

Youth Squad Leadership Program



Are you a talented young person looking to **make a difference** in your neighborhood?

Work with other young people to put on Friday Night events each week to interrupt violence.

- Earn \$12.86/hour to help plan and staff the events
- Attend workshops on career readiness and other topics
- Canvass the neighborhood to get people to come out to the Friday Night events

APPLICATION DUE: May 26th

Eligibility?

- Oakland Resident (16-24)
- Available June 19th-August 18th; Wed, Thursday, Friday
- **Nine weeks** during the summer
 - **Fifteen hrs+** per week

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What is the Youth Squad Leaders Program?

The Youth Squad Leaders take part in Oakland Unite's efforts to **change community norms around violence** by taking back community spaces. Friday Summer Nights events will take place at Arroyo Viejo Park and Hoover Elementary School. **Ten to twelve youth leaders** (16-24) will work in each location.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

As part of the City of Oakland's Human Services Department, Oakland Unite invests in collaborative strategies that focus on youth and young adults at highest risk of violence such as: (a) Street outreach and case management; (b) Crisis response, advocacy and case management for victims of crime; (c) Reentry programs; and (d) Young children exposed to trauma or domestic and/or community violence. Oakland Unite coordinates the Youth Squad Leadership Program each summer to **change community norms around violence** through youth empowerment.

Ten-to-Twelve Youth Leaders (ages 16-24), collectively known as the Youth Squad come together to take collective action to disrupt neighborhood violence by learning through workshops, professional development trainings, and team-building activities that strengthen their ability to engage and organize their community.

The Youth Squad will actively be involved in facilitation of Friday Night evening events, outreaching through canvassing the surrounding neighborhood, small and large group discussions on various topics including crime prevention strategy.

Youth Squad Leadership activities include, but are not limited to:

- Carrying out the logistics of setting up, breaking down, and closing the Friday Summer Nights program each week. This includes all aspects of the Friday program (Arts, Sports, Workshops, Recreational Activities, Food distribution).
- Acting as a representative of the program in order to engage community members and encourage program participation through outreach and information sharing .
- Implementing site outreach plan, conducting ongoing assessments of community participation and identifying new ways to reach the members of the neighborhood.
- Facilitating youth led programming at assigned site.

The **Youth Squad Leadership Program** is seeking youth who are:

- Team Players and Flexible
- Open Minded with Good Communication Skills
- Self-Motivated and Creative
- Committed to Community
- Interested in Building Public Speaking Skills
- Able to Exercise Good Judgment
- Looking to Develop Into Skilled Leaders
- Willing to Work With Diverse Communities

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Youth Squad Leadership Application



Applicant Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____
Street Address: _____
Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

Education, Community Service, or Work History

1. Are you a student? Yes No

If yes, Highest level of education? _____

2. Are you involved in any extracurricular activities and/or do you have any skills you want us to know about? If yes, please describe.

3. Do you have any experience working at a job or doing community service? If yes, please describe & include dates of employment/involvement.

Response Questions

1. Based what you have read about the Youth Squad, how has your experience prepared you to become a Youth Squad Leader? What attracts you to the Youth Squad Program?

2. Can you describe your experience working on a team? What lessons did you learn?

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Please use additional pages, if necessary to complete the application.