

WHY JOIN?

Make A Difference

Use your funds and skills to assist organizations making New Orleans a better place to live.

Learn Something New

Discover some of the biggest challenges facing New Orleans and how to help the city overcome those challenges through philanthropic giving.

Meet Dynamic People

Interact with people sharing the common interest of improving New Orleans while building lasting personal and professional relationships.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

Live and/or work in the Greater New Orleans area

Between the ages of 25 and 40

Able to contribute \$500 towards the grantmaking fund

Willing to commit to the timeline (see below)

Desire to improve the community

2010 SCHEDULE

Sat. June 19 @ 2:30 – 5:00pm: Orientation

Wed. June 30 @ 6:30 – 8:30pm: Philanthropy 101

Wed. July 28 @ 6:30 – 8:30pm: Grantmaking 101

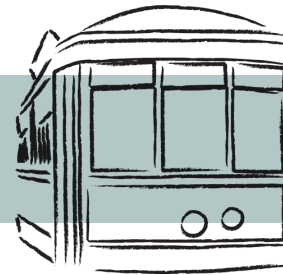
Wed. October 27 @ 6:30 – 8:30pm: Recommendation Presentation

Wed. November 10 @ 6:30pm: Awards Ceremony

Wed. November 17 @ 6:30 – 8:30pm: Closing Session

In addition to these sessions, each grantmaking team will meet approximately four times and conduct at least one site visit. All sessions will be held in New Orleans.

To become a member of The Crescent Fund, apply online at www.nolacrescentfund.org. Applications for the 2010 class are due April 30. Send questions info@nolacrescentfund.org.



THE CRESCENT FUND

Engaging young talent in philanthropic efforts throughout the Greater New Orleans region.

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The Crescent Civic Engagement Fund (Crescent Fund) is a group of next-generation leaders working together to use their resources and skills to support initiatives impacting positive change in the Greater New Orleans community.

Pooling resources raised through their own contributions and outside sponsorships, participants work together on issue-based teams to proactively research organizations, conduct site visits, manage a grant application process, and allocate funds.

1

Impact positive change in the Greater New Orleans region.

2

Inspire and educate young leaders to become effective, lifelong philanthropists.

3

Retain local talent by allowing emerging leaders to connect to each other and invest themselves in their community.

Founded in December 2008 by young leaders looking to make a difference in their community, The Crescent Fund launched a pilot program with 18 participants in May 2009. Focusing on economic development and education, the members awarded \$18,000 in grants to four organizations. Building on the success of the pilot, the group is working to make The Crescent Fund an annual program with a new class of participants each year.

NOPLAY

New Orleans Provides Literacy to All Youth (NOPLAY) is a part of the Youth Empowerment Project. It provides free, individualized GED and literacy instruction to out-of-school youth 16-24 years of age. The Crescent Fund's contributions have enabled NOPLAY to extend its class hours.

SENO

Social Entrepreneurs of New Orleans (SENO) identifies and incubates social entrepreneurs who tackle our city's most pressing challenges. The Crescent Fund will support the New Ventures Incubator, an initiative to help high-potential, early stage social entrepreneurs launch their ventures.

Westbank CS

Westbank Community School is an alternative middle school in Jefferson Parish where students expelled for behavioral reasons can receive a second chance and a quality education. The Crescent Fund enabled a first-year Teach for America corps member to create the school's first library.

YA/YA

Young Aspirations/Young Artists, Inc. (YA/YA) empowers creative youth in New Orleans to become successful adults. The Crescent Fund will support the launch of SIGN-UP, a project which partners young art-entrepreneurs with small business owners to create custom, vibrant signage.