

Youth Participatory Action Research Program FAQ

Who can apply to these programs?

If you meet the following requirements then we encourage you to apply!

- Youth Participatory Action Research
 - Must be between the ages of 14-19 as of October 17th, 2017
 - Must be eligible to attend a Seattle public school*¹

Please note that all participants must have a social security number or tax identification number in order to receive a stipend at the end of the program. However, participants who do not have a social security or tax identification number are encouraged to apply to this experience that will build their resume and may fulfill the high school graduation requirement (please check with your school for confirmation).

Are high school students in transition programs eligible to apply?

Yes, all high school students up to age 21 are encouraged to apply for YPAR Programs. Our programs are inclusive for youth of all abilities.

How are applicant selected for the programs?

- There is a lottery process of admissions into the YPAR program. An equal amount of applicants will be selected from both lottery pools.

50% of positions will be filled by applicants who meet general eligibility requirements (have submitted a completed application, are within the required age range, and are eligible to attend a Seattle Public School).

The other 50% of positions will be filled by applicants who are of underserved populations including but not limited to:

- Low income
- Being in foster/kinship care
- Immigrants or refugees
- LGBTQ+
- Homeless

¹ *If you are unsure, use [Seattle School's "Address Lookup Tool"](#)*

- Having special needs
- Participating in Youth Violence Prevention
- Those who are referred by youth workers

If you identify as belonging to any of these groups, please let us know in the Demographic Survey section of the application.

Can I earn community service hours towards my high school graduation requirement?

There is 120 hours of scheduled programming for YPAR in the school year model. 100 of those hours will be stipend. Any additional hours over 100 may be eligible as community service. Each student should check with school administrators to confirm their hours can be credited for community service.

If I don't finish 120 hours of service, can I earn a partial stipend?

No, there are no partial stipends awarded. All participants must complete all 120 hours of service time to receive their full stipend.

Is transportation provided?

Students are responsible for their own transportation to either Garfield or Meadowbrook Teen Life Centers, the meeting location for programming. Bus tokens are available for students who may need them. Transportation for field trips or off-site program activities will be provided.

Is food provided?

Program instructors will provide a light snack during each meeting.