



MenPact Pensacola Grant Application Form

Grant Guidelines

Grants of \$10,000 are awarded in November of each year. All applicants will be notified in writing or via email regarding the status of their grant. Grant funds may be used only in accordance with the project proposal and budget approved by MenPact Pensacola.

Application Timeline

Grant applications are accepted on an annual basis between June 1 and July 30. Applicant must meet submission deadlines and fulfill all application requirements.

Eligibility

Organizations eligible to apply for a MenPact Pensacola grant must confirm the organization is:

- Defined as a tax-exempt charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Operating in Escambia and/or Santa Rosa Counties in Florida or recognized as serving residents of Escambia or Santa Rosa counties.

Requests for the following will not be considered:

- Political or lobbying related activities.
- Violence or terrorism-related activities.
- Faith-based projects or programs.
- Grants directly to individuals.
- Organizations operating outside the United States.

Acknowledgment

Grantee will acknowledge grant funding in an appropriate manner in all publications, press releases, talks, interviews, audio recordings, films/video, and other media and activities related to or resulting from grant-funded activities.

MenPact Pensacola may include information relating to the grant, including the name of grantee, on its website or in periodic public reports, press releases, or other public materials.



Grant Application

Section 1: Organization Information

1. Organization Name: Youthsleftbehind Corp_____
2. EIN (Tax ID): 88-0533391
3. Mailing Address: (Mailing) 1815 Sunset Maple Rd. Cantonment Fl. 32533 (Physical)
900 s. Old Cory Field Rd. (Moreno Ct Clubhouse)
4. Phone Number: 850)741-6404 / (850)291/9318
5. Website (if applicable):
www.youthsleftbehindylb.org_____
6. Contact Person Name & Title: Hassan Hills – Founder/ Community Engagement
Coordinator _____
7. Contact Email: youthsleftbehind@gmail.com

Section 2: Organization Background

8. Mission statement:

YouthsLeftBehind's mission is to create a respectful and responsible community by equipping young men with comprehensive mentorship, education, awareness, and preventative services that empower them to make positive life choices and achieve the best possible quality of life.

9. Brief Description of Organization's Work (Max 250 words):

Through weekly group sessions, we address the critical challenges youth face, including gun violence awareness and prevention, life skills, character development, goal setting, workforce readiness, financial literacy, and academic success. We provide positive mentorship and connect participants and their families with resources that help bridge gaps related to food insecurity, housing instability, and grief, trauma, and loss.

By combining prevention, intervention, and supportive services, YouthsLeftBehind equips youth with the knowledge, confidence, and resources needed to overcome barriers, reduce risk factors, family and community relationships, and become productive, responsible leaders who create lasting positive change in their home communities with the goal of ensuring the best quality of life and future.

10. Year Founded: 2022

11. Geographic Area Served: Escambia County(Data identified areas of need and low income Neighborhoods.

12. Number of Employees & Volunteers: 9 employees 14 volunteers.

Section 3: Funding Request

13. Amount Requested: \$10,000

14. Purpose of Grant (Brief Summary):

This grant will expand YouthsLeftBehind services following our relocation and partnership with the Area Housing Commission, where more than 170 children now live. Funding will strengthen mentorship, life skills, workforce development, gun violence awareness and prevention, and positive youth engagement.

Support will also fund one part-time driver to transport youth from local schools to our facility. Transportation is a major barrier, and we believe that when you build a bridge, youth can cross it.

By connecting young men with positive mentors, law enforcement, community leaders, and new opportunities, we are equipping them with the resources, relationships, and support needed to build a brighter future and achieve the best possible quality of life.

15. Detailed Description of Project or Program (Max 500 words):

YouthsLeftBehind will expand its year-round programming by increasing the number of weekly group sessions available during out-of-school hours, providing youth with consistent access to mentorship, education, and prevention services in a safe and supportive environment. This expansion will allow us to serve more young people while addressing barriers that place them at risk of violence, crime, and other negative outcomes.

A key component of the program is our Gun Violence Awareness and Prevention curriculum, designed to help identify youth impacted by violence, trauma, or high-risk environments. Participants receive prevention education, mentoring, referrals for counseling, workforce development opportunities, and a safe space to discuss personal challenges. By strengthening relationships between youth, law enforcement, mentors, and community stakeholders, we aim to build trust, improve communication, and create safer neighborhoods.

Currently, YouthsLeftBehind serves approximately 24–30 youth each week. With our expanded facility and additional funding, we will increase capacity by offering two group sessions each week, ensuring more youth have access to critical services and that no youth is left behind.

Each session will provide evidence-based and interactive programming, including life skills development, anti-bullying education, conflict resolution, peer pressure resistance, a four-hour gun violence awareness curriculum, drug, vape, and alcohol prevention, workforce readiness, goal setting, and positive decision-making. Participants will also engage in recreational activities, sports, educational field trips, and team-building exercises that promote leadership, confidence, accountability, and healthy relationships.

By providing structured, year-round programming during out-of-school hours, YouthsLeftBehind will reduce idle time, increase protective factors, strengthen family and community connections, and empower young people to make positive choices. Our goal is to improve public safety, increase educational and employment opportunities, and equip youth with the skills, support, and resources needed to reach their full potential while creating a stronger, safer community for all.

16. Expected Outcomes and Impact:

Reduced youth involvement in violence, crime, and other high-risk behaviors

Improved decision-making, conflict resolution, and emotional regulation skills

Increased school engagement, attendance, and academic motivation

Strengthened positive peer relationships and supportive adult connections

Increased resilience, self-confidence, and personal accountability

Greater trust and engagement with community partners and mentors

Improved access to workforce readiness training, job skills, and employment pathways

Increased utilization of counseling, mentoring, and supportive referral services

Reduced recidivism and system involvement among Department of Juvenile Justice–impacted youth

Increased long-term educational attainment and career readiness

Stronger community safety, stability, and youth empowerment outcomes

17. How Will the Funds Be Used? (Please Attach a Budget Breakdown):

Client Transportation	Fuel, vehicle insurance, maintenance, and transportation costs for transporting youth to and from program activities.	\$3,000
Food & Snacks	Nutritious meals and snacks provided during weekly group sessions, workshops, and program activities.	\$2,500
Part-Time Driver	Transportation support for youth participants during the school year and program activities (\$200/month × 12 months).	\$2,400
Direct Client Assistance	Emergency support for youth and families, including clothing, school supplies, hygiene items, and emergency food boxes.	\$1,100
Program Supplies	Educational materials, life skills curriculum, office supplies, activity materials, and participant resources.	\$1,000
Total Requested	\$10,000	

18. Timeline for Implementation: Oct.2026 – Sept.30,2027

Section 4: Supporting Information

19.What Percentage of Your Board Supports This Program/Project or Your Organization?

100% of our board members make a minimum of 1 financial contribution yearly as stated in our bylaw's.

20. Have You Received Funding from MenPact Pensacola Before? (Yes/No) If Yes, Provide

Details: No

21. Attach the Following Documents:

- IRS Determination Letter (Proof of 501(c)(3) Status)
- Most Recent Financial Statement or IRS Form 990
- Project Budget
- Other Sources of Funding for the Requested Project/Program
- List of Board of Directors

Section 5: Certification I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submission of this application does not guarantee funding.

Signature Katrina J. Hills.

Name: Katrina Johnson Hills

Title: Director

Date: 7/30/2026