

Membership Form



The **ELO** Network

About ELO:

The Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Network is a collaborative network of youth-serving organizations, educators, community partners, and advocates working together to expand access to high-quality out-of-school time (OST) programs throughout the Kent County area. An ELO Network membership demonstrates excellence through collaboration, community engagement, and funding opportunities to ensure that children have access to programming that prepares them for college, work, and life.

Membership Benefits:

Funding Opportunities: Learn more about Local, regional, and national funding opportunities. Members receive updates on additional grants and resources as available.

Opportunities for Leadership: Be apart of the ELO Network leadership committee and have a part in advancing expanding learning opportunities! Leadership Committees include the following:
Professional Development;
Membership & Belonging;
Communications & Marketing;
Advocacy & Funding;
and Data & Evaluation Metrics.

Newsletter & Network Website: Stay connected with the ELO Network, with the latest news in our monthly newsletter; Members will receive:
Network updates; Funding opportunities; Tools and resources to support quality programming;
and Professional Development events.

Professional Development & Celebrations: The ELO Network offers professional development workshops to enhance program quality, promote best practices, and improve outcomes for children and youth;
Annual ELO Celebrations include: Lights on Afterschool; ELO Network Awards; and professional workshops

Professional Learning Community: Since 2001, the ELO Network has grown with more than 50 member organizations, including out-of-school time providers, funders, business partners, nonprofits, elected officials, and parents. Together, we share best practices, strengthen community partnerships, and collaborate to expand high-quality learning opportunities for youth.

Other Membership Benefits Include:

Social Media Promotion | Statewide Advocacy Initiatives | Organizational logos on the ELO website



www.eloafterschool.com



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sharris@grcity.us



(616) 456-3558

By becoming a member of the ELO Network, you're supporting quality standards for afterschool programs and ensuring that youth in the Greater Grand Rapids Community will have brighter futures. To join, email sharris@grcity.us.



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Letter of Commitment

2026-2027

Mission:

To promote and align community efforts in the provision of high quality Out-of-School Time (OST) programs through education and advocacy, professional development, training on best practices, shared outcomes for youth, and continuous collaboration that fosters a sense of belonging for out-of-school time professionals.

Membership Requirements:

- Support the ELO Network's vision, mission, and values
- Utilize the Michigan Out-of-School Time Standards of Quality to strengthen out-of-school time programs
- Actively participate in ELO Network meetings, committees, and events
- Annual renewal of commitment of the ELO Network through the letter of commitment

By signing this letter of commitment, your organization affirms your commitment and participation to the work and mission of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Network for one membership year. Together, we ensure every youth in the Grand Rapids area and beyond has access to quality out-of-school time programs. As an ELO Member, your organization will also be publicly recognized as a partner organization in the ELO Network.

We are committed to fostering excellence, inclusion, belonging, and success for children and youth. Together, we strive to strengthen programs, continue learning, and implement the best practices to provide positive outcomes for youth.

With the full authority of _____ (organization) the signature below signifies the organization's full support of the vision, mission, and values of the ELO Network. On the third page, please identify staff to represent your organization at meetings and events of the ELO Network.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



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Membership Registration

2026-2027

Organization Name: _____

Organization Director/CEO: _____

Mailing Address:: _____

City, State, Zip:: _____

Phone Number: _____

Website:: _____

The following staff will represent your organization at regularly scheduled meetings of the ELO Network and its committees.

Name & Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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Please select one:

Individual Memberships: **Suggested Annual Dues:**

☐ Individual \$100

Organizational Memberships:

☐ Budgets up to \$250,000 \$175 Minimum

☐ \$250,000 - \$750,000 \$225 Recommended

☐ More than \$750,000 \$275 Recommended

☐ Add \$50 to your membership for GOLD status

☐ Please click here if you or your organization needs financial assistance for your membership.

*Contributing members voluntarily contribute \$50 above their due levels in support of the ELO Network will be recognized as GOLD members in all ELO Network's promotional materials.

Payment Information

☐ Check - Make checks payable to:
City Treasurer c/o Our Community's Children
300 Monroe Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

☐ Debit/Credit Card - Visit:
<https://payments.grandrapidsmi.gov>; click onto
PayAsGuest; scroll to **Our Community's Children**.
Then fill out the form and select **ELO Network** to make
your contribution.

☐ Invoice - An invoice will be **mailed** to your address below:



Or scan the QR code to
complete your membership.

For more information contact:

Shannon L. Harris at Our Community's Children, sharris@grcity.us or (616) 456.3558