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Member Application 2004-2005

- Are you a young person ages 12-23?
- Do you want to work with other positive youth leaders in your community?
- Are interested in making decisions about thousands of dollars for youth projects and programs in Marin?

**APPLY TO BE A MEMBER OF THE
YOUTH GRANTS BOARD!**



Applications Due September 10th for 04-05 school year

Youth Grants Board (YGB) is a program of the Youth Leadership Institute. YGB is made possible through support from the Marin Community Foundation.



Youth Leadership Institute
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What is Youth Grants Board?

Youth Grants Board (YGB) is a program that creates and supports exciting opportunities for Marin County youth to be active leaders in their community. YGB gives cash and help to youth-directed projects that address community issues and challenges. YGB was created because youth needed opportunities to turn their positive ideas for action into real solutions. What is really unique about YGB is that young people themselves, not adults, actually make the decisions about which youth groups get money for their ideas! The group that makes those decisions is the YGB Review Board—the group you are applying to be on!

What do YGB Review Board Members do?

- Conduct outreach to the community to make sure that youth know they can apply for money from YGB!
- Review project ideas that community based youth groups write themselves.
- Make decisions as a group about which ideas to give money to.
- Give out as much as \$50,000.
- Help raise money to support our work.
- Hold outreach and training workshops to youth-led groups who need help to apply for money.
- Work directly with youth projects to help them succeed.
- Learn how to raise money, give it out, plan and run meetings, do outreach, speak in public make group decisions and many more important skills.

Who can apply?

- Young people between the ages of 12-23 who live in Marin County and:
 - are interested in helping youth and their communities
 - want to learn about grantmaking, action planning and group decision-making
 - like working in groups, expressing opinions, and having fun

What's the time commitment?

- Eleven months starting in late August 2004 and ending in July 2005.
- A weekend retreat at the beginning of the year, two meetings a month, some Saturday trainings, plus some additional time for events and decision-making.

Do you get paid?

- You get a small stipend (a lump sum of money!) in acknowledgement and appreciation of your time and commitment.

DIRECTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THIS FORM

- Please type or print clearly
- If more space is needed, feel free to attach additional sheets
- Make sure this application is complete and includes:
 1. The commitment statement
 2. Answers to the written questions
 3. All the general information requested
- We know that it looks like a lot of pages, but there are **only 3 written questions** as well as an opportunity to be creative!
- Fill out the application as best as you can. If you have any questions or would like assistance, please call Nilda Brooklyn or Matt Rosen at (415) 455-1676.

APPLICATION DUE BY SEPTEMBER 10TH

Please return the application by mail or in person, to:

The Youth Leadership Institute
Attn: YGB Recruitment
24 Belvedere St., 2nd Fl.
San Rafael, CA 94901

Sorry, no fax or e-mail applications accepted.

GOOD LUCK!

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name: _____

2. Address: _____

street

city

state

zip

3. Phone: () _____ Alternate phone: () _____
(please circle: home, cell, pager, work, other _____) (home, cell, pager, work, other _____)

4. Email (if available): _____

5. Date of Birth: (/ /)
(Month/Day/Year)

6. Age: _____

7. Ethnicity (optional) please circle:

African American / Black

Native / Indigenous

White/European

Asian/Pacific Islander

Multi-Ethnic/Multi-Racial

Latina/Latino/Hispanic

Other: _____

8. Are you currently in school? _____ 9. What grade are you in? _____
(Current enrollment in school is NOT required to serve on the YGB Review Board.)

10. Name of School: _____

11. Which communities or populations of youth in Marin do you feel you could represent on the YGB Review Board (geographical area, age group, ethnicity, city, certain school, out-of-school, gender, sexual orientation, etc.)?



GENERAL INFORMATION CONTINUED

12. Please list activities you are involved in: (*involvement in other activities is NOT required to serve on the YGB Review Board*)

<i>In School</i>	<i>Out of School</i>

13. How did you hear about the YGB Review Board (please circle)?

a friend this application YLI's website a YGB flyer a teacher/ employer other: _____

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions. If you need more space, please use another sheet of paper and label it so we will know where to find your answers. THANKS.

1) Why do you want to be part of the YGB Review Board?

WRITTEN QUESTIONS, CONTINUED

- 2) What do you want to want to change in your community and why?
- 3) Please describe a significant event, person, or experience that has been a big influence on you.
- 4) (OPTIONAL) We want to know more about you! In a creative way (through art, poetry, writing, video, music, etc.) please take time to share with us what makes you unique. Feel free to either create something new or share with us your favorite poem, song, or picture. You may use another piece of paper if necessary.

COMMITMENT STATEMENT

- I, _____, understand the purpose and function of the programs I am applying for, specifically the YGB Review Board. I am aware of the mission and goals, and if accepted, I am prepared to fulfill the commitment that is asked of all members. I understand that the time commitment includes monthly board meetings, committee meetings, **as well as a weekend retreat at the start of the program year**, along with other weekend trainings to be held throughout the year. I have also discussed the time commitment with my parents or legal guardian, teachers and school administration, sport coaches and other activities directors, employer, and all others who may be affected by my involvement with the YGB Review Board.

Signature of applicant _____ Date: _____

(If applicant is under 18 years of age)

I, the parent/legal guardian/significant adult for _____, understand and agree with the mission and goals of the YGB Review Board, support her/him in this commitment, and give permission for full participation in all activities and responsibilities pertaining to the duties of a YGB Review Board member.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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