



January 26, 2017

Re: Request for Partnership/Sponsorship

To whom it concerns,

The Young Marines of the Palm Beaches has launched our annual winter/spring fundraising campaign and are seeking the support of individuals and companies like you to support us. This year's fundraising efforts are specifically aimed at raising \$10,000 to send twenty-four (24) Young Marines and four (4) Registered Adults to The National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC. We are especially proud to have been invited back to Washington for the 5th year in a row and honored to be selected to carry the lead banner.

Our unit is one of a National Young Marine program with 300+ units across the nation, Japan and Germany. Our unit is also the oldest unit in the State of Florida, having been establish in 1997. We are a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that relies primarily on the generosity of its sponsors and other individuals for funding.

As with most non-profits, without donations and support from individuals and corporations like you; it would not be possible to provide these services or programs. Donations and fundraising opportunities help sustain our organization and benefit the communities in which we live.

In return for your support, we will recognize you/your firm on our website as a sponsor/partner and include your logo if provided.

Additionally, due to the fact we strongly encourage our members to be wholly active in their communities; we would also make ourselves available, schedule permitting; should you have need of volunteers for community based services on your behalf.

Please review the enclosed literature to learn more about us and visit us at www.youngmarines.com or <http://palmbeachym.org>

IRS Letter of Determination and W-9 available upon request.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

Cindy Townsend

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Adjutant
Young Marines of the Palm Beaches

ABOUT THE YOUNG MARINES

WHO WE ARE

The Young Marines is a youth education and service program for boys and girls, ages 8 through completion of high school. The Young Marines promotes the mental, moral, and physical development of its members. The program focuses on character building, leadership, and promotes a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The Young Marines is the focal point for the U.S. Marine Corps' Youth Drug Demand Reduction efforts.

MEMBERSHIP

The Young Marines is open to all youth ages 8 through completion of high school. The only membership requirement is that the youth must be in good standing at school. Since the Young Marines' humble beginnings, in 1958, with one unit and a handful of boys, the organization has grown to over 240 units with 10,000 youth and 3,000 adult volunteers in 46 states, the District of Columbia, and, Germany, Japan and affiliates in a host of other countries.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Young Marine units are community-based programs lead by dedicated adult volunteers. Many of these volunteers are former, retired, active duty, or reserve Marines who believe passionately that the values they learned as Marines had a positive affect on them. It is through these caring adults that Young Marines learn the inner values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Adult volunteers are individually screened by the National Headquarters based on background information and recommendations provided with each person's registration.

TRAINING

Upon joining a local Young Marine unit, youth undergo a 26-hour orientation program, generally spread out over several weekly meetings. This orientation program is affectionately called "Boot Camp." The youth learn general subjects such as history, customs and courtesies, close order drill, physical fitness, and military rank structure. After graduating from Young Marine "Boot Camp", the youth have the opportunity to learn more new skills, earn rank, wear the Young Marine uniform and work toward ribbon awards. Young Marines earn ribbons for achievement in areas such as leadership, community service, swimming, academic excellence, first aid and drug resistance education.

MISSION

The mission of the Young Marines is to positively impact America's future by providing quality youth development programs for boys and girls that nurtures and develops its members into responsible citizens who enjoy and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

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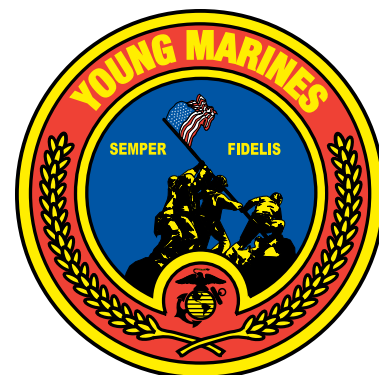
Strengthening the lives of America's youth

YOUNG MARINE OBLIGATION

From this day forward, I sincerely promise, I will set an example for all other youth to follow and I shall never do anything that would bring disgrace or dishonor upon God, my Country and its flag, my parents, myself or the Young Marines. These I will honor and respect in a manner that will reflect credit upon them and myself. Semper Fidelis.

YOUNG MARINE CREED

1. Obey my parents and all others in charge of me whether young or old.
2. Keep myself neat at all times without other people telling me to.
3. Keep myself clean in mind by attending the church of my faith.
4. Keep my mind alert to learn in school, at home or at play.
5. Remember having self-discipline will enable me to control my body and mind in case of an emergency.





NATIONAL PROGRAMS

During the summer months, Young Marines have the opportunity to attend the Young Marines National Summer Programs of: Adventures, Challenges, Encampments, and Schools (SPACES). Schools consist of leadership courses. Adventures, have a historical emphasis and are designed with the younger child in mind. In contrast, older Young Marines can participate in Challenges. Challenges consist of training in areas such as survival skills, wilderness training, and water-based activities. Young Marine Encampments provide the opportunity for Young Marines of all ages to gather together and train as a large unit of up to 700 youth at a time. Over 3,000 Young Marines participate in the SPACES programs each year.



AWARDS

The Young Marines is the proud four-time recipient of the Department of Defense's Fulcrum Shield Award for Excellence in Youth Anti-Drug Programs. The award recognizes military-affiliated youth organizations around the world that have made concerted efforts at spreading the anti-drug messages throughout their communities. The first award was presented to the Young Marines National Headquarters and the second to the Bakersfield Young Marine unit in California.



R. LEE ERMEY, OFFICIAL CELEBRITY SPOKESPERSON

The Young Marines are honored to have R. Lee Ermey as their official celebrity spokesperson. Mr. Ermey garnered worldwide acclaim for his portrayal of Drill Instructor Gunnery Sergeant Hartman in Stanley Kubrik's film Full Metal Jacket (1987). Ermey is the host of the History Channel's hit show, Mail Call.



CHESTER, THE OFFICIAL MASCOT

Chester, the puppy bulldog, is the Young Marines official mascot. Chester enjoys all the benefits of Young Marine membership such as the opportunity to earn rank and ribbons, wear the Young Marine uniform, and a free subscription to the Young Marine Esprit magazine. Chester sometimes even makes guest appearances at unit meetings, graduations, and training conferences.

YOUNG MARINES



YOUNG MARINES VETERANS APPRECIATION WEEK

For one week in November each year, Young Marine units across the country celebrate Young Marines Veterans Appreciation Week (YMVAV). The purpose of the campaign is to challenge our Young Marines to dedicate some of their time to help our nation's veterans and to demonstrate, through their actions, their sincere appreciation for our veterans' service to our country. Unit projects include sending thank you cards to hospitalized veterans, cleaning up a disabled veterans yard, visiting veterans in the hospital, or simply setting up a community function to socialize with local veterans.











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SPONSORSHIP/PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Young Marines program is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that relies primarily on the generosity of its sponsors for funding. Our Kids also work hard throughout the year to schedule other fundraising activities to help fund the program.

Please consider becoming a partner by electing one of the following levels of sponsorship.

	YM MGySgt	\$2,000	This level could underwrite our annual trip to Parris Island to train with a USMC Drill instructor. While there, our Young Marines learn to rappel, drill, run the obstacle course and try to conquer the infamous crucible. This is the highlight of our year for each and every Young Marine.
	YM MSGT	\$1200	This level could provide registration fees for three (3) new recruits who might otherwise not be able to afford the program. It provides them with all their training materials and one full set of uniforms and gear.
	YM GySgt	\$900	This level could provide up to two (2) Young Marines registration to a National Spaces Camp which is required to reach some levels of rank.
	YM SSgt	\$750	This level could provide five (5) Young Marines registration and tuition to Junior Leadership Schools as is required to reach the rank of Cpl.
	Sgt	\$525	This Level could underwrite one (1) graduation ceremony, by providing awards, certificates and catering for graduates, members and families of members as well as guest speakers.
	Cpl	\$250	This level could provide three (3) Young Marines registration and tuition to Summer Camps where they train on qualified field, camping skills, safety, and earn many other ribbons through training opportunities.
	LCpl	\$200	This level could provide one (1) Young Marine trip expense for a Unit Sponsored Trip.
	PFC	\$150	This level could provide up to forty (40) ribbon bars or Fifty (50) ribbons for Young Marines. These are required to display the ribbons our Young Marines earn through their dedication to training. The average Young Marine will accumulate 25 to 30 ribbons throughout their membership with the Young Marines program.
	PVT	\$100	This level could provide discretionary expense support for general expenses associated with overhead of a 501(c)3 corporation. This would also be augmented by the fundraising efforts of our Young Marines in order to insure the financial health of our unit.

All sponsorships no matter how great or small, no matter if corporate or individual; will always be listed on our website as a supporter of our program. Additionally, if provided; your logo will also be displayed on our website and at any events we schedule.

SPONSORSHIP/PARTNERSHIP SELECTION

Date: _____

Donor/Sponsor/Partner: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Email: _____

Selection (check one):

Selection	Level	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/>	YM MGySgt	\$2,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	YM MSGT	\$1200
<input type="checkbox"/>	YM GySgt	\$900
<input type="checkbox"/>	YM SSgt	\$750
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sgt	\$550
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cpl	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/>	LCpl	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/>	PFC	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/>	PVT	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	

Authorized Signature: _____

Title: _____

Do you wish to receive newsletters or Unit updates via email? Yes or No