

Youth Participatory Action Research

**Apply
Today!**

SUMMER 2018

July 9th - August 16th

A platform for curious teens to make a difference in their community!

Explore

Learn and share about social justice issues that are important to you

Learn through group discussions, workshops, guest speakers, and fun activities.

Research

Use your knowledge to conduct a community research project

Design your own data collection tools like interviews, surveys, or

Action

Launch a service project that benefits your neighborhood

A workshop, art project, publication, campaign, or whatever you decide!



Earn a stipend of \$1,000!

Must be between 14 - 19 years old

Must be a resident of Seattle

Application Deadline:

Friday May 18th 2018

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Who is eligible for this program?

- Open to young people **14 – 19 years of age** as of July 9th, 2018
- Must be a **resident of city of Seattle**. Use the Seattle Public School's Address Lookup Tool if you are unsure (www.seattleschools.org)
- Must have either a social security number or tax ID number to receive stipend. If you are unable to receive the stipend, you are welcome to participate for service credit towards your high school requirement.

COMPENSATION FOR PARTICIPATION

How will I be compensated for my participation?

Each participant who successfully completes **120 hours** of service with YPAR will receive a **\$1,000 stipend** as recognition for their work. No partial stipends are awarded; you must complete all 120 hours to receive any amount of the stipend.

When will I receive my stipend?

All stipends will be awarded via check after the completion of the program. This may be 3-5 weeks after August 23rd.

PROGRAM LOCATIONS

Where does this program meet?

For our 2018 sessions, there are three locations where YPAR is being offered. **Each location is accepting 10 members.**

Garfield Teen Life Center	428 23 rd Ave. Seattle, WA 98122
Meadowbrook Teen Life Center	10750 30th Ave. NE Seattle, WA 98125
Southwest Teen Life Center	2801 SW Thistle St. Seattle, WA 98126

Is transportation provided?

Participants must provide own transportation to and from designated meeting location. Field trips may take place at various parks/facilities citywide, but transportation from the meeting location will be provided for those occasions.



Via Mail

Seattle Parks and Recreation
Attention: YPAR
100 Dexter Ave N, Box #30
Seattle, WA 98019

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

What is the timeline for YPAR?

Monday, July 9th: Program begins

Thursday, Aug. 16th: Program ends

Wednesday, Aug. 22nd: Friends & Family Celebration

How often does YPAR meet?

Monday through Thursday, 10am-3pm. Every participant will be expected to attend program as regularly as possible.

What if I already have another commitment this summer?

YPAR participants are expected to **not miss more than 4 sessions** throughout the summer.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Important Dates for the Application Process:

April 24th and 26th, May 2nd and 4th: Info sessions

Friday, May 18th: Application received by 5 pm

Week of June 4th: Acceptance notifications mailed

Friday June 22nd: Acceptance paperwork is due

How will my application be reviewed and selected?

Each application will be thoroughly reviewed for completeness and eligibility.

Selections are then made by a **randomized lottery**. This ensures that all applicants have a fair opportunity to be selected for this program regardless of their experience level.

50% of positions will be selected from applicants that are of underserved populations including but not limited to: *low income, youth in foster/ kinship care, immigrant, refugee, LGBTQ, homeless, youth with special needs, Youth Violence Prevention youth, and referrals by youth workers.*

How will you know if my application qualifies for any of those categories?

Please let us know if you qualify for this portion of the lottery by filling out the Additional Information section on the following page of your application.

How are the other 50% of participants determined?

The remaining 50% of the positions will be selected from applicants meeting the general eligibility requirements (see *above Eligibility Information*). An equal number of applicants will be selected by lottery from both pools.



In Person

Garfield Teen Life Center
Meadowbrook Teen Life Center
Southwest Teen Life Center

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Remember! Please mail your application 3-5 days *before* May 18th!

Part 1: Contact Information

Please make sure that the following section is as complete as possible!

Name: _____

First

Full Middle Name

Last

Address: _____ Apt#: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: (_____) _____ Your Phone: (_____) _____

Email Address: _____ Pronouns: He She They Other _____

School: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____ Grade: _____
Date of Birth In Fall 2018

Please rank your top **two** placement choices based on the following locations:

___ Meadowbrook Teen Life Center ___ Garfield Teen Life Center ___ Southwest Teen Life Center

Part 2: Demographic Information (Optional)

Ethnicity (Mark all that apply)

- American Indian or Native Alaskan
- Asian
- African, African American, Black
- Hawaiian Native or Pacific Islander
- Hispanic, Latin@
- White, Caucasian
- Other _____

How did you hear about the program? Please be as specific as possible, including names and locations.

- School presentation _____
- Job/Career Fair _____
- Teacher/Counselor _____
- Community Center Staff _____
- Other City of Seattle Staff _____
- Nonprofit Agency _____
- Family _____
- Participant/Friend _____
- Flyer or Brochure _____
- Online _____

Additional Information for Lottery Process

The following 7 questions are **optional** and are asked as a means of placing applicants in **targeted or general population** pools that will be used in the **lottery selection process**. An equal number of applicants will be selected by lottery from both pools. Please refer to *Application Process* on previous page for more information.

- Do you qualify for free or reduced lunch?
- Have you ever been a foster/kinship care youth?
- Are you an immigrant or a refugee?
From where? _____
- Do you self-identify as an LGBTQ youth?
- Are you homeless?
- Do you have a disability?
- Do you participate in the Youth Violence Prevention Program (YVPI)?

This information will remain confidential.

Part 3: Short Essay

Please complete all the following questions to the best of your ability. Feel free to use another piece of paper if necessary, but be sure to reference the question that you are answering.

What experiences do you have working with others (i.e. school or community projects, sports, committees, etc.)? If you do not have any previous experience, please write "none."

Project/Committee/Sport

Dates Involved

Please give an example of an experience where you had to resolve a conflict or personal challenge. Tell us how you responded to the situation and what you learned. If you do not have any previous experience, please write "none."

What personal strengths do you bring to this program? Response required.

Is there anything else that you would like to share about yourself with us? Response encouraged.

Part 4: Creative Response

Please respond to the following questions in any of the formats below:



Photography



Music or Recorded Audio



Poetry or Essay



Digital or Handmade
Artwork



Short Film or
Vlog

If your response is in an alternative format, please email it to harmony.wright@seattle.gov or iris.pavitt@seattle.gov. It **must** be submitted at the same time as the rest of your application.

Questions:

1. Why do you want to be a part of this project and how will it help you grow as an individual?
2. Tell us about a social justice issue that you are passionate or curious about.
3. Do you think young people can have an impact on their communities? If so, what does that look like to you?

Part 5: Applicant Signature

As a matter of policy, law and commitment, Seattle Parks does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, political ideology, age, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, or presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap. (SMC 18.12.280)

By signing below, you are stating that you have read all enclosed materials concerning the Seattle Parks and Recreation YPAR Program and that all statements you have made in the application are true to the best of your knowledge.

I acknowledge that if I am accepted to this program, I will be expected to:

- fulfill 120 hours of service by attending program regularly.
- put forth my best effort every day.
- maintain a positive and professional environment along with my peers and mentors.

Signature of Applicant: _____




Printed Name of Applicant: _____



Did you complete your application?

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

- Part 1: Contact Information**
- Part 2: Demographic Survey (Optional)**
- Part 3: Short Essay**
- Part 4: Creative Response**
- Part 5: Applicant Signature**

	Got Questions? We're here to help!
	(206) 684-4575
	teen.programs@seattle.gov



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