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## YMC Board Application – Cohort 2020-2021

*Youth Making Change (YMC)* is a teen-led grant-making and leadership development program. Led by two facilitators who are previous YMC board members, each board (one meets in Santa Maria and one meets in Santa Barbara) will carry out an entire grant cycle

By attending meetings twice a month board members will outreach to youth-led groups in their community, receive and read grant applications, conduct interviews of applicants and make decisions as a group about which projects to give funding to. At the end of each cycle, the YMC boards will each grant up to \$15,000 to youth-led projects helping to address issues affecting young people in Santa Barbara County.

The goal is for board members to learn about philanthropy and grant-making as they discuss and analyze current issues facing young people in Santa Barbara County. Ultimately, board members will build their personal and community connections and develop important leadership skills such as meeting planning, meeting facilitation, outreach and public speaking, program planning, proposal evaluation and individual and group decision-making.

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### About the YMC Board Cohort

It is important to establish a 15-19 member board that reflects the demographic make-up of young people in the county.

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.

Youth are selected from different neighborhoods, schools, grades, academic levels, and life experiences.

- Each YMC board member must commit to be part of the board from July 2020 to May 2021.
- Attend meetings twice a month
  - **Santa Maria:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays.
  - **Santa Barbara:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays
- Be between the ages of 13 and 19 as of 9/1/21
- Live or go to school in Santa Barbara County
- Attend mandatory training (July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020)
  - Other meetings include two additional Saturday meetings. There is also some independent work between meetings.
- Be able to work with a diverse group of teens

**Extended Deadline: Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 before 5:00pm**

### **\$300 STIPEND**

Participating in YMC is voluntary, but you do get a \$300 stipend for your participation in recognition of your time.

# Instructions and Checklist

Please use the checklist below to ensure your application is complete before you submit it.

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- Read the front page** of this application to confirm that YMC is a good match for you. More information can be found on our website: [www.fundforsantabarbara.org](http://www.fundforsantabarbara.org) or by visiting one of our offices.
  - Make sure you can attend the **mandatory** County-Wide Training (July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020)
  - Complete** the following application in **black ink or typed**. Electronic copies in *word* format are available on our website. If you need more space to answer the questions you may add one additional page and remember to number the page, label it with your name, and rewrite the questions you are answering. 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.
  - Sign** the *YMC Board Commitment Statement* on the last page.
  - Have your parent/guardian **sign** the *Commitment Statement* on the last page. A parent/guardian signature is **required by law** if you are younger than 18 years old. If you are 18 years and older, it is not necessary, but if you live with them it is encouraged.
  - Submit the application by **Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** before 5:00pm. When dropping off your application at our office, be prepared to be in the office 10-15 mins while your application is reviewed.
  - NOTE - DO NOT submit this checklist with your application. Late applications will not be accepted.
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## Return application to:

### ***Santa Maria Drop off:***

Fund for Santa Barbara  
**120 East Jones Street, Suite 110**  
Santa Maria, CA 93454

### ***Santa Barbara Drop off:***

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

## What happens after I submit my application?

- An email confirmation will be sent to confirm your application was received.
- Applications are reviewed by the YMC Coordinators and Facilitators.
- If you are selected, a short face-to-face interview will be scheduled for mid-June.
- Notification of your acceptance into the YMC Cohort 2019-2020 will be given the first week of July.

**If you have any questions**, please contact *Hugo Valdovinos* at **(805) 962-9164** in Santa Barbara or *David Melendrez* at **(805) 922-1707** in Santa Maria. You may also email [ymc@fundforsantabarbara.org](mailto:ymc@fundforsantabarbara.org).

**I am applying to:**

YMC North (meets in Santa Maria) \_\_\_\_\_ YMC South (meets in Santa Barbara) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ \ \_\_\_\_\_ \ \_\_\_\_\_ **Current Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Phone:** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ *personal cell*\_\_ *home*\_\_ *parent cell*\_\_ *Other*\_\_

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

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Language/s spoken at home:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

How did you learn about YMC? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your neighborhood have a community name? If so, what is it? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be a student for the 2019/2020 school year? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (*Enrollment in school is NOT a YMC requirement*)

*If yes:* school name is \_\_\_\_\_ What grade/year will you be in? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any dietary restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

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***The following information is used to ensure diversity and is kept confidential.***

**Annual Family Income:** Less than \$20,000\_\_ \$20,000-\$44,999\_\_ \$45,000-\$89,999\_\_ \$90,000 +\_\_ Decline to state\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please list any school clubs, sports, community groups and/or work you will be involved in (or think you will be involved in) from August 2020 to May 2021. *(Involvement in activities is NOT a requirement to serve on YMC)*

| Work, Clubs, Sport, Group | Position/Responsibilities | When do you meet? (Days/Times) |
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YMC meetings take place on Wednesdays (Santa Maria) or Thursdays (Santa Barbara) (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) Will any activity conflict with YMC meetings?

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

***(English)***

**Parent/Legal Guardian**

I, the parent/legal guardian/significant adult for \_\_\_\_\_, understand and support the mission and goals of Youth Making Change, support my student's 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)***

***Padre(s)/Tutor(es)***

Yo, la madre/el padre/tutor/adulto significante 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: \_\_\_\_\_