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Riley's Way
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Interfaith Connections Award

Thank you for your interest in Riley's Way Call For Kindness (C4K)! We can't wait to learn more about you and your project.

The Call For Kindness fellowship is a dynamic Leadership Development program that will help you grow as a kind leader and build your leadership skills, social impact project, professional network, and peer community. Riley's Way will award up to 50 youth-led projects in 2026. Up to two fellows can apply per project. All projects will be eligible for a grant of up to \$5,000. The grant will be disbursed in two portions: half at the beginning of the Fellowship in May 2026 and the second half in December 2026, which is contingent upon the expectations outlined in the application.

The C4K Fellowship features our Kind Leadership Curriculum which is designed to meet the needs of each fellowship cohort and includes sessions on networking, storytelling, building partnerships, and using social media to promote your project. Fellows are required to attend monthly virtual sessions and are invited to join Riley's Way for an in-person Leadership Summit.

Riley's Way welcomes up to two Fellows (both between the ages of 13-23) to apply per project. If selected, these individuals will participate as Fellows and project leaders throughout the year. All active group members within the age range are welcome to attend the monthly virtual sessions. Additionally, up to two other team members may be eligible to attend the Leadership Summit, based on prior participation and capacity.

Please visit www.callforkindness.org for detailed information about the Call For Kindness, including details about the Leadership Development program, and 2026 special categories.

We are accepting applications from US citizens and DACA recipients between the ages of 13-23.

The deadline to submit an application is SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026 at 11:59pm EST. Interviews will take place between March 26 - April 13 for a select number of applicants. Being contacted for an interview does not mean a final decision has been made—we simply have a few follow-up questions about you and your application. We appreciate your patience and will notify all applicants of their application status during the week of April 20th.

If you have any questions, please email callforkindness@rileysandler.org

Below are some of the categories that winning projects may be placed into once selected. Riley's Way reserves the right to move completed applications into the appropriate category. All applications are evaluated equally during the review process.

- *General Application*: For projects focused on any topic.
- *2026 Special Category: Food Insecurity Community Award*: The Food Insecurity Community Award will support a select number of youth-led projects that address food insecurity and/or create affirming, dignified spaces for individuals and communities experiencing food insecurity.
- *A Kinder World for Animals Award*: For projects that address the well-being of animals and the important role that they play in human lives.
- *Equity in Law Award*: For projects that address either systemic barriers, promote legal education, advocate for marginalized communities, or create resources to ensure that all individual can navigate and benefit from the law equitably.
- *Yuriko Kikuchi Arigato Award*: For projects that have a focus in the dance/performing arts field.

For additional categories, please follow @RileysWayFoundation on Instagram.

Application name

Name

If working in a group, list the name of the group leader/primary applicant.

Email address

If working in a group, list the email address of the group leader/primary applicant.

We're excited to meet you and learn a little bit about you!

Riley's Way welcomes up to two Fellows (both between the ages of 13-23) to apply per project. If selected, these individuals will participate as Fellows and project leaders. Please let us know if you are applying individually or as a pair below. If you are applying as a pair, both individuals will need to complete the information.

If selected for the C4K, two other team members can participate in the monthly programming and Leadership Summit. All active group members are welcome to attend the Leadership Development virtual sessions.

Phonetic pronunciation of group leader's name

Ex: "David Baronofski: Day-vid Ba-ra-nof-ski" "Anika Liley (Ah-knee-kah Ligh-lee - rhymes with highly)"

Age

Birthday

Street Address

Please include your apartment number if applicable

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

This can be your phone number or your parent/guardian's

Gender Identity

Pronouns

Ex: he, she, they, name, other, etc.

School (optional)

Ethnicity

Is there anything else you would like to share about your identity? (optional)

Ex: I am a first generation college student, I am an immigrant, I am multilingual, etc.

Is the group leader under 18 years old or 18 years old/older?

Give us a brief summary of your project here.

Project title

List 3-5 key words words that quickly describe your project.

7 words

Ex: "food insecurity, farming" "STEM, afterschool, robotics, mentoring"

Project summary

100 words

Briefly describe your project in up to 100 words.

Please select the range of the grant you are requesting.

Does your project take place in one location (i.e. your school, your city, etc.) or in multiple locations (i.e. multiple cities, multiple states, virtually, etc.)

Are you working with a group?

If you are a team of two or more, please select yes.

Please share a photo! This can be a headshot, group photo, a picture of your project in action, or a logo of your project.



This is where you will share details about your project through the questions below.

You can choose to submit a **written application or video application**. This is a personal/group decision and will not affect the judging process.

- Written applications: answer the questions directly on this page
- Video applications: upload a video answering the questions provided. *There will be some written components included.*

We also want to know if this is a **new project or an existing project** so we can better understand the scope of your project and the support you might need. This criteria will not affect the judging process.

- New projects: If you have an idea for a project and want support getting it off the ground, select New.
- Existing projects: If you have already started working on your project, select Existing.

Will you be submitting a written or video application?

Written

Video

Please select if you are submitting a video or written application. Both are judged the same, this is a personal preference.

Is your project a new idea or existing project?

New

Existing

Share the exact amount of funding you are requesting.

Please attach a detailed budget for the amount you requested.

Keep in mind that your grant will be split into two checks - one sent in May 2024 and the second sent in November 2024.



Visit our website FAQs at rileysway.org/faq for a sample budget.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know? Feel free to upload photos, videos, news articles, impact reports, website links, presentations, etc. here.

This section is optional.

Share additional links here (optional)

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Share your project's social media handles here (optional)

Share a letter of recommendation from a mentor/teacher/coach, a peer, someone you have impacted by your project, a partner organization, etc. (optional)



Share any additional files or photos here (optional)



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For legal and tax purposes, we cannot provide the grant money directly to individuals. We hope that you are able to partner with a registered 501(c)(3) organization, which could be your school or a nonprofit organization, which will be your fiscal sponsor. The grant money will be awarded directly to your partner organization who will administer the funds to you.

Please include a PDF letter or email of support from your partner organization confirming that they will support your project (including fund distribution). This letter should provide a contact person and their contact information.

If you do not currently have a partner organization, this **will not** exclude you from eligibility. Riley's Way will work with you to secure a partner through the Fellowship process.

If your project is already a registered 501(c)(3), you are exempt from requiring a project partner. We will ask for verification on this page.

Do you have a project/fiscal partner?

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Yes, I have a project/fiscal partner
The project is a 501(c)(3)
No, I do not have a project/fiscal partner

The Call For Kindness program is more than the grant. By becoming a Call For Kindness Fellow, you will be a part of a year-long Leadership Development community! During the year, you will learn from experts, peers, and mentors about a variety of topics, as well as become a part of a cohort of other Call For Kindness Fellows. You will also have access to other opportunities, including interviews, press, networking events, etc.

The components of the Leadership Development Fellowship include:

- Monthly 90-minute virtual meetings, scheduled to occur on the second Wednesday of each month, starting on May 13, 2026 (*subject to change*)
- An in-person Summit during February 5-7, 2027. Transportation and lodging provided by Riley's Way (*location TBD*)
- Quarterly meetings with Riley's Way staff and/or your assigned mentor.
- Two grant reports (brief updates) submitted to Riley's Way throughout the Fellowship.

How will the Call For Kindness Fellowship program help your project grow and your own growth as a kind leader? 400 words

If accepted into the Call For Kindness 2024, what are some skills you would like to strengthen or trainings you would like to attend?

Ex: how to budget; how to get press; how to manage volunteers

If accepted into the Call For Kindness 2024, are there any skills or trainings you would like to lead for the group? (optional)

Ex: social media; fundraising; virtual meetings

Click here to confirm that you, or a member of your group, is able to commit to attending 80% of the Leadership Development offerings (listed above).

Click here to confirm that you will submit two grant reports (brief updates on your project) throughout the course of the Fellowship.

Click here to confirm that you understand that your grant will be split into two checks - one sent in May 2024 and one sent in November 2024.

We will be conducting brief interviews with finalists during the week of April 16-25, 2024. Please share your the days and times that you/your team will be available during that week. **Please include time zones**

Ex: 4/24 between 3-6pm EST; Wed, Thurs, Fri after 5pm PST, etc.

How did you hear about the Call For Kindness? Please be specific, we love details!

Ex: "Facebook ad", "someone I follow on Instagram @RileysWayFoundation", "My school newsletter (North High School)", "from my older sister", etc.