

The OYC is accepting applications for the [Young Leaders Program](#). This one-year paid training program focuses on skill building in the areas of leadership development, public speaking, advocacy, networking and much more! Through regular meetings, activities, trainings, and active participation in various OYC efforts, members will feel empowered to use their collective experience to champion the needs of youth and become impactful change agents in the Los Angeles community.

By being an OYC Young Leader, you can:

- Attend, engage, and participate in monthly meetings and trainings
- Grow your leadership and public speaking skills
- Gain tools to become an effective advocate
- Build a supportive network of peers and professionals
- Execute a community project that makes a difference in the lives of other foster youth
- Utilize your lived expertise to help advise decision makers on how to improve systems and conditions for transition age foster youth
- Earn an \$1,100 stipend for 73 hours of service over a year

Eligibility requirements are:

- Current or former foster youth
- Ages 18-26
- Fully committed to the length of service and its responsibilities
- Ability to attend all meetings, retreats and speaking engagements

[Applications](#) are due September 20th at 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions, concerns or just want to connect, you can reach out to Melisa Montano-Ochoa, OYC Program Manager, at 213.368.6010 x167 or melisa@laoyc.org.