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### **Democracy Truth Project - Grant Opportunity**

LWVMI is providing an opportunity for local Leagues to encourage youth engagement in League voter services activities for the 2026 election year. Grant funds are available to offer honoraria to local youth (ages 16-25) who are interested in working with local Leagues.

There are many ways local Leagues may choose to encourage this engagement. Here are some examples of youth engagement opportunities your local Leagues can consider, along with **suggested** honoraria amounts:

- Student Leader of Voter Services—honorarium \$1000 per student
  - Serve as an appointed board member and attend board meetings (*Must join the local League*)
  - Manage high school voter registration drives for your local League
  - Manage outreach to local high school students to engage them in voter registration work in their communities
  - Manage and recruit youth for voter service work in their communities (candidate forums, observer corps, Board of Canvassers, etc.)
- High school voter registration drives — honorarium \$25/event per student
- Candidate forums— honorarium \$25/event per student
- Create social media content (Facebook, Instagram, TikTok videos) — honorarium \$500 per student/year. (*Must join the local League*).
- Attend local government meetings as an Observer Corps member—honorarium \$100 per student for attending 6 months of meetings, potential of \$200 for a year of meetings. Students will be trained and mentored by a League member and submit reports.
- Attend county Board of Canvassers meetings, as a trained local League observer, mentored by other trained local League observers—honorarium \$50/event per student,

must attend at least the first BOC meeting and the certification meeting, in addition to submitting required reports. (*Must join the local League*).

We are asking local Leagues to submit a proposal on how they plan to engage youth. Proposals must be submitted **no later than April 30, 2026**. We will provide funds not to exceed \$1500\*, so your proposal cannot exceed that amount. The proposal should contain specifics on what area(s) your League will focus on for youth engagement and potential costs. The time period covered will be from May-November 2026. Your local League may determine other areas of youth engagement that are not covered in the above. We are open to any ideas that include voter service activities.

\*LWVMI may offer more-or-less grant funding depending on how many local Leagues take advantage of this pass-through grant opportunity.

Local Leagues may, of course, opt to devote more money to the project using their own funds if they choose to broaden the scope of the project beyond the \$1500 that LWVMI will offer.

During this very important and critical election year, we encourage local Leagues to apply for this funding and actively engage youth in their communities. With the passage of MI PA 258 (providing voter pre-registration and registration information to students ages 16 and older in high schools), schools will be looking for ways to comply.

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