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Maine League of Young Voters Education Fund
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Launch ME!

Join us for an evening with the League AND win up to \$500 for your idea

Working on a great project to help improve your community?
Need more money and publicity for your work?
Then we've got an event for you!

Launch ME is a community event to celebrate the incredible work of young leaders like you around the state, help you raise money for your projects and raise funds for the Maine League of Young Voters Education Fund (Young Voters).

Maine faces incredible challenges particularly to our educational system, economy, and progressive values. This winter the League of Young Voters is inviting you to participate in **Launch ME** to highlight the amazing work YOU are doing to make Maine a better place while offering us a space to celebrate with our community.

- All proposals will be included in our **Launch ME** booklet, and will be featured on our website.
- In March, our members and your friends will be able to vote online on our website for their top 7 projects.
- Those 7 people will join us in Portland for **Launch ME**, a party where we'll invite our members to bring 10 bucks or more and donate it to any and all of the 7 projects that they'd like to support
 - Travel stipend and housing help will be provided for folks that are not from Portland.
- At that event, attendees will Rank Choice Vote their favorite project and pick the winner of a \$500 grand prize!

Bottom-line: You're doing great work, we want to help you tell more people about it, and maybe win some money for your project/program in the process. If nothing else, you may find some new recruits or potential donors to your project.

How to join Launch ME:

Simply fill out the attached one-pager and return it by email to Delia@YoungVoter.org by March 15th.

All instructions are in the attached one-page application.

Types of Projects we're looking for:

The simple answer is ALL KINDS! We want to hear your original answer to the question: "How are you making Maine a better place for young people?" Is it an art project? Class? New business idea? Gathering or event? Video project? Whatever! Bring it on!

Criteria for judging:

We ask that all submissions be submitted by residents of Maine ages 16 to 35 and directly impact Mainer's 16 to 35.

The public will choose who wins the \$500 and their criteria are completely up to them!

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Mailing address:

Email address:

Phone number(s):

APPLICANT QUESTIONS

Project Title:

Project Location:

Project Team (who is working on this idea?)

Project Partners (are you partnering with anyone else in the community?):

How are you making Maine a better place for young people? (1 -3 paragraph limit please)

What challenges in your community are you addressing? (1 paragraph)

Who will benefit from your idea? How will people access and learn about the work you are doing? (1 paragraph)

What major success would you like to see at the end or apex of your project? (1 paragraph)

Any thing else you'd like us to know?

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1) Submit three to five pictures AND/OR a three to five minute video that illustrates your project idea and how it will make Maine a better place.

You may submit your video or digital images on a CD. Photos 4" x 6" or larger are acceptable. Please label your CD and/or photos with your name and title of your project. Your project name and materials may be used on the League's website and during the giving party and community celebration, which will increase the visibility of your idea to the community. If you are selected as a finalist, the League will cover transportation, for your trip to Portland to participate in the event, and will help find you lodging. You will be provided a table to creatively promote your idea with an opportunity to raise additional money during the festivities.

Any additional application materials such as documentation of previous personal projects, brochures, publications, additional photos, reports, etc. are encouraged.

Any hard copy submission materials will not be returned.

By signing below I acknowledge that the League will be using my idea and project materials to promote the event. All ideas and materials I have provided as part of this application are my own, original, or original sources are acknowledged in writing and included with my application materials.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____