

## Youth Participation Initiative

The Youth Participation Initiative (YPI) Program was established in 2009 to provide funding for educating children in the areas of hunting, fishing, conservation, and safety. The MDWFP encourages applicants to focus on the education, recruitment, or retention of youth in the areas listed above or in any safety issues arising from the areas of hunting, fishing, or conservation. Preference is given to those projects demonstrating focus on new ideas, new programs, or programs directed at involving youth that have little or no prior experience in the fields of hunting, fishing, or conservation.

The MDWFP is an active partner in many of these projects such as Youth Waterfowl Hunting & Education Initiative Camp, Camp Fish, Golden Triangle Outdoors-Deer Hunt for Youth with Disabilities, Youth Trappers College, Wildlife Conservation Camp, Youth Sea Camp, and YPI Squirrel Hunt.

The MDWFP will be accepting applications beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Applications must be submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Applications can be found online at:

<http://www.mdwfp.com/education-outreach/youth-programs/youth-participation-initiativegrants/>