Youth Rise Texas - Grant Writer + Researcher

Youth Rise Texas is seeking a part-time contractor to conduct grant writing and grant opportunities research for a growing nonprofit that seeks to uplift youth harmed by criminalization and deportation. The ideal candidate for this role is a persuasive, concise writer who efficiently turns around error-free work and has a proven track record of grants based fundraising for social interventions. This position is an opportunity to help drive resources towards an organization building personal and political power for youth impacted by some of the biggest issues of our time.

About Youth Rise Texas

Youth Rise Texas is a burgeoning nonprofit organization whose mission is to uplift teens harmed by criminalization so that they may heal, take action, and cultivate compassionate communities. Through a variety of peer-led programming we create space for directly impacted youth to step into their own power and train them to be leaders in movements for social change while also centering the importance of personal healing and wellbeing. Since our founding in 2015 we have become an authoritative voice both locally and nationally on innovative, youth-led approaches to youth development and empowerment for young people directly impacted by systems of incarceration and deportation.

Job Responsibilities

The core responsibilities of this role include:

- Researching funding opportunities + building a prospect list and monthly plan
- Writing funding applications
- Communicating with Youth Rise Texas Deputy Director on a weekly basis to report back on and receive new assignments

If you were in this role now, you might be doing some of the following:

- Reviewing philanthropic prospect research that Youth Rise Texas has already conducted to create an annual prospect list/calendar for 2020 and beyond
- Reviewing all previous applications submitted by YRTX to identify upcoming renewal or reapplication deadlines for this fiscal year
- Writing funding applications (70% of role)

Qualifications

We're seeking candidates who excel in **a self-managed work environment,** who have **excellent and persuasive writing skills,** and who are **energized by writing compelling applications to fund changemaking work.** Applicants must have:

- 3 years minimum work history applying for and earning grants in the range of $20-$200k
- Excellent written communication skills

- Demonstrated + verifiable success (have successfully earned at least $1M in funding for work they've pitched)
- A personal computer, phone, and consistent internet access to use for their work on this project
- Ability to work remotely

Additional Qualifications:

While not a requirement to be considered for this position, applications are sought from individuals who may also possess:

- Familiarity with Texas philanthropic foundations + landscape
- Familiarity with national social justice foundations + landscape
- Relationships with individuals working within either of the above to make introductions
- Expertise in grant research (990s, foundation center database etc)

The individual who fills this role can be based in Austin or remotely, and hours are flexible. This role will be filled on a contract basis and is expected to last until May 2020, with the possibility for extension. Compensation will be hourly wages paid monthly upon invoice for hours worked; rate of compensation will be based on experience and is highly competitive. This position is open as of September 1.

How to apply

Please send a cover letter and resume, along with two writing samples to jobs@youthrisetx.org and write Grant Writer in the subject. One writing sample should be a sample LOI of no more than two pages and the other should be a full grant application or an excerpt from a full application of no more than four pages. Sensitive identifying information about the project and funder should be redacted from the sample documents as appropriate in order to respect confidentiality of other clients. Please do not call or email to inquire about the status of your application. This application will remain open until the position is filled.