



**APIDC**  
Asians and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities of California

## 2018 Youth Leadership Institute



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*If you have any questions, please email [yli.apidc@gmail.com](mailto:yli.apidc@gmail.com) or call (213)207-6838. Thank you for your interest!*

*2015 Graduate and Pasadena City College graduate Brian: "The Youth Leadership Institute helped me go into the community and start an outreach program. I authored an adapted welding course that was offered this year."*

*2014 Graduate Raymond: "I learned about the ADA, networking and public speaking and took my learnings to apply for 501(c)(3) for the (support group) "Survive or Thrive" that I co-founded....I look forward to using what I learned in my new job at Disability Rights California."*

*2016 Graduate and UC Santa Barbara PhD student Ann: "The program was a journey of self-cultivation; it catalyzed my exploration of what it truly means to live the intersectionality of being an Asian American woman and having a disability"*

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Thank you for your interest in the 2018 Youth Leadership Institute from Asians and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities of California (APIDC).

## **Who are we?**

APIDC's mission is to give a voice and a face to Asians and Pacific Islanders (APIs) with physical, mental, and developmental disabilities. We seek to help break down the service and cultural barriers faced by APIs with disabilities, to provide knowledge to APIs with disabilities and their families, and to create a community network for empowerment and independence.

Our members and partners include

1. consumers and their families
2. non-profit organizations and agencies that provide services for people with disabilities
3. foundations, corporations and community leaders who support our work

## **What to Expect as a Participant**

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## **Qualities of an Institute Participant**

- Have a strong desire to learn from others
- Demonstrate an ability and willingness to share best practices and lessons learned
- Be open minded to different ways of thinking
- Have a desire to share their own story about their experience with disabilities
- Be committed to implementing a community initiative 1 year within training completion
- Be committed in staying in touch with APIDC

## **What to expect during the program**

1. Interactive discussions on grassroots leadership, topics including:
  - API/Disability Rights History
  - Advocacy
  - Coalition Building
  - Communication/Networking Skills
  - Public Speaking Skills
  - Basic Employability Skills
2. Opportunities to discuss how your involvement in the community and the issues that you wish to address or learn more about
3. Free time to interact with other participants and past YLI graduates

### **Are you eligible to apply?**

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Show a track record of involvement in the disability community
- Show an interest in advocating for APIs with disabilities
- Attend college and have a high school diploma, GED or equivalent

### **Selection Criteria**

- Proven track record of participating in community activities
- Demonstrated leadership skills and an interest in community service
- Demonstrated ability to relate to people of other cultures and backgrounds
- Expressed interest in developing and sustaining a community initiative
- Leadership potential
- Willingness to do public speaking
- An energetic, positive attitude

***Finalists will be invited to an interview with the selection committee.***

### **When is the Youth Leadership Institute?**

There are two main components to the Youth Leadership Institute:

- The training workshops will take place on Sundays, April 15, 22, and 29, 2017 with a full day of training each day. A graduation ceremony will take place in May or June.
- Full attendance of all 3 workshops is required. (9 am to 5 pm)
- After the training series, participants will have 1 year to utilize their learned skills to implement a disabilities initiative in their campus or community.

### **What is the cost?**

There is no application fee for applicants. Stipend provided upon completion of full program. Participants may apply for assistance to cover program-related expenses such as transportation.

### **Application Components**

To complete your application please submit the following information:

- A. A completed application
- B. A short essay no more than 1 page single spaced (prompt on the application form)
- C. Two letters of recommendation from adults not related to you and know you well enough to talk about your leadership abilities, character, and ability to handle situations under pressure

**Please submit your application to Chester Hashizume, APIDC Administrator,  
via email at [yli.apidc@gmail.com](mailto:yli.apidc@gmail.com).**

The application deadline is **March 23, 2018**

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## PROGRAM APPLICATION

APPLICANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION – Please Type or Print Clearly

All items must be answered.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Your preferred name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you 18 or older? Yes\_\_ No\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a high school diploma or GED certificate? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Are you attending college? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Program/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you first hear about the program?

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Do you have experience with a disability or disabilities? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Please describe:

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Please rate your skills/expertise 1-4 according to the following scale:

- 1 = None: not knowledgeable; no personal (first-hand) experience
- 2 = Fair: knowledgeable; no/little personal (first-hand) experience
- 3 = Good: personal (first-hand) experience; competent
- 4 = Excellent: personal (first-hand) experience; expert

Enter your rating (1,2,3,4) next to each skill/expertise listed below:

- 1. Advocacy\_\_
- 2. Communication Skills – Verbal\_\_
- 3. Communication Skills – Written\_\_
- 4. Conflict Resolution\_\_
- 5. Legislative\_\_
- 6. Marketing\_\_
- 7. Mentoring\_\_
- 8. Public Relations\_\_
- 9. Public Speaking (conferences, media, etc.) \_\_
- 10. Problem-Solving\_\_
- 11. Working in teams\_\_

**Short Essay**

What do you think makes a good leader? Describe with one or two examples how you are a leader in your school, community, or home. What you are looking to gain by participating in APIDC’s Youth Leadership Institute in terms of personal growth and future opportunities. Answer the prompt on a separate document, using no more than 1 page, single-spaced.

I agree that all of the information in this application is true. I agree that if chosen to participate, I will participate in all program activities, including implementing a community-based project within 12 months upon completion of the program. I understand that APIDC reserves the right to dismiss at any time any participant whose involvement, in the judgment of APIDC, would not be in the best interests of the Youth Leadership Institute.

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Applicant Signature

Date