

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is the purpose of the Youth Recognition Program?

A: The purposes of the program are to encourage academic achievement, positive behaviors and service learning among youth residents.

Q: Who can be a Youth Recognition Program participant?

A: Any student in grades three through twelve living in a CAHEC-financed development may participate.

Q: What do YRP participants do?

A: YRP participants enter into a “contract” with CAHEC and the YRP Coordinator. They pledge to strive for good grades, maintain a good school attendance record, and display positive behavior both in and out of school. Additionally, YRP students agree to participate in a fundraiser event and contribute 10 hours towards a community service project during the year.

Q: I heard that if a youth resident becomes a YRP participant, he/she will be eligible to attend a trip. Is that true?

A: Yes, it’s true! CAHEC rewards students who complete the program requirements by funding a special recognition trip. The trip is planned annually by CAHEC’s Community Programs Division with input from YRP sites. CAHEC provides funding for meals, transportation, lodging, and attractions.

Q: And is it true that CAHEC gives savings bonds for students who get A’s on their report card?

A: Yes, it’s true! CAHEC is proud to contribute a \$50 savings bond for each “A” a student receives on his/her final report card each year. The savings bonds are intended to be used towards future post-secondary educational assistance. Please note Dollars for A’s is only available for students in grades 6 through 12.

Q: What do YRP mentors do?

A: Mentors provide guidance, encouragement and support to YRP participants. Mentors commit to meeting regularly with students to evaluate the student’s progress towards completing the program requirements.

Q: Does the parent/guardian of a YRP participant have to be involved?

A: Parents/Guardians of YRP participants show their support by signing the YRP Contract and providing a copy of their child’s report card to the mentor at the end of each grading period.

Q: What happens to the money raised during the fundraiser?

A: All money earned during the fundraiser, up to \$100 per student, is divided evenly among the YRP participants and can be used as personal spending money during the recognition trip. Anything above \$100 per student can be used by the site to host an event honoring the participants or to augment the kickoff for the next program year.

Q: What if a YRP participant can’t go on the trip?

A: YRP participants who cannot attend the trip due to unforeseen circumstances (conflicting schedule, illness, work commitment, etc.) are still eligible to participate in Dollars for A’s.

Q: What is the trip destination this year?

A: CAHEC announces the trip destination halfway through the program year.

Q: How does a resident sign up for the Youth Recognition Program?

A: Interested youth residents must complete a YRP Application and sign the Contract. See your property/site manager or Community Programs Representative for a program application or more information.