

# Request for proposal to the Sharon Youth Fund

Website : <https://sharonchinese.org/sharonyouthfund>

The Guangzhou-Boston Charity Foundation, led by Sharon resident Liming Liang, has established the Sharon Youth Fund (the Fund). It is now calling for applications for the first round. All proposals are due to the evaluation committee at [syf@sharonchinese.org](mailto:syf@sharonchinese.org) by 5:00pm on May 20.

## Synopsis of program

Aligning with the mission of the Guangzhou-Boston Charity Foundation, the Fund seeks to further our commitment to the community of the underprivileged youth. The particular goal of this inaugural round is to support teenagers from Sharon for their undertaking to enrich the daily lives of a special group of patients at the Shriners Hospital for Children Boston. With the majority coming from China and their trips only made possible by financial support from charity organizations such as HandReach ([handreach.org](http://handreach.org)), A Life A Time ([alifeatime.org](http://alifeatime.org)), and business and individual donations from the Greater Boston community, these patients are often kids with high-degree of burn and scald injuries, amputations, or significant birth defects, etc. During their visits especially when they are out of the hospital in between operations, better arrangements of their daily routines will aid their recovery while benefiting their emotional state and intellectual growth.

## Eligibility

In this round, all Sharon teenagers with Chinese origin are eligible to apply. High school students within this group are especially encouraged to participate.

## Funding for participants

Four awards, each up to \$500, are anticipated for this round. The award will fund proposed work starting June 1<sup>st</sup> for one year. Each program participant (or team of participants) is expected to submit a one-page final report upon completion of the work.

**Schedules and conditions of incoming patients will be updated here:** <https://goo.gl/PULn9Q>

## Application

The application include the following components. Please fill in the application form available on the Fund's website (<https://sharonchinese.org/sharonyouthfund>).

1. **Introduction** – Briefly introduce the proposed work.
2. **Philosophy** – Explain how the activities contribute to the physical, emotional, or intellectual well-being of the visiting patient of the Shriners.
3. **Goals** – Describe what you want your guest (patient of the Shriners) and yourself to gain from the activities, and the type and amount of support that you may need to achieve your goals.
4. **Budget and plan narrative** – Describe how you would use the grant funds. Allowable expenses include (but are not limited to) materials, supplies, food, travel for purposes of interacting with patients, and equipment to be used for the proposed work. Salary for the applicant is not allowed.
5. **Poster** – A poster (in Power Point or PDF format) that summarizes the proposal. These will be demonstrated on the fund's website to highlight all applications and awarded proposals.

## Submission information

Please submit your proposal to the evaluation committee at [syf@sharonchinese.org](mailto:syf@sharonchinese.org) by 5:00pm on May 20. If you have questions about the application or the program in general, please email [syf@sharonchinese.org](mailto:syf@sharonchinese.org). Awarded applicants will be notified by May 27.

## Evaluation committee and consultants for the Fund

The committee consists of Sharon residents: Qihong Li (Chair), Yanlai Chen, Jie Jiao, Xin Li, Qingfen Zhang and Rui (Amy) Zhang. Liming Liang serves as a tie-breaker. Non-voting consultants for the Fund include Yaoming Wang, Yi Zhou, and Qi Gao (Director of HandReach).