



## Establishing Funding Criteria

Roundtable Student Leaders use Funding Criteria to evaluate the organizations they discover through their research and to make their final funding determinations. This is new to many students because this is their opportunity to give a grade to someone else. As a group, they must create rubric or score sheet that they can use to evaluate organizations before making grant decisions.

In general, there are three types of Funding Criteria:

- 1) Organization characteristics
  - a. How large is the organization? Staff? Budget? Programs?
  - b. Where is the organization located?
  - c. How long has the organization been in operation?
- 2) Partnership opportunities
  - a. Is the organization willing to make a presentation at the school or host a visit at their office?
  - b. Is the organization willing to partner on a service project?
  - c. Is the organization willing to come to the school for the Check Award Ceremony?
- 3) Community need
  - a. Does the organization or program focus on long-term solutions (advocacy or education)?
  - b. Does the organization or program focus on immediate needs through direct service?

As a group, review these and read through the “Funding Criteria questions” on pg. 73-74. Then, try to create 2-3 of your own funding criteria.

Funding Criteria #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Criteria #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Criteria #3: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you explain this step to your students?

