

2018-2019

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Bethlehem Opportunities

Unlimited

PO Box 492

Delmar, NY 12054

How to apply for funding

Grant application forms can be obtained online at:

<http://www.bethlehemschools.org/community/bou/>

Completed grant applications must be emailed to the Chair of the Grant committee at least two weeks prior to the next board meeting. The **bou** board's monthly meeting dates are listed on the Bethlehem Central School District calendar. The **bou** board evaluates requests based on consistency with goals, cost-effectiveness, and available alternative funding. An evaluation is required of each funded grant. For more information or to submit an application, please contact the Chair of the Grant Committee:

Fred Powers - bougants@gmail.com

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Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited

community volunteers
dedicated to promoting safe
and healthy activities for our
youth and prevention
education for our community



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About bou

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited (bou) was organized in 1985 by a group of community members, school leaders and parents to find ways to address the problem of under-age use of alcohol and other drugs. Our name came in response to the teen complaint of having “nothing to do.” In fact, organizers believed teens have many choices before them. There are unlimited opportunities available that our youth will find—especially if nudged by caring adults.

Over time, bou evolved into a not-for-profit funding source for prevention education and youth activities in our community. Our ongoing purposes are to encourage young people residing in the Town of Bethlehem or attending school in the Bethlehem Central School District to realize their full potential through available educational and career opportunities and to prevent alcohol use and other risky behaviors.

We fund grants for:

- Promoting safe & healthy activities for youth
- Prevention education
- Disseminating information via guest speakers, panels & workshops
- Providing educational, career & employment resources for youth and/or their parents

bou events

- November: Talking with Your Teen
- January: Life after BC
- March: Community Spelling Bee

Past grants have supported a variety of activities for children from preschool age through adolescence. bou funds are raised through donations and special fund-raising events. The organization also provides family activities, including the annual Bethlehem Community Spelling Bee, bou’s major fundraiser, and Talking with Your Teen.

Since 2015, bou awarded over \$10,000 in grants. bou has a long-standing tradition of supporting annual district events such as Senior Celebration and Girls Night Out. Additionally, bou funds one-time requests and innovative programming that meet our mission. bou also sponsors Life After BC, a panel of returning BC graduates to speak with our Junior and Senior students about life at college and making the right choices in their new environments.

Recent bou grants

- BCMS Costume Ball
- BCHS Girls Night Out
- 5th Grade “Survivor” Day at Town Park
- Bethlehem Senior Celebration
- Edge of Leadership program
- No Place for Hate
- Beautiful Me
- Town of Bethlehem—The Pit (air hockey table)
- BCHS Robotic Club – 3D printer

Please support bou and help make a difference! Your contribution is tax deductible!

Your donations will help bou to continue its good works for the children and youth of Bethlehem. Please mail this form and your check (payable to bou) to:

bou, PO Box 492, Delmar, NY 12054

Name: _____ Address: _____

Home phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Do you have students currently enrolled in school, K-12? _____ yes _____ no If yes, please list school(s): _____ Do you have suggested topics/issues for bou consideration? _____ yes _____ no. Please specify _____

_____ Please contact me about volunteer opportunities!