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Grow & Lead: Community and Youth Development is accepting applications for the Judy Watson Olson Education Enrichment Award in honor of former Grow & Lead President and CEO, Judy Watson Olson. Judy spent her career ensuring youth had the support they needed to grow into successful adults.

This \$500 award assists Upper Peninsula K-12 schools, teachers, or organizations with programs that help youth succeed academically. Examples of potential projects include homework clubs, field trips, mentoring or literacy support.

One \$500 award will be presented in April 2026. It is preferred that funds be utilized within one year.

Award Criteria

Applicants must be from Upper Peninsula school districts or youth-serving organizations. Selection will be based on how the program addresses an unmet need, how it helps youth succeed academically, the number of youths served, and other compelling data as determined by the selection committee. There are no restrictions as to how many times an applicant is chosen, but applicants may not repeat the purpose of a previously received award.

The recipient organization CEO will be responsible for ensuring that award funds are utilized according to the approved project purpose. A brief evaluation report, including financial reporting, will be required. Awardees must be nonprofit organizations.

If you have any questions, please send them to info@growandleadup.org

Send your completed application by midnight FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026:

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Or e-mail the application to info@growandleadup.org