

# Mini-Grant Application Fall 2016



## **No Limits Activism:**

***Taking action against the tobacco industry through youth empowerment, youth leadership, and creativity.***

No Limits Activism Mini-Grants are available to Nebraska teens who want to fight Big Tobacco and its manipulative marketing tactics by using activism. Anyone aged 12–18 and in grades 7–12 may apply for a grant. The only requirements are that each group has an adult sponsor and each group turns in their mini-grant application. Once you have turned in your application, No Limits will look over the applications and determine the appropriate amount of funds to send your group. Priority for funding allocation will be given to grant applications with a focus on policy change and a plan for media involvement, along with the group's history of grant completion.

### **Youth Role:**

Youth applying for the funding are responsible for planning, preparing, and following through with their events. They are to take the leading role in filling out the grant application, planning the activities, and following up with the final report. A final report must be completed and sent to No Limits to be eligible for future grants.

### **Adult Sponsor Role:**

Each group must have an adult sponsor who will be responsible for the grant money, turning in receipts, and overseeing the youth during the activities. The youth will be taking the lead role in filling out the grant application, planning the activities, and following up with the final report.

### **How to Apply:**

Applying for the No Limits Activism Mini-Grants is easy.

- 1) Fill out the group, sponsor, and youth names and contact information.
- 2) Select the topic you wish to address through your activism.
- 3) Fill out an application for each activism activity you plan to complete.
- 4) Sign and return your Mini-Grant Agreement and Application to No Limits.

No Limits provides a variety of topics to address along with plenty of activism packages for you to choose from. The activism activities listed are eye-catching, effective ways to get your message out. However, No Limits is always up for new and creative activism ideas. If you have an activism activity that is not on the list, write a detailed description of it and provide an estimate of the cost. Then contact No Limits to be sure it fits within the No Limits Mini-Grant guidelines.

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Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Names:

Contact Numbers:

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## Activism Topics

Crafting your activism message can be difficult when there are so many topics. No Limits has compiled some information and resources to help you with your activism. Out of the choices below, please select one topic per activism package that you would like to focus on and write it on the Activism Topic line under the list. If you are interested in other topics from the list in addition to your main focus, contact No Limits and we can send more information with your Mini-Grant Binder.

Smoke-Free Parks

Smoke-Free Air

Flavored Tobacco

Tobacco in the Movies

Tobacco Industry Quotes

Tobacco-Free Schools

Global Tobacco

Tobacco in NE/U.S.

Death Toll

Tobacco Targeting Teens

Smokeless Tobacco

Tobacco Taxes

Activism Topic: \_\_\_\_\_



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Here is an example of the type of information you should be thinking about when submitting plans in your Mini-Grant Application. Each group will receive an informational packet with additional resources to help create a powerful event, including planning guides for each activity in the selected package(s). Groups may do as many projects as they think they can do with the \$100.

Name of Activity: Cup Art

Possible Date (after October 12): 10/13/2016 Possible Location: School Yard Fence

**Part of great activism is having a clear message. What do you want your audience to remember? If you don't know, your audience won't know. Take a second to review it. Is it simple and easy to remember?**

Message: We Love Smoke-Free Air!

**What do you hope to accomplish with your activism activity?**

Goal(s): To let people know that smoke-free air is a good thing! There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. The best thing is to make it all smoke-free. We want the school newspaper to write an article about our activism and our topic. We also want our message to reach more people than just those at school. We'll do this by sending out press releases to our local media.

**Estimate the amount of your package funding you will spend on this activity.**

Estimated Cost: \$20

**Feel free to draw a picture, write down other thoughts, or just jot down anything else you want us to know.**

Details of Your Activism:

We're going to map out our message on graph paper first, then we'll put it in the fence using Styrofoam cups. We'll also send out a press release and put write ups in for the announcements at our school. We'll take lots of pictures too, so we can send those out in case we don't get coverage while it's up.

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Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Possible Date (after Oct. 12): \_\_\_\_\_ Possible Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Message: \_\_\_\_\_

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Goal(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Estimated Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Details of Your Activism:

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Estimated Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Details of Your Activism:

Have more activities, but not enough paper? Attach additional sheets of paper to this application.