



## Michigan Youth Education Fund

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### **Changes to Michigan Youth Education Fund Programs Due to COVID-19**

Over the past several months, we have witnessed the tragic effects of COVID-19 on our state and country. As we approach the beginning of the school year for Michigan students, we look to guidance from our community leaders and health experts to determine the manner in which students and teachers can return to a safe and healthy learning environment. We anticipate school districts to implement online learning options as well as in-person and hybrid delivery methods. Districts may also limit or restrict student travel to educational events and opportunities.

The Michigan Youth Education Fund is committed to ensuring that students have access to meaningful and impactful education despite the present circumstances and changes they may face. Therefore, the Michigan Youth Education Fund has made necessary adjustments to our Educational Opportunity Program to provide quality educational experiences for students while reducing risk and exposure to COVID-19.

**The Michigan Youth Education Fund will no longer award grants to students or student groups attending in-person educational opportunities and experiences** for the Fall semester of 2020. Only virtual conferences and educational opportunities will be considered for grant awards.

This decision was made under careful consideration and to err on the side of caution for student health and safety. We will continue to monitor new developments and re-evaluate this decision to make sure we take the correct course of action. Visit [www.miyef.org/covid19](http://www.miyef.org/covid19) for more information.

Best,

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