

3.12 Youth Fund

Policy

The Midwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association has established a monetary account officially known as the Midwest Region Youth Fund. The purpose of this fund is to make available printed educational materials, tools and other necessary items to introduce youth to the hobby of model railroading.

1. Printed materials available are in abbreviated booklet form for individual students, accompanied by a full set of instructions for the sponsoring organization.
2. Basic tools available at present are 2-piece small screwdriver set, 12-piece file set & 6-blade hobby knife set.
3. Model railroad freight car kits are available at a very minimal price.
4. Region Youth Fund Chairman is available for travel to organizations wishing to conduct a “Rail School” for 15 or more students simultaneously. This is to be a one-time trip per organization to assist in the set up and operation of a rail school. A two-month lead time request is necessary to acquire services of Chairman.
5. Organizational activities must be approved by recommendation of Youth Fund Chairman to Board of Directors prior to reimbursement for any expenses incurred in youth activities.
6. Upon establishment of an activity, it shall become listed as a procedure and no further Board of Directors approval is necessary, provided materials and supplies are purchased through Midwest Region Youth Fund.
7. THE OBJECTIVE OF MIDWEST REGION IS TO MAINTAIN THE PRINCIPAL OF THIS FUND USING INVESTMENT EARNINGS TO FINANCE GENERAL OPERATIONS AND INCIDENTAL COSTS.

Procedures

Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge.

1. Scout registration fee of \$8.00 covers purchase of two model rail cars, printed study booklet, and use of available tools.
2. Sponsor organization will purchase from Midwest Region Youth Fund two model rail cars and printed study booklet for each scout at a cost of \$6.50 per scout.
3. Additional \$1.50 collected by sponsor organization will be used to purchase basic tools, as indicated in policy sheet, and any rental or associated charges connected with event.
4. Charges to individual scout (\$8.00) may be waived or reduced by sponsoring organization at their discretion; however the \$6.50 per scout cost payable to Midwest region is not negotiable.
5. MB101 form shall be returned to Midwest Region for reference.
6. Name, address and NMRA Membership number of instructors to be furnished to Youth Chairman for submission to National Model Railroad Association for Association Volunteer Credit.