

Sample Parish Budget for Youth Ministry

When first hiring a Coordinator of Youth Ministry, the parish will have some up front expenses to decide upon:

- Computer (with internet access)
- Office space and furniture
- Youth Room (an area to meet regularly where youth will feel comfortable and welcomed)

Coordinators of Youth Ministry should be provided with an annual budget to allow them to plan programs and activities for an entire year. Young people should not be expected to pay to come to regular weekly activities, and should only have to fundraise to go to larger events. If the parish does not provide a budget, then the Coordinator will have to dedicate a large amount of time to fundraising. (which takes many, many hours away from ministry)

Below is an approximated budget that should be modified to meet your parish expectations. It can also be reduced if some of the items are covered within the overall parish budget.

• Weekly meeting expenses (for snacks, icebreakers, materials, etc...)	\$2500
• Mileage reimbursement for Coordinator's participation in Diocesan meetings	\$250
• Telephone (long distance calls...depending upon your location)	\$250
• Office Supplies	\$500
• Postage and shipping	\$500
• Books and Subscriptions	\$500
• Photocopies	\$500
• Annual Youth Ministry conference for Coordinator	\$500
• Certification Training	\$500
• WorkCamp (parish support to reduce amount of fundraising)	\$1000
• Annual retreat for youth (to reduce cost to youth)	\$1000
• Stipends (speakers, priests)	\$500
	Total \$8500