

## **Exciting Opportunity for Neenah and Menasha Girls**

The Women's Fund is a nonprofit organization that helps local women and girls lead their best possible lives. We support programs to reduce poverty and violence, provide physical and mental health care, and help females of all ages reach their full potential. We want to better understand issues impacting high school-age girls. We need your help to understand what is important to you and other girls your age, what problems girls face, and what we can do together to help.

We are gathering a group of girls from high schools in Neenah and Menasha to meet over two days for a leadership training, community education and grantmaking program. At the end of the program you will be empowered to recommend \$10,000 in grants to the program(s) that you think will best meet the needs of girls in the Fox Valley. That's right - you will get to decide how \$10,000 can help the girls in your community!

We are excited about this project and hope that you will want to be a part of it.

What: Girls' Grantmaking Project  
When: Wednesday, March 13 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
and  
Wednesday, April 17 - 8:30 a.m. to noon  
(The Women's Fund will provide breakfast and lunch both days.)  
Where: Youth Go, 213 Nicolet Blvd., Neenah

During this project you will:

- Meet and work with girls from other schools
- Identify and enhance your own leadership skills
- Raise awareness of issues important to you and your peers
- Make a positive difference for girls in your community
- Lead a grantmaking process including soliciting proposals and interviewing program leaders
- Recommend how \$10,000 can help girls in the Fox Valley

We are looking for a diverse group of girls to help us with this project. You don't have to be the best student athlete to take part in this group. We need girls who will honestly share their thoughts and experiences, and respect the thoughts and experiences of others. If this sounds like you, please share this information with your parents/guardians and ask their permission to participate.

Here's what some of the girls who participated last year had to say:

- "This not only helped girls in my community, but it really impacted me and my personal views on how I can improve my life."
- "I learned that everyone's opinion matters and everyone should try to give their opinion and make a difference."
- "I really enjoyed being a part of this awesome program!"

**If you would like to participate, please send the following to the Women's Fund by Friday, March 8, 2013:**

- Participant Information Sheet
- Permission and Consent Form
- Photo release Form

We will confirm your participation by phone or email once we receive the materials from you. **There is no cost to participate.**

The Women's Fund for the Fox Valley Region is a local organization working to improve the lives of women and girls in our community. Since 1997 we have awarded more than \$717,000 in grants to local nonprofits that provide programs for women and girls. Some of the organizations we have supported include:

- Best Friends of Neenah-Menasha
- Boys' and Girls' Brigade
- Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services
- Fox Valley Sibling Support Network
- Housing Partnership
- LEAVEN
- REACH Counseling

You can learn more about the Women's Fund at [www.womensfundfvr.org](http://www.womensfundfvr.org) or find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/womensfundfvr](https://facebook.com/womensfundfvr).

If you have questions please call Becky Boulanger at (920) 830-1290, ext. 17 or email [bboulanger@womensfundfvr.org](mailto:bboulanger@womensfundfvr.org).

Forms should be returned to: Women's Fund  
4455 W. Lawrence Street  
Appleton, WI 54914

## Participant Information Sheet

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

We want to have girls with a variety of life experiences and viewpoints participate in our project. Please tell us a little bit about yourself.

1. What are your hobbies, interests, or passions?

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2. Do you have an interesting life or family experience you would like to share?

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3. Would you describe your grades as: (circle one?)

Mostly A's

Mostly B's

Mostly C's

Mostly D's

4. Which racial identity would you choose to describe yourself? You may select more than one if that describes you best.

African

Asian

Caucasian

Latina

Middle Eastern

Multi-Racial

Native American

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

