**LOCAL HERO APPLICATION FORM 2025**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

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| Province: | Gauteng |
| Date Nedbank service commenced: | 03 April 2023 |
| Name your benefiting organisation: | Youth Quake |
| When did you begin volunteering at the organisation? (dd/mm/yyyy) | 29 June 2020 |
| How many times do you volunteer at the chosen NPO in a given year? | Daily  Weekly  Monthly  Bimonthly  Quarterly  Other - elaborate: |

**PREVIOUS APPLICATION**

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| Have you received a Local Hero Programme donation before? | No  Yes | |
| If yes, please state: | Date of application | 07 August 2024 |
| Organisation supported | Youth Quake |
| Have you submitted the report for the previous donation? If yes, please advise when? | Yes, on the 17th February 2025 |

\*Note: Please delay your application if you have not submitted your report for the previous donation granted as submission of a report **within 6 months of receipt of funds** was part of the application requirements.

**NON PROFIT ORGANISATION**

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| Name of NPO: | Youth Quake |
| 18A registered | Yes  No |
| NPO Number: | 043-958 |
| PBO Number (where applicable): |  |
| Physical Address: |  |
| Province: |  |
| NPO Manager: |  |
| Telephone No.: |  |
| Email Address: |  |
| Please indicate & tick one category that best describes the NPO where you volunteer: | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  | | **Education** |  | Social Welfare |  | | **Health** |  | Sports |  | | **Environment** |  | Animal Welfare |  | | **Disability** |  | Food Security |  | | **Water** |  | Agriculture |  | | **Waste** |  | Energy |  | | **Gender** |  | Other | X | |  |  |  | Youth &  Community  Development | |  | |  |  | |

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**PROJECT ASSESSMENT**

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| 1. What volunteer work do you do at the chosen NPO? List under a, b, c below 3 **examples** of volunteer work you have been involved in for **the last 6 months**. |
| * a. Tutoring Program |
| * b. Mentorship program and Leadership Camp |
| * c. Awareness campaign |
| 1. Provide **3 examples** of how the organisation helps to meet the community’s needs.   **Leadership Camps and awareness campaigns:** Youth Quake drives a mentorship program, hosts camps and awareness campaigns aimed at addressing societal issues and equipping teenagers with essential life skills and leadership abilities. These initiatives address issues such as teen pregnancy, substance abuse and foster personal growth and responsibility. By empowering youth with the necessary knowledge and skills to make positive choices and contribute to their communities, the organization addresses the broader social and developmental needs of the community.  **Career Guidance (Grade 9 & 12):** The organization conducts career expos and guidance sessions for Grade 9 and Grade 12 learners. These initiatives provide valuable information on career choices, financial aid opportunities, and qualification requirements. By equipping learners with the knowledge and resources to make informed decisions about their future, Youth Quake addresses the need for guidance in navigating the transition and challenges associated with higher education and employment.  **Tutoring Program:** Youth Quake provides a tutoring program in adopted schools to assist learners, especially those in  disadvantaged communities, in improving their academic performance. By offering support in subjects like Mathematics, Physics, Economics, Geography and Accounting, the organization helps address the educational needs of learners who may require additional assistance beyond the classroom. |
| 1. **Approximately how many people in the community have been assisted by the NPO in the previous year?**   715 young people have been reached. |
| 1. **Does the NPO collaborate/work with other community structures such as schools and the community at large? How? (Please give examples)**   Yes, Youth Quake identified a gap with rural learners that lack exposure to exhibitions of relevant career options. For the past 10 years, Youth Quake annually has visited rural high schools with student volunteers and young professionals to inspire, motivate and expose learners to various career options. We have partnered with stakeholders like; MerSETA, DHET and Gradesmatch. The Adopt a School program is an ongoing effort where we provide high school learners with tutoring and life skills sessions every Saturday. Additionally, we are recognized in the following institutions of higher learning; Fort Hare (Alice and East London) Central University of Technology, University of Free State, University of Western Cape, Nelson Mandela University, and Rhodes university. We also collaborate with SANCA within our communities to highlight the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and reckless behaviour. These awareness campaigns are typically conducted through sports, in partnership with local coaches to foster community unity. |
| 1. **Give a breakdown of the organisation’s current projects and the amount required in order of priority.** 2. Career expo 3. Tutoring transportation 4. National teens camp |
| 1. **What is the immediate need for the NPO to be able to assist the community?**   The Career Expo for Grade 12 Matriculants is a one-day event designed to provide learners with critical information on career choices and higher education opportunities. The event will be held after the learners return from their March holidays in the second term, ensuring that health science students can apply earlier, by April at the latest. Immediately after the expo, we will assist students with university and college applications by providing necessary resources such as information, computers, and internet access. This support will continue until all students have successfully completed their applications to various institutions. |
| 1. **If the donation of R15 000 is approved, advise how this would be utilised. Also advise when the project will end if it is not ongoing, and envisaged results. (As discussed with your NPO)**   The money will be utilized for the following:   1. Career Expo for Grade 12 Matriculants – Aimed at providing students with valuable career guidance and information on university and college applications. Immediately after the expo, we will assist learners with their applications by providing computers, internet access, and necessary resources until they have successfully applied to all relevant institutions. 2. Ongoing Tutoring & Mentorship   Tutoring sessions are conducted every weekend throughout the year, providing continuous academic support for learners. Furthermore, university students—many of whom were former learners of the school—actively participate in tutoring. Funds will be used to support their travel expenses, ensuring they can regularly return to help mentor and tutor current learners.   1. **Leadership Camps and awareness campaigns**(16 – 18 May 2025 and 5 – 9 October) – a mentorship program, hosts camps and awareness campaigns aimed at addressing societal issues and equipping teenagers with essential life skills and leadership abilities. These initiatives address issues such as teen pregnancy, substance abuse and foster personal growth and responsibility. By empowering youth with the necessary knowledge and skills to make positive choices and contribute to their communities, the organization addresses the broader social and developmental needs of the community. 2. Youth Quake Tour ( 1 – 4 July 2025) – A winter school program designed to provide academic support, mentorship, and career guidance. The funds will be used to accommodate participants, facilitate event preparations, and cover necessary expenses to ensure the success of the program.   Additionally, sponsorship funds will help with transport arrangements, securing banners, and inviting key stakeholders such as universities, colleges, MerSETA, DHET, and Gradesmatch to bring brochures and information that will assist students with applications.  **Grade 12 Achievers Day**: The remaining funds will be used to support the organization of Achiever's Day at our adopted  school. This event celebrates academic achievements and provides motivation for learners to excel. Expenses will include  awards, certificates, refreshments, and any logistical costs to make the day a success. Our engagement with the school is  ongoing, as we facilitate the life skills and tutoring program every Saturday. |
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**Application Motivation**

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| **How has your involvement at the chosen NPO assisted the organisation to achieve results**?  **(100 words max)**  Through my active participation in mentorship programs, career expos and guidance, community engagement and leadership camps, I've directly contributed to guiding career choices, fostering leadership skills among the youth we serve, positively influence the choices of young people within our communities and creating awareness of the existing societal ills. By volunteering my time and skills, I've helped expand the reach of our initiatives, increasing our impact on the community. |
| **What motivates you to volunteer at this organisation?** **(100 words max)**  My motivation to volunteer at Youth Quake is motivated by a profound dedication to empowerment of the underprivileged youth and enhancement of community cohesion, seeing the difference we make in young people's lives through mentorship. tutoring, career guidance, and leadership programs is what inspires me. Additionally, our awareness campaigns addressing societal ills resonate with my desire to create positive change in our society. I am passionate and dedicated to the organization because it is my sense of purpose. The organization offers me an opportunity to help the youth to achieve their academic and personal goals by contributing to these initiatives and also strengthen the community at large. |
| **What benefits do you derive from your involvement?** **(100 words max)**  My involvement in Youth Quake has multiple advantages. Firstly, enhances my organization skills as well as leadership through organizing programs and activities. I also gain fulfilment from making a tangible difference in the lives of young people in real sense especially those who come from underprivileged families. Over the time, I have developed strong interpersonal skills by working with diverse groups of young people and the community at large. The experience continues to broaden my perspective on societal  issues, fostering a deeper sense of social responsibility. |
| **How does the NPO contribute to the quality of life of South Africans? (100 words max)**  Through its many programs and projects, the organization, Youth Quake, greatly impacts the quality of life of South Africans. It offers educational opportunities by providing tutoring, career guidance, and mentoring to learners, especially those in underprivileged communities. In such a way, it helps them perform better in their studies and seek for further education and careers. Its awareness campaigns that address societal ills, working with different stakeholders assist in strengthening community spirit. In addition, the teenagers' camps operate with the objective of providing them with necessary life skills, empower them to make wise decisions, and provide education on combating issues such as teen pregnancy. By instilling leadership skills and promoting responsible decision-making among youth, Youth Quake contributes to creating a generation of informed and empowered individuals who can positively influence their communities and improve societal well-being. |
| **Any other Nedbank staff members volunteering at this organisation? Yes  No**  *If YES, please tell us who they are.* |

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| **Please tick the "Agree" box below if you agree to this Declaration:**   * A progress report will be submitted by ourselves (I, the employee, and the NPO where I volunteer) **within 6 months of a donation being granted**; * Full access to financial records will be granted to the Local Hero Programme when requested; * Access in the form of visits to specific projects or initiatives funded by the Local Hero Programme will be granted at any time; * The Local Hero Programme is granted permission to publish details of the funded project in all media (except in cases where certain participants of such services e.g. children at children's homes are protected in terms of confidentiality). * The organization for which you are applying is carrying out 18A activities as listed in the 18A activity form and is 18A registered with SARS or you have completed the 18A activity form. |
| Agree |

Please email the completed form to [volunteerism@nedbank.co.za](mailto:volunteerism@nedbank.co.za).