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# OPEN CALL

## FOR MEMBERS OF YOUTH FUND BOARDS

The Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation, PRONI Center for Youth Development and Peer Educators Network (PEN) invite all interested young people from 18 to 32 years from the territory of local self-governments **Vranje, Sremska Mitrovica, Bijeljina, Brcko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina, South Mitrovica and Kamenica** to apply to become members of the Youth Fund Board.

### What are Youth Funds?

The Youth Funds project is implemented with the goal to encourage youth collaboration and increase youth participation in decision-making processes and also to improve the quality of life of young people in the Western Balkans through the allocation of funds to projects initiated and led by young people themselves.

Youth Fund Boards are comprised of 8 people from the local community that will manage the call for proposals and decide what projects will be implemented in the territory of their local municipality. Fund Board members will participate in 2 trainings which will enable them to monitor and support the selected groups that are implementing projects. Youth Fund Board members will also closely work with other Youth Funds Board members from the Western Balkans.

### Do you want to become a Youth Fund Board member?

- Are you between 18 and 32 years old?
- Do you have previous experience supporting the youth in your community?
- Are you aware of the needs of young people in your city/municipality?
- Do you want to voluntarily contribute to the work of the Youth Fund for 10 months after becoming a member of the board?
- Are you eager to work with young people from your community and the Western Balkans region on community development and reconciliation?

### What awaits you if you become a member of the Youth Fund Board?



- Mandatory 3-day program management training in July 2024 in your country
- Mandatory 3-day training on community development and regional cooperation in July/August 2024 in Serbia
- Meetings, trainings and cooperation with representatives of PEN, PRONI and the Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation
- Promotion of programs and education of young people about developing projects and obtaining funds and support for solving local problems of young people and ways to connects youth in the Western Balkans.
- Promotion of cooperation among young people and the reconciliation in the Western Balkans
- Youth Fund Board will manage Youth Fund with the total budget of \$7,000 per municipality.
- Opening a call for projects of informal youth groups in your municipality for up to \$1,000 per project.
- Receiving, reading and scoring applications and selecting project applications for interviews (preliminary selection)
- Interviews with young people who sent project applications and decision-making with other board members which youth projects will receive grants from the Youth Fund.
- Informing groups about the results of the competition
- Signing of contracts and allocation of funds for approved projects
- Monitoring of project implementation, evaluation and reporting
- Cooperation with board members of other Youth Funds in the country and in the Western Balkans region

If you want to gain new skills and meet great people and you think you are the person who can help improve the quality of life in your municipality/city and also influence positive change in the Western Balkans as a member of a Youth Fund Board, apply by filling out the application form available here:

[Apply and become a Youth Fund Board Member](#)



The deadline for applications is **July 1, 2024**.

All basic expenses related to your participation in the planned events, including travel, hotel, and meals during your participation will be covered by the organizers.

We will let you know about the interview and further selection steps by **July 07, 2024**. For more information, please contact us at [youthfunds@divac.com](mailto:youthfunds@divac.com).

The Youth Funds are part of the Regional Youth Partnerships project that seeks to develop the next generation of leaders in the Western Balkans. For more information, visit Instagram page [wb\\_youth\\_partnerships](https://www.instagram.com/wb_youth_partnerships).

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