

## YMC Board Application 2015-2016

**DUE: Friday, May 22, 2015**

Youth Making Change (YMC) is a teen-led grant-making program providing young people with the opportunity to engage directly in organized philanthropy (giving grants). Each YMC Board (one meets in Santa Maria and one meets in Santa Barbara) gives out \$15,000 in grants to projects led by youth that impact young people in Santa Barbara County. YMC board members are teens ages 13 to 19. They create and conduct an entire grant cycle from start to finish and then share what they have learned as grant-makers and philanthropists with their communities. Each YMC board is led by two Youth Facilitators who are previous YMC board members. Since 2008, YMC has awarded \$157,500 to 90 youth-led groups throughout Santa Barbara County.

### What YMC Members Do

Board membership runs from July 2015 to May 2016. YMC members meet twice a month for the school year to plan and carry out a grant cycle.

First, members learn about philanthropy and grant-making. They also learn about current issues facing young people in Santa Barbara County and share their own perspectives and opinions. They reach out to youth in the community to encourage them to plan a project and apply for money to carry it out. Board members receive grant applications from youth-led groups and review proposed project ideas. They conduct interviews of applicants and make decisions as a group about which projects to support.

Each board has \$15,000 to give to youth-led groups trying to improve the lives of young people in the community. After making their grants, YMC Board members plan a celebration and conduct follow-up site visits. Board members develop important leadership skills and experience including meeting planning and facilitation, outreach and public speaking, program planning, proposal evaluation and group decision-making.

### YMC MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

- Be between the ages of 13 and 19 as of 8/1/15
- Live or go to school in Santa Barbara County
- Attend an all day training on **Sat. August 1, 2015**
- Attend meetings twice a month, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. from August 2015 to May 2016\*
  - Mtgs in Santa Maria: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays.
  - Mtgs in Santa Barbara: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays.
- Read and discuss grant applications & share your opinions
- Work with a diverse group of teens, be a leader and have FUN!

\*Other meetings include one additional Saturday meeting. There is also some independent work between meetings.

### Who gets selected?

The goal is to establish a 15 member board that reflects the diversity of young people in the county. Youth are selected from different neighborhoods, schools, grades, academic levels, and life experiences. Youth are encouraged to apply regardless of race, gender, religion, economic status, sexual orientation, academic status, physical/mental ability, ethnicity, language spoken, or immigration status.

### \$300 STIPEND

Participating in YMC is voluntary, but you do get a \$300 stipend for your participation in recognition of your time commitment. The stipend is based on participation throughout the board term.

### En Español

*Youth Making Change (Jovenes Haciendo Cambio) o YMC, es un programa dirigido por adolescentes que otorga becas. Empezó en el 2008 para darle la oportunidad a adolescentes que participan directamente en la filantropía organizada (dar becas). Cada Mesa de YMC (uno se reúne en Santa María y otro se reúne en Santa Bárbara), reparte \$15,000 dólares en becas para proyectos dirigidos por jóvenes que impactan a los jóvenes en el Condado de Santa Bárbara. Miembros de YMC son adolescentes de 13-19 años de edad. Crean y llevan a cabo un ciclo de otorgación becas y luego comparten lo que han aprendido como filántropos en sus comunidades. Cada Mesa de YMC es dirigida por dos jóvenes facilitadores que son miembros anteriores de YMC. Los facilitadores ayudan a que cumplan sus objetivos, así como dar una perspectiva jóvenes con experiencia en el proceso de dar becas. Desde el año 2008, YMC ha otorgado \$157,500 a 9 grupos dirigidos por jóvenes en todo el Condado de Santa Bárbara.*

## Youth Making Change Board Application Instructions and Checklist

Thank you for applying to the FUND FOR SANTA BARBARA's Youth Making Change (YMC) program for a board member position.  
Please use this checklist to ensure the application you submit is complete.

QUESTIONS? Contact Cristina González at the Fund for Santa Barbara:  
805-922-1707x200 or [ymc@fundforsantabarbara.org](mailto:ymc@fundforsantabarbara.org)

**\*NOTE - DO NOT submit this checklist with your application.**

- 1. **Read YMC's member requirements** to confirm that YMC is a good match for you. Requirements are available on our website: [www.fundforsantabarbara.org](http://www.fundforsantabarbara.org) or by calling THE FUND office.
- 2. Make sure you can attend the **MANDATORY County-Wide Training on Saturday, August 1, 2015**
- 3. **Complete the following application in BLACK ink or type.** Electronic copies in WORD format are available on our website or by contacting our office. If you need more space to answer the questions, add one additional page. If you are using a separate sheet of paper, label it with your name. If you fill out the application on a computer, use a 12pt font and DO NOT exceed the three page limit for the essay questions.
- 4. **Sign** the YMC Board Commitment Statement on the last page.
- 5. **Get your parent/guardian to sign** the Commitment Statement on the last page.  
A parent/guardian signature is **required by law** if you are less than 18 years old. If you are 18 or older, it is not necessary, but if you live with them but it would be nice to have so that we know that they support you in participating.

**Deadline: Friday, May 22, 2015 before 5:00 p.m.**

### LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

If you are dropping off the application in person,  
be prepared to stay in the office 10-15 minutes while your application is reviewed

Return application to:

**Santa Maria Drop off:**  
Fund for Santa Barbara  
**120 East Jones Street, Suite 120**  
**Santa Maria, CA 93454**

FAX: 805-965-0217

Email: [ymc@fundforsantabarbara.org](mailto:ymc@fundforsantabarbara.org)

**Santa Barbara Drop off:**  
Fund for Santa Barbara  
**26 West Anapamu Street**  
**Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

### **WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?**

- 1. An email confirmation will be sent to confirm your application was received.
- 2. Applications are reviewed by Fund for Santa Barbara staff.
- 3. If you are selected, a short face-to-face INTERVIEW will be scheduled.
  - Interviews in Santa Barbara: June 15-17
  - Interviews in Santa Maria: June 18, 19 & 21
- 4. Notification of your acceptance will be given the first week of July.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

I am applying to be a part of: YMC North (meet in Santa Maria) \_\_\_\_\_ or YMC South (meet in Santa Barbara) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
first middle last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
street city state zip

Does your neighborhood have a community name? (IV, Westside, Old Orcutt, Tanglewood etc)

If so, what is it? \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
(check one) home\_\_ personal cell\_\_ parent cell\_\_ work\_\_ (check one) home\_\_ personal cell\_\_ parent cell\_\_ work\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ \ \_\_\_\_ \ \_\_\_\_ Current Age: \_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ home\_\_ cell\_\_ work\_\_

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Parent/Guardian E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Language(s) spoken at home: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be in school for the 2015/2016 school year? (Enrollment in school is NOT a YMC requirement) Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

If yes: Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ What grade/year will you be in? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a YMC member before? No\_\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_\_ If yes, when/where? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about YMC? If a specific person, what is their name/title? \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions (lactose intolerant, nut allergy, vegan, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS USED TO ENSURE DIVERSITY AND IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.**

Annual Family Income: Less than \$20,000\_\_\_\_ \$20,000-\$34,999\_\_\_\_ \$35,000-\$79,999\_\_\_\_ \$80,000-\$149,999\_\_\_\_  
\$150,000-\$199,999\_\_\_\_ more than \$200,000\_\_\_\_

Number of people in household: \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic/Latino: Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ Race(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity(es), Nationality(ies), Tribal Membership(s) [i.e. Mixtec, Chumash, Korean, Mexican etc.]: \_\_\_\_\_

Sexual Orientation: Gay\_\_ Lesbian\_\_ Bisexual\_\_ Queer\_\_ Heterosexual/Straight\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Female\_\_ Male\_\_ Transgender\_\_ Genderfluid\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other information about your identity that you would like to share? (religion, physical ability, generation in the US, etc.)

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

Please answer the following questions. If you need more space, you may add one additional page. (Answers may NOT exceed three single sided pages.) If you are using a separate sheet of paper, be sure to label it with your name. THANKS.

1. What do you think are the biggest problems facing teenagers in your community? What do you think is/are the CAUSE(s)?

2. What can be done to fix/solve the above problem(s)?

3. Why do you want to be part of the Youth Making Change board?

4. What skills/experiences can you bring to Youth Making Change? How did you learn these skills? What skills do you want to learn/improve?

5. Our goal at YMC is to establish a board that reflects the diversity of teens in the county. Youth are selected from different neighborhoods, grades, academic levels, races/ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, physical/mental abilities, immigration status, economic status, family status, life experiences etc. What perspectives do you feel you could bring to YMC? Please describe why/how you have those perspectives. Why is it important for those teen perspectives to be heard?  
*(Please share only what you feel comfortable sharing.)*

6. Please list any activities and/or work you will be involved in (or think you will be involved in) from August to May outside of YMC. Will any conflict with YMC meetings? YMC meetings will take place on certain Wednesdays or Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. from August to May. *(Involvement in activities is NOT a requirement to serve on the YMC board)*

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Position/Responsibilities</u>	<u>When do you meet? How long?</u>
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7. Please describe one significant event, person, or experience that has helped make you the person that you are today.

**YMC COMMITMENT STATEMENT**

**YMC Board Applicant**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (your name), understand the purpose and function of the YMC program. 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 commit to attending meetings, trainings, and retreats as outlined in the YMC information packet and as determined by YMC Board members. I understand that the time commitment includes monthly board meetings, some weekend meetings, and three Saturday meetings.

I have also discussed the time and travel commitment with my parent(s) or legal guardian(s), teachers and school administration, sports coaches and other activity directors, employers, and all others who may be affected by my involvement with the YMC Board.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Legal Guardian *Padre(s)/Tutor(es)***

(English)

I, the parent/legal guardian/significant adult for \_\_\_\_\_, understand and support the mission and goals of Youth Making Change, support her/him in this commitment, and give my permission for full participation in all activities and responsibilities required of a YMC Board member.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Español)

*Yo, la madre/el padre/tutor/adulto significativo de \_\_\_\_\_, entiendo y apoyo la misión y las metas de YMC, la/lo apoyo en este compromiso, y le doy el permiso para participar completamente en todas las actividades y responsabilidades requeridas de un miembro del Consejo de YMC.*

*Nombre de madre/padre/tutor: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Firma de madre/padre/tutor: \_\_\_\_\_ Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_*