



# YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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## REP559 Scholarship Award

Redefining Equity through Policy 559 (REP559) is a community of young leaders who advocate for social and racial equity in their communities. REP559 expands upon the work of the former Fresno Boys and Men of Color (BMOC) program at Youth Leadership Institute (yli). This Award is intended to support transitional age youth of color who are or will be enrolled in an educational or vocational/technical program at an accredited institution and who are or will be in pursuit of a degree program in post-secondary education. Recipients will be awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship!

This scholarship is open to current REP559 and Fresno BMOC youth leaders and alumni, as well as youth leaders leading social change work/racial equity work across Fresno. At least one scholarship will be awarded to REP559/Fresno BMOC alumni and a youth leader in the County of Fresno, respectively. Youth must reside in the County of Fresno. Priority will be given to youth of color and is open to youth of all gender identities and expressions.

The REP559/Fresno BMOC Scholarship Award is made possible through generous support from former Mayor Lee Brand.

**SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: May 31st, 2023. Applications will be accepted until all allotted scholarships for the year 2023 have been awarded. This will only be the case if not all allotted scholarships are awarded by June 9, 2023.** Award recipient(s) will be informed by no later than June 9th, 2023.

### **Requirements:**

- Must be a college student OR a Senior or Junior (who will be graduating early or dual enrolled) in high school during the 2022-23 academic year OR if not currently enrolled, must be enrolled in an accredited educational institution for Summer/Fall 2023
- Must have a 2.0 GPA or higher
- Currently or plan to pursue a degree program at an accredited post-secondary educational institution (i.e. graduate program, 4-year college, 2-year college, trade school, apprenticeship, etc.) and must provide proof of enrollment no later than 30 calendar days after award recipients are notified
- List at least one (01) but no more than three (3) references who can speak to work that you are doing or have done to address issues impacting (or to create opportunities for) youth of color in the County of Fresno

- Write a **narrative** (*maximum is 500 words, hand-written or typed*) OR submit a **video** (3 minutes max) OR send in a **creative submission** of the applicant's choice (e.g., artwork, etc.) in response to the following prompt:

*Describe how you have or are working to address issues impacting youth of color in the County of Fresno OR how you are working to advance equity or justice for youth of color in the County of Fresno.*

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Mail Completed Application to: Youth Leadership Institute  
c/o Kato Prado  
700 Van Ness Ave, Suite 014  
Fresno, CA 93721

-OR-

Email: [kprado@yli.org](mailto:kprado@yli.org)  
c/o Kato Prado

Submitted applications will be reviewed by a panel including staff, adult allies, and youth leaders.

REP559 Staff will not be on a panel for active REP559 participants or REP559/BMOC alumni. Basically, if we know the applicant, then we will not be on the panel.

\*\*For any questions or additional information please contact Kato Prado, REP559 Program Manager via email at [kprado@yli.org](mailto:kprado@yli.org).



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Application Cover Sheet

<b>SCHOOL INFORMATION</b> (where currently enrolled or will enroll)	
School Name	
Grade/College Year	

<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>	
Name	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
Email	

<b>ADDITIONAL APPLICANT INFORMATION</b> (for general demographic reporting)	
Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Gender	Male / Female / Transgender / Gender Non-Confirming / Self-Identified as:
Ethnicity/Cultural Identity	

<b>PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)</b> (Required information if participant is under 18.)	
Name/Relationship	
Street Address	
City, State, ZIP	
Home Phone/Cell Phone	
Email	
Preferred Language	

**AUTHORIZATION AND LIABILITY WAIVER** (Parent/guardian signature, or self signature if over 18)

For the applicant, \_\_\_\_\_, I grant authorization, consent to the conditions,

(Applicant's Name)

and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) or any of its partners, contractors, or funders as described below.

Participation includes any events, field trips, meetings and trainings that take place on site or at other programmed locations; it also includes any program evaluations activities (including surveys, interviews and focus groups) that are part of YLI's ongoing effort to create meaningful opportunities for youth participants to provide feedback and recommendations that guide program decision-making and planning. It also carries permission for the participant to appear in photographs, videotapes, or other media of YLI participants at YLI activities. I understand that participation carries risks inherent to such activities, to the location of the trainings/ meetings and to the transportation to and from the site. I acknowledge that by participating in this program, the participant will be exposed to normal risks associated with such travel and service activities.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION- As a condition for participation in this program, I have instructed my child, or agree to (if self) that during YLI meetings/activities participants must (A) follow directions of YLI staff and volunteers, and (B) conduct him or herself in a responsible manner.

INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT- I certify that participation in this program is voluntary. In consideration of you accepting my or my child's participation, I, the undersigned, hereby agree that neither I, my successors, assigns, nor anyone acting on my behalf will make claim against or sue the Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) its officers, agents, employees, or volunteers for injury or damage resulting from the condition of any facility, or the negligence, carelessness, or other acts, howsoever caused by YLI its officers, agents, employees, or volunteers from all claims or lawsuits that I, my successors, assigns, or anyone acting on my behalf may now have, or may hereafter at any time have for injury or damage: (1) resulting from the condition of any improved facility which has been reasonably maintained; (2) resulting from the condition of any unimproved facility; (3) suffered by me while participating in or traveling to and from the event or activity set forth above; or (4) suffered by me in any other activity associated with the event or activity aforementioned. This release does not apply to intentional and/or willful acts of misconduct by YLI, or any of its officers, agents, employees or volunteers.

I understand that this agreement and release of liability is enforceable against me only, as parent or guardian of such minor, and that said agreement and release of liability might not be enforced as against such minor. Therefore, in further consideration for permitting such minor to participate in the aforementioned activity, I agree to defend YLI its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers against any claim or lawsuit for injury, loss, or damage arising from or in any way connected with such minor's participation in the event including any injury, loss, or damage resulting from, the condition of any facility or from the negligence, carelessness, or other acts of YLI, its officers, agents, employees, volunteers from any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense they suffer as a result of any such claim or lawsuit.

I understand that YLI staff may photograph or videotape me and/or my minor children and that YLI may use such photographs or videotapes to promote programs and classes. I expressly allow, and hereby waive any objection to the photographing and/or videotaping of me and/or my minor children when I and/or minor children are participating in a YLI program. I understand all photos and videotapes will remain in the property of YLI.

I have carefully read this agreement and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and indemnity, and that it is a legally binding contract between I the parent and YLI, and I sign it of my own free will.

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

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

Parent Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDIA RELEASE WAIVER** (Parent/guardian signature, or self signature if over 18)

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

On behalf of the above mentioned program applicant, I/we hereby grant the non-exclusive right to the Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) and members of the media to use photographs, video, and/or audio including the applicant's likeness in promotional material, documentation, lectures, and presentations by the Youth Leadership Institute and members of the media, thereafter. I/we also grant the non-exclusive right to YLI to share my/my child's application piece with YLI members, allies, and the media. I/we understand that I/we will receive no compensation other than the benefits that normally derive from having such a likeness exhibited by the Youth Leadership Institute or members of the media. I/we consent to grant, and authorize the use of my likeness by the Youth Leadership Institute or anyone authorized by the Youth Leadership Institute, the applicant's face, voice, image, likeness and name as embodied or contained in any and all photographic images filmed or videotaped and any biographical material about the applicant in any and all media, in perpetuity, for purposes including publication, non-commercial broadcast and other use thereof in presentations or promotion of the Youth Leadership Institute without any other compensation to the undersigned.

I/we expressly discharge and hold harmless the Youth Leadership Institute and its licenses and assignees, from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of the rights granted herein, including without limitation claims of libel, defamation, or violations of the right of privacy or publicity.

I/we hereby warrant that I/we have every right to contract in the above regard. I/we state that I/we have read the above authorization, release agreement, prior to its execution, and that I/we am/are fully familiar with its contents.

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Signature of Applicant

Date

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Signature of Program Applicant's Parent/Guardian

Date