs to host YAB conferences and meetings (excluding food)
- YAB conference attendance
- Youth stipends to compensate for time spent on training and assisting other youth, and supporting the YAB.

7.) Do youth need to be currently in agency custody to be eligible for stipends or activities associated with these dollars?

No. Many YAB work closely with foster care alumna and youth over 18 who have emancipated from foster care. These youth and young adults can play a valuable role by modeling leadership qualities, giving voice to transitional experiences, and offering a positive mentor for youth in foster care.

8.) Can T-shirts, polo shirts, or bags that carry the YAB logo be considered "supplies" and therefore reimbursable?

No, these items are considered YAB apparel. Using these funds to purchase any item promoting the YAB with the YAB name or logo is prohibited.

9.) What about the "My Vision Is _____" T-shirts, where youth write their vision on the shirt as a workshop activity designed to encourage goal-setting?

Yes, this is allowable if the T-shirt is needed to complete a function of the workshop; it is considered a supply and is not considered YAB apparel.

10.) How can I tell if the expenditure is appropriate and allowable?

Your expense must meet three criteria:

A.) It must support the funding purpose.

Can you answer “yes” to the question: “Does this expense support either the cost of maintaining the state and county Youth Advisory Boards (YAB) or the cost of board members in carrying out their roles through:

- Personal development
- Support and development of a new YAB
- Peer exchange, or
- Education of federal, state, and county leaders about the issues that are important to youth (*excluding lobbying*)

AND

B.) It must not be a prohibited expense.

Can you answer “no” to both of these questions?

- “Is this expense for food for meetings?”
- “Is this expense for promotional materials?”

AND

C.) It must be obligated before June 30 of the following year, and paid before September 30.