HELP CHANGE YOUNG LIVES THROUGH TRAVEL

CASE STATEMENT
The SYTA Youth Foundation’s (SYF) mission is to provide travel experiences for youth and students who would otherwise not have the resources to participate in those enriching and life changing opportunities.
We believe that **TRAVEL CHANGES YOUNG LIVES FOR GOOD**, and to that end, the SYTA Youth Foundation strives to provide access to travel opportunities for the maximum number of young people that would otherwise be unavailable due to family hardship, budget cuts in school systems, or simply lack of the access to or education about travel as a learning experience.
Impact a large number of youth and students with our programs

Raise sufficient funds to ensure the sustainability of our organization and increase the reach of our programs

Increase awareness of our missions and programs
THE SYTA YOUTH FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND is designed to provide an ongoing resource for programs and scholarships. The SYTA Youth Foundation contributes to a percentage of its donations annually to this fund and with your help it can continue to grow.
Brianha Ruth
Brianha received an SYF Road Scholarship for her trip to the East Coast with her middle school. “It felt impossible to come up with the amount of money for this trip. I found out that there was a scholarship available and I jumped at the shot for it.”

Daniel Khalaf
Since participating in the SYF Next Generation Program in April 2016, Daniel Khalaf has made several changes in his life and has new purpose. Immediately upon returning to Minnesota from the trip, Daniel put all of his focus and energy into school, making up credits he needed to graduate. Graduation was something Daniel was not sure he would accomplish, but his travel experience inspired him to complete high school and focus on his post-secondary options.

Hahner Family
You gave a scholarship to both my son and my daughter for their 8th grade DC/NY trips. Your help made it possible - and both kids are better for it! They both benefited from the experience of travel - helping them be prepared for challenges in high school, college and the real world beyond that. They caught the bug and will pursue goodness of mind - expanding travel all their lives!
"WORLD IS A CLASSROOM" ESSAY CONTEST

was created for secondary school students (grades 9-12) who wish to share a special travel experience in the form of a written article or speech.

THE ROAD SCHOLARSHIP

grants up to $1,000 to an eligible student or up to $5,000 for an eligible group of five or more students, for education, performance or service-related travel with their class or youth group.

FOUNDATION GRANTS

SYF actively seeks partnerships that support students and youth through travel. These grants are awarded to organizations for students who would otherwise not be able to travel.
SYF has awarded more than $1.3 million in scholarships and programs.

Over $100,000 was awarded in 2020-2021 to over 300 students in need.

7,500+ students impacted by SYTA Youth Foundation.
SOCIAL IMPACT
Student Travel – Top 10
Effects

- 60% Increased willingness to KNOW/LEARN/EXPLORE
- 60% Desire to TRAVEL MORE
- 56% Increased INDEPENDENCE, SELF-ESTEEM and CONFIDENCE
- 55% More INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY
- 52% Increased tolerance of other CULTURES and ETHNICITIES
- 49% Better ADAPTABILITY and SENSITIVITY
- 48% Increased TOLERANCE and RESPECTFULNESS
- 43% Better COOPERATION/COLLABORATION
- 42% Better SELF-EXPRESSION
- 40% Being more OUTGOING
GET INVOLVED

• **Donate** today! www.sytayouthfoundation.org/donate

• **Provide in-kind services** for SYF programs and events

• **Volunteer** your time and serve on the board, a committee or help with a SYF program

• **Sponsor** a SYF program or fundraising event