

Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation Opens Children, Youth and Young Adult Grants Cycle

The [Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation](#) – the grantmaking arm of Foundation For The Carolinas – recently opened its Children, Youth and Young Adult Grants cycle. Applications will be accepted from eligible 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations through Friday, April 8, at noon.

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The program is built upon the past success of CMCF's Children and Youth program with additional alignment to the [recommendations in the Leading on Opportunity report](#). CMCF is dedicated to supporting these recommendations and shares the vision to create a community where all children, youth and young adults have access to opportunities that lead to enhanced prospects for a successful future.

Specific investment and results areas are outlined below and should be reflected in grant applications:

Early Childhood (Birth to Kindergarten)

- Children have access to safe and enriching quality early care and education and enter school ready to learn.
- Parents and caregivers have the tools, resources and information to nurture their children and provide experiences that promote school readiness.
- The early care and education workforce has the resources and professional development opportunities to provide quality care and experiences for children from birth through age 5.

College and Career Readiness (Elementary School to Age 24)

- Currently underachieving children and youth perform at or above grade level.
- K-12 students have access to and support for exploring, building and eventually fulfilling tangible college and/or career aspirations.
- Students and their parents or caregivers have the necessary information and guidance to understand and navigate multiple college and career pathways, preparation and processes.
- High school students have access to high-quality, paid, work-based learning opportunities.
- Youth value and recognize the need for postsecondary degrees and/or industry certifications to successfully compete in our rapidly changing labor market.
- First-generation college students and children from low-opportunity environments transition to and complete post-secondary programs successfully.
- Disconnected youth and young adults have the opportunity to attain their educational, training and employment goals.

To apply – or for complete criteria – please [visit the online grants portal](#) and select Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation in the Grant Program Name field.

Visit www.charmeck-cf.org for a complete list of grants. For more information about the Children, Youth and Young Adult Grants Program, contact Keva Womble at kwomble@fftc.org or 704.973.4533.

About Foundation For The Carolinas

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