



Youth Initiated Projects Review Board Application

2004-2005

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

APPLY TO BE A MEMBER OF THE YOUTH INITIATED PROJECTS REVIEW BOARD



Youth Initiated Projects (YIP) is a program of the Youth Leadership Institute, in partnership with the SF Youth Commission. YIP is made possible through support from the Department of Children, Youth & Their Families, the Evelyn and Walter Hass Jr. Fund, the Stone Family Foundation, and the Cricket Island Foundation.



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What is Youth Initiated Projects?

Youth Initiated Projects (YIP) is a program that creates and supports exciting opportunities for San Francisco youth to be active leaders in their community. YIP gives money and assistance to youth-directed projects that address community issues and challenges. YIP was created because youth needed opportunities to turn their positive ideas for action into real solutions. What is really unique about YIP 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 YIP Review Board. The YIP Review Board has one major grant cycle per year during which youth groups may apply for funding of up to \$5,000. It also oversees an ongoing mini-grant process.

What do YIP Review Board Members do?

- Conduct outreach to the community to make sure other youth know about this opportunity
- Hold outreach & training workshops for groups who need help to develop their project ideas
- Review project ideas that community based youth groups write themselves
- Make decisions as a group about which ideas to give money to
- Support youth-led projects with a grant budget of over \$50,000
- Work directly with youth-led projects to help them succeed
- Develop important job skills and leadership experience
- Get extensive leadership training in: meeting planning and facilitation, outreach and public speaking, action planning, proposal evaluation, and group decision-making

Who can apply?

- Young people between the ages of 12-23 who live in San Francisco 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?

- Ten months starting in September 2004 and ending in July 2005
- Two 2-hour meeting per month (Wednesdays, late afternoon) plus additional time for events and decision-making. Involves some Saturday trainings.

Do you get paid?

- You get a stipend 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, please 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 5 written questions* as well as an opportunity to be creative!
- Fill out the application as well as you can. If you have any questions or would like assistance, please call Cole Church at (415) 836-9160.

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

The Youth Leadership Institute
Attn: YIP Recruitment
246 First Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94105

Sorry, NO faxed applications accepted.

GOOD LUCK!

GENERAL INFORMATION CONTINUED

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

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

13. How did you find out about the YIP Review Board (please circle)?

- a friend this application YLI's website a YIP 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 YIP Review Board?

- 2) What do you like best about your neighborhood or community?

- 6) (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 or submit other materials if necessary.

COMMITMENT STATEMENT

I, _____, understand the purpose and function of the programs I am applying for, specifically the YIP 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 biweekly board meetings, 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 YIP 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 YIP 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 YIP Review Board member.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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